



# North Dakota State Record Fish, Whopper Club, and Catch & Release Club Requirements

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## WHOPPER CATCH & RELEASE

### Game Fish

Bluegill	1 lbs 8 oz	11 Inches
Brown Trout	5 lbs	21 Inches
Burbot (Ling)	8 lbs	28 Inches
Channel Catfish	12 lbs	30 Inches
Chinook Salmon	12 lbs	
Crappie	1 lbs 8 oz	13 Inches
Cutthroat Trout	5 lbs	21 Inches
Lake Trout	5 lbs	24 Inches
Largemouth Bass	5 lbs	18 Inches
Northern Pike	20 lbs	32 Inches
Paddlefish	70 lbs	
Pure Muskellunge	20 lbs	40 Inches
Rainbow Trout	5 lbs	21 Inches
Sauger	4 lbs	20 Inches
Saugeye	8 lbs	25 Inches
Smallmouth Bass	3 lbs	16 Inches
Tiger Muskellunge	20 lbs	40 Inches
Walleye	8 lbs	25 Inches
White Bass	3 lbs	16 Inches
Yellow Perch	1 lbs 12 oz	13 Inches
Zander	8 lbs	25 Inches

### Non-Game Fish

Bigmouth Buffalo	15 lbs	
Black Bullhead	2 lbs	
Cisco	1 lbs 12 oz	
Common Carp	15 lbs	
Freshwater Drum	6 lbs	
Goldeye	2 lbs	
Lake Whitefish	4 lbs	

### STATE RECORD REQUIREMENTS

- All recognized fish must be harvested by legal methods for Recreational Fishing and come from North Dakota waters that are open for public fishing.
- All new state record fish must be weighed on a scale used commercially and subject to certification by the North Dakota Public Service Commission.
  - All weights must be rounded to the nearest ounce.
- The fish must be visually verified by an employee of the North Dakota Game and Fish Department.
- Angler must thoroughly complete and submit to the Department a whopper card application or a hand-written or typed note with all similar information.
- A recognizable photo of the fish must be furnished to the Department.
- A fin sample may be required/collected for some species for genetic analysis.

### WHOPPER CLUB REQUIREMENTS

Only species listed and meeting minimum weight requirements will qualify for patch and certificate.

All fish entered must have been harvested

by legal methods as described in the North Dakota fishing guide and come from North Dakota waters open to public fishing.

Entries must be weighed on scale used in trade.

An application card must be filled out, giving weight and length of fish, date and where caught, signature of applicant, and signature of person weighing the fish. Only one application may be made for each species in a lifetime. You receive a patch for the first whopper of a species, and Expert patch for a whopper of another species, and a Master patch for a whopper of the third species. After that only certificates will be awarded for whoppers of additional species.

### CATCH AND RELEASE CLUB REQUIREMENTS

Nineteen species of fish qualify for Catch and Release Club. Entries must meet minimum length requirements and be released unharmed back to the water. Another fisherman must witness and verify the measurement and release.

A maximum of five entries per year per species will be recognized. Anglers will receive an official membership certificate and a choice of jacket patch or boat decal.