

ADF&G's Trophy Fish Program. . .

Alaska State Trophy Fish Recordholders

Species	Min. wt.	Lbs/oz	Year	Location	Angler
Arctic char/ Dolly Varden	10 lb	27/6	2002	Wulik River	Mike Curtiss
Brook trout	3 lb	<i>(species added in 1995—no entries to date)</i>			
Burbot	8 lb	24/12	1976	Lake Louise	George R. Howard
King salmon	<i>(see below)</i>	97/4	1985	Kenai River	Lester Anderson
Chum salmon	15 lb	32/0	1985	Caamano Point	Fredrick Thynes
Coho salmon	20 lb	26/0	1976	Icy Strait	Andrew Robbins
Cutthroat trout	3 lb	8/6	1977	Wilson Lake	Robert Denison
Grayling	3 lb	4/13	1981	Ugashik Narrows	Paul F. Kanitz
Halibut	250 lb	459/0	1996	Unalaska Bay	Jack Tragis
Lake trout	20 lb	47/0	1970	Clarence Lake	Daniel Thorsness
Lingcod	55 lb	81/6	2002	Monty Island	Charles Curny
Northern pike	15 lb	38/8	1991	Innoko River	Jack Wagner
Pink salmon	8 lb	12/9	1974	Moose River	Steven A. Lee
Rainbow/ steelhead trout	15 lb	42/3	1970	Bell Island	David White
Rockfish	18 lb	38/11	2001	Pr. William Sound	Rosemary Roberts
Sheefish	30 lb	53/0	1986	Pah River	Lawrence E. Hudnall
Sockeye salmon	12 lb	16/0	1974	Kenai River	Chuck Leach
Whitefish	4 lb	9/0	1989	Tozitna River	Al Mathews

King salmon minimum weight for the Kenai River is 75 lb. For the rest of the state, it is 50 lb.

Anglers have been participating since the 1960s in the ADF&G Trophy Fish Program, which gives special recognition to anglers taking fish that meet minimum weight (trophy certificates) or length standards (catch-and-release certificates) within a species. Trophy fish for both certificates must be legally caught from waters open to the public, in compliance with current ADF&G sport fishing regulations.

Minimum weights for trophy fish certificates are listed on the table above (second column). Entries must be weighed in the presence of witnesses and a Trophy Fish Official, on a scale currently certified by the Division of

Weights and Measures. At least one witness is mandatory, as is a photograph.

For catch-and-release honorary certificates, do not remove your fish from the water. Hold it just at the water's surface while a photograph is quickly taken, then release it into the current.

Minimum lengths for catch-and-release honorary certificates:

Arctic char/Dolly Varden, 30 inches; *Arctic grayling*, 18 inches; *brook trout*, 20 inches; *cutthroat trout*, 20 inches; *lake trout*, 36 inches; *lingcod*, 53 inches; *northern pike*, 40 inches; *rainbow/steelhead*, 32 inches; *sheefish*, 45 inches. □

Affidavit forms and complete Program rules are available at most ADF&G offices, and you can also download them from our website at:
www.sf.adfg.state.ak.us/statewide/trophy/form.cfm

Alaska Department of Fish and Game

TROPHY FISH AFFIDAVIT (please type or print clearly)

I am applying for the following certificate: Honorary Catch-and-Release Certificate
 (check only one) Trophy Certificate

Species: _____ Certified weight: ____ lb. ____ oz. (not for catch-and-release)

Length: _____ inches Caught in: Marine OR Freshwater

Date caught: _____ Location caught: _____

Sport Fish License No. _____ Age (if entrant under 16 years old) _____

Entrant's name _____
 (please print)

Mailing address _____

City/State _____ Zip code _____

The undersigned Trophy Official does hereby verify the identity of the described fish:

Official's name (please print) _____

Scales certification date: _____

Official's mailing address _____

We, the undersigned, witnessed the weighing and measuring of the fish described above, and verify the weight and measurements recorded:

Witness 1. (signature) _____ (address) _____

Witness 2. (signature) _____ (address) _____

I hereby swear that in taking this fish I complied with all the rules and regulations in the location the fish was caught, and that the witnesses actually witnessed the weighing and measuring of this fish. I further declare that all the above information is true and correct.

Entrant's signature _____

Official's signature _____

Certified by me this (date) _____

Mail this original affidavit and the photograph to:

ADF&G Sport Fish Division
 P.O. Box 115526
 Juneau, Alaska 99811-5526