

Records as of May 12, 2025

CATEGORIES, ESTABLISHED STANDARDS & RECORDS

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
Bigmouth Buffalo	24.45
Black Crappie	3.78
Bluegill	1.83
Bowfin	15.10
Brook Trout	14.50
Brown Bullhead	2.67
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	22.64
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	2.02
Muskellunge	65.00
Northern Pike	42.12
Pink Salmon	13.06
Pumpkinseed	1.37
Quillback	6.01
Rainbow Smelt	0.37
Rainbow Trout	40.68
Rock Bass	3.00
Sauger	4.40
Saugeye (Sauger x Walleye)	4.53
Shorthead Redhorse	5.55
Silver Redhorse	9.81
Smallmouth Bass	10.15
Splake (F1 & Backcrosses)*	20.71
Sunfish Hybrid (Bluegill x Pumpkinseed)	1.04
Tiger Muskellunge (Muskellunge x Northern Pike)	26.44
Walleye	22.25
White Bass	3.44
White Crappie	2.78
White Perch	1.50
White Sucker	8.58
Yellow Perch	2.52

HISTORIC RECORDS (No entries accepted)

American Eel	5.10
Lake Sturgeon	168.00
River Redhorse	12.05
Wiper (Temperate Bass Hybrid)	21.18

* 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 Membership | Ontario Record Fish Registry

The OFAH Membership | Ontario Record Fish Registry has been developed to recognize the largest fish legally angled from Ontario public waters. Almost fifty game and nongame fish categories (see Record Fish Listing for eligible fish categories) will receive recognition. Replications of many of these record fish are currently displayed at the OFAH Membership | 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 will 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 Membership | Ontario Record Fish Registry:

1. Fish must be legally angled 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, seines, 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. Your entry must include a photo(s) of the fish on the scale that clearly displays the weight of the fish. 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 photograph should include a ruler alongside the fish to verify length. Both the fish and ruler should be the same distance from the camera.
4. 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 until 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 Membership reserves the right to reject or accept any entry, and all decisions of the OFAH Membership Registry Officials are final. Registry Officials include fisheries biologists or other qualified officials from the OFAH Membership, Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) and the Royal Ontario Museum (ROM). The OFAH Membership extends its thanks to the MNRF and the ROM for their involvement in the OFAH Membership | Ontario Record Fish Registry.

Note: It is not required for the OFAH Membership | 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 Membership | Ontario Record Fish Registry record holder will receive recognition:

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

Ontario Record Fish Registry



Photo: Warm Water Record Fish Display at the OFAH Membership | Mario Cortellucci Hunting and Fishing Heritage Centre

Registration Form



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PAST ONTARIO RECORD FISH REGISTRY WINNERS



Chris Yates
Pumpkinseed

1.37 lbs. in 2018



Gregg Gallagher
Smallmouth Bass

10.15 lbs. in 2022



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OFAH Membership ONTARIO 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 _____

Details of Catch

Fish Species or Hybrid _____

Date Caught _____

Lure or Bait _____

Name of Waterbody _____

☐ Lake ☐ River ☐ Creek ☐ Pond

Closest Community _____

Line Strength _____ lbs. test

Affidavit of Applicant

I state that the fish described in this application was legally caught by me according to the rules of the OFAH Membership | 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:

OFAH Membership | Ontario Record Fish
P.O. Box 2800, Peterborough, Ontario K9J 8L5 | ofah@ofah.org

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

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

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 _____