

TROPHY FISH PROGRAM RULES

Alaska Department of Fish & Game

1. A valid Trophy Fish Entry consists of a Trophy Fish Affidavit (completed as detailed below) and a photo (see #12).
2. The entrant must submit an original affidavit no later than Jan. 31 of the year following the catch to:

**Alaska Department of Fish & Game
Sport Fish Information Center
333 Raspberry Road
Anchorage, AK 99518-1599**

Affidavit forms are available from Fish & Game offices or you can download one to print here:

[Trophy Fish Affidavit](#)

Correspondence concerning your entry should be directed to the above address. Please notify ADF&G of any change of address to ensure delivery of your certificate.

3. A separate affidavit form must be completed in full and submitted for each entry. Incomplete forms may disqualify entrants.
 4. Entries must meet minimum weight qualifications and must be weighed on a currently certified scale. The scale must be certified annually by the Division of Weights and Measures. Weighing must occur in the presence of witnesses and a Trophy Fish Official all of whom must sign the affidavit. Division of Sport Fish biologists may also serve as Trophy Officials. At least one witness is mandatory.
 5. The entrant must sign the affidavit in the presence of a Trophy Fish Official. Trophy Fish Officials have been designated at numerous locations throughout Alaska; for a list of Trophy Fish Officials in your area, contact your local ADF&G office.
 6. For honorary catch & release certification, entries must meet the minimum program lengths. At least one witness and a photograph are required. Do not remove your fish from the water for the photo, instead hold it just at the water's surface while the picture is quickly taken and then release it into the current. Entries exhibiting any indication of improper handling or injury in the photograph will be disqualified. A trophy Fish Official's signature is not required.
 7. Length measurements must be straight line measurements from the tip of the snout to the tip of the tail.
 8. Halibut entries may also qualify by meeting a minimum length requirement of 84 inches. The fish must be measured in the presence of a Trophy Fish Official. Halibut not weighed on a certified scale will not be considered for state or annual records.
 9. ADF&G reserves the right to check fish identification or to refuse any questionable affidavits. Decisions of the department are final.
 10. Fish must be hooked and played by only one angler. Assistance is permissible in landing or boating the fish.
 11. Fish must be legally caught in compliance with current ADF&G sport fishing regulations. A current sport fishing license and any applicable tags or harvest record requirements must be met. Fish caught from waters not open to the public are not eligible.
 12. A clear photograph, showing a close-up side view of the fish must accompany each entry form. A size-reference object must be included in the picture. The photograph will not be returned: it becomes the property of the department and may be used in department publications or on the department's website. Digital photographs may be directly sent to the department at:
dfg.dsf.trophyfish@alaska.gov.
- Please reference the entrants name in the subject line.