ELIGIBLE CATEGORIES

Please refer to the current Ontario Recreational Fishing Regulations Summary to determine the open seasons for each species.

Species                  Weight (lbs.)
Atlantic Salmon          24.30
Aurora Trout             6.64
Black Crappie            3.78
Bluegill                 1.83
Bowfin                   5.10
Brook Trout              14.50
Brown Bullhead           2.37
Brown Trout              34.38
Burbot (Ling)            17.95
Channel Catfish          33.36
Chinook Salmon           46.38
Coho Salmon              29.22
Common Carp              41.88
Fallfish                 3.16
Freshwater Drum          21.53
Goldeye                  2.20
Lake Herring (Cisco)     4.33
Lake Trout               63.12
Lake Whitefish           14.77
Largemouth Bass          10.43
Longnose Gar             21.20
Mooneye                  1.94
Muskeg (/ Northern Pike) 42.12
Pink Salmon              13.06
Pumpkinseed              1.00
Rainbow Smelt            0.37
Rainbow Trout            40.68
River Redhorse           12.05
Rock Bass                3.00
Sauger                   4.40
Saugeye (Sauger X Walleye) 4.53
Shorthead Redhorse       5.55
Silver Redhorse          9.81
Smallmouth Bass          9.49
Splake (F1 & Backcrosses)* 20.71
Sunfish Hybrid           1.04
Tiger Muskeggone (Muskeggone x Northern Pike) 26.44
Walleye                  22.25
White Bass               3.09
White Crappie            2.78
White Perch              1.50
White Sucker             5.39
Wiper (Temperate Bass Hybrid) 21.18
Yellow Perch             2.46

HISTORIC RECORDS

(No harvest allowed. No entries accepted)
American Eel              5.10
Lake Sturgeon            168.00

* F1 is the first generation of a hybrid species and backcrossing is the subsequent breeding of the F1 hybrid to the original parent species.

OFAH | Ontario Record Fish Registry

The Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH) | Ontario Record Fish Registry has been developed to recognize the largest fish legally caught from Ontario public waters. Almost fifty game and nongame fish categories (see Record Fish Listing for eligible fish categories) will receive recognition. Replicas of many of these record fish are currently displayed at the OFAH | Mario Cortellucci Hunting and Fishing Heritage Centre.

Please refer to the current Ontario Recreational Fishing Regulations Summary to determine the open seasons for each species. All entries must be acknowledged and entrants will be notified within 60 days after submission regarding the ranking of their fish. The following are the fish entry requirements for consideration in the OFAH | Ontario Record Fish Registry:

1. Fish must be legally caught in Ontario public waters during regular open seasons and be entered within 30 days of being caught. Fish artificially raised to maturity or illegally relocated from waters outside of Ontario are not eligible.

2. Fish must be caught with hook and line, on rod and reel or ice fishing apparatus, and must be entered only by the person listed as the angler. Fish caught using spears, seine, dip nets, or bow and arrow will not be considered.

3. Fish must be weighed on government-inspected scales, and measured for Total Length and Total Girth. Total Length is the measurement from the tip of the snout to the tip of the tail (with the tail collapsed) in order to get the longest possible measurement. Total Girth is measured at the fish’s widest point. * These measurements must be accompanied by validations on the witness statement portion of the application form, or a letter signed by the witness stating the same information.*

4. Each entry must be accompanied by high resolution, colour photos, showing full length side view of the fish with fanned out fins (tail fin, dorsal fin, and anal fin). The photos should include a ruler alongside the fish to verify length. Both the fish and ruler should be the same distance from the camera.

The following photos will expedite species identification and processing: close-up side profile of the head; underside and top of fish, and mouth and lips (for suckers only).

5. All fish entered must be whole, frozen and in possession of the angler as requested by Registry Officials for species verification. Freeze in a block of ice to prevent freezer burn and protect the fish against damage.

In its decision, the OFAH reserves the right to reject or accept any entry, and all decisions of the OFAH Registry Officials are final. Registry Officials include fisheries biologists or other qualified officials from the OFAH, Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) and the Royal Ontario Museum (ROM). The OFAH extends its thanks to the MNRF and the ROM for their involvement in the OFAH | Ontario Record Fish Registry.

Note: It is not required for the OFAH | Ontario Record Fish Registry entry, but it is recommended that the angler keep a six-foot length of the fishing line that was used to catch the fish. International record fish registries have line class categories and require a sample of the line.

Angler Recognition

Each new OFAH | Ontario Record Fish Registry record holder will receive recognition:

- on the OFAH | Ontario Record Fish Registry web page;
- in Ontario OUT of DOORS (OOD) magazine;
- in OFAH and OOD social media; and
- in the OFAH | Mario Cortellucci Hunting and Fishing Heritage Centre’s Record Fish Wall touch screen; and
- via OFAH | Ontario Record Fish Registry certificate acknowledging their remarkable catch.

In addition, any new OFAH | Ontario Record Fish Registry record holder who wishes to have a replica of their fish produced, will receive a 15% discount on replica pricing at Advanced Taxidermy (to be arranged by the angler at his/her own expense).

www.advancedtaxidermy.com

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RECORD FISH REGISTRY
Registration Form

IMPORTANT: Please read the rules on the reverse before completing

Name of Angler

Address

City

Province Postal Code

Angling Licence #

Home Phone ( )

Work Phone ( )

Email Address

Fish Species or Hybrid

Date Caught

Lure or Bait

Name of Waterbody

☐ Lake ☐ River ☐ Creek ☐ Pond

Closest Community

Line Strength lbs. test

Details of Catch

Weight: lbs. OR kg

Brand Name of Scale

Registered Scale Number

Date Last Inspected

Location of Scale (Store Name)

Address

City

Province Postal Code

Name of Witness

City

Province Phone ( )

Signature of Witness X

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Affidavit of Applicant

I state that the fish described in this application was legally caught by me according to the rules of the OFAH | Ontario Record Fish Registry. I further declare that all the information and statements in this application are true and accurate.

Signature of Applicant X

Date

Please return to:

Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters Record Fish
P.O. Box 2800, Peterborough, Ontario K9J 8L5 | ofah@ofah.org

Witness for Fish Weight

The undersigned witnessed the weighing of the fish described herein and verifies the weight given. (Note: The person entering the fish cannot be a witness.) Attach scale printout, if possible. Record weight to two decimal places.

Weight: lbs. OR kg

Brand Name of Scale

Registered Scale Number

Date Last Inspected

Location of Scale (Store Name)

Address

City

Province Postal Code

Name of Witness

City

Province Phone ( )

Signature of Witness X

Witness for Fish Measurement

The undersigned witnessed the measuring of the fish described herein and verifies the measurements given. (Note: The person entering the fish cannot be a witness.)

Total Length: in  Girth: in

Name of Witness

City

Province Phone ( )

Signature of Witness X

Species Verification by Registry Official (See back for details)

Name of Witness

Title

Phone ( )

Agency Agency Location

I do hereby verify the species identification as:

Signature of Witness X

Date

For a complete listing of record details, visit www.ofah.org/recordfish

All photographs submitted to the OFAH | Ontario Record Fish Registry become property of the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters and can be used in promotion.