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Readopt Fis 504.01, effective 05-03-19 (Document #12768), to read as follows:

Fis 504.01 Trophy Fish Program. The species listed in Table 500.1 below, shall be eligible for the trophy fish program if they meet the minimum qualifying weights for fish kept or minimum lengths for fish caught and released:

Table 500.1

Species Name	Scientific Name	Weight	Inches
FRESHWATER FISH			
Atlantic salmon, Lake	<i>Salmo salar</i>	5 lbs.	24"
Black crappie	<i>Pomoxis nigromaculatus</i>	2 lbs.	14"
Bluegill	<i>Lepomis macrochirus</i>	1 lb.	10"
Brook trout	<i>Salvelinus fontinalis</i>	2 lbs.	16"
Brown bullhead	<i>Ameiurus nebulosus</i>	2 lbs.	14"
Brown trout	<i>Salmo trutta</i>	5 lbs.	25"
Carp, Common	<i>Cyprinus carpio</i>	20 lbs.	30"
Chain pickerel	<i>Esox niger</i>	4 lbs.	24"
Channel catfish	<i>Ictalurus punctatus</i>	6 lbs.	24"
Cusk (Burbot)	<i>Lota lota</i>	6 lbs.	28"
Fallfish	<i>Semotilus corporalis</i>	2 lbs.	15"
Lake trout	<i>Salvelinus namaycush</i>	10 lbs.	30"
Lake whitefish	<i>Coregonus clupeaformis</i>	4 lbs.	20"
Largemouth bass	<i>Micropterus salmoides</i>	5 lbs.	20"
Northern pike	<i>Esox lucius</i>	15 lbs.	38"
Pumpkinseed	<i>Lepomis gibbosus</i>	10 oz.	8"
Rainbow trout	<i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i>	4 lbs.	20"
Rock bass	<i>Ambloplites rupestris</i>	1 lb.	10"
Smallmouth bass	<i>Micropterus dolomieu</i>	4 lbs.	19"
Walleye	<i>Sander vitreus</i>	6 lbs.	26"
White catfish	<i>Ameiurus catus</i>	4 lbs.	18"
White perch	<i>Morone americana</i>	2.5 lbs.	15"
Yellow perch	<i>Perca flavescens</i>	1.5 lbs.	14"
SALTWATER FISH			
Atlantic mackerel	<i>Scomber scombrus</i>	3 lbs.	17"
Bluefish	<i>Pomatomus saltatrix</i>	15 lbs.	34"
Cod	<i>Gadus morhua</i>	40 lbs.	44"
Haddock	<i>Melanogrammus aeglefinus</i>	10 lbs.	30"
Pollock	<i>Pollachius virens</i>	30 lbs.	40"
Striped bass	<i>Morone saxatilis</i>	40 lbs.	45"
Winter flounder	<i>Pseudopleuronectes americanus</i>	2 lbs.	17"

Readopt with amendment Fis 504.02, effective 01-01-16 (Document #10936), to read as follows:

Fis 504.02 State Record Fish Program.

- (a) Any species of fish shall be eligible for the state record fish program.

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(b) Fish shall have been hooked and landed or hooked, boated and landed in the state of New Hampshire.

(c) Fish shall be taken by angling, in compliance with fish and game rules Fis 400, and shall be hooked and landed by the entrant.

(d) Fish to be entered into the state record program shall be presented to a conservation officer or a fisheries biologist for examination.

(e) Current records shall be made available by the department.

(f) The angler shall complete the form “Trophy Fish and State Record Fish”, Rev 10/25, available on the department website at: <https://www.wildlife.nh.gov/fishing-new-hampshire/trophy-and-record-fish-program>, and obtain the following:

(1) The signature and address of a witness to verify the fish described above was hooked and landed or hooked, boated, and landed in the state of New Hampshire;

(2) The signatures and addresses of 2 witnesses of the weighing and measuring of the fish described above and verifying the weight and measurements given; and

(3) The signature of a notary public, justice of the peace, town clerk, postmaster, state or local law enforcement officer, or fish and game employee and their title and telephone number.

(g) Department personnel shall question witnesses listed on the application if necessary to verify application information.

(h) Department personnel shall examine scales if necessary to verify scale certification and accuracy.

(i) Any incomplete application shall be returned to the applicant.

(j) Entrants shall hold a current New Hampshire fishing license, resident or nonresident, except when a license is not required as specified in RSA 214:2.

(k) Where no current records exist, the entered species shall, upon meeting the requirements specified in Fis 504.02(a) through (d) and (f), be declared a state record fish.

(l) Weight scales shall be certified by the New Hampshire department of agriculture, markets, and foods.

APPENDIX

Rule	Specific State Statute the Rule Implements
Fis 504.01	RSA 206:10, I
Fis 504.02	RSA 206:10, I



TROPHY FISH and STATE RECORD FISH

Official Entry Form – See Rules on Reverse

Section 1. GENERAL INFORMATION – THIS SECTION IS REQUIRED FOR ALL ENTRIES

I hereby swear that the following statements are true; that in taking this fish I complied with all legal New Hampshire methods of fishing and that the witnesses hereto actually witnessed the weighing and measuring of this fish on scales that are certified by the NH Division of Weights and Measures.

Species of fish:		Kept: ☐		Released: ☐		State Record Fish: ☐	
Total length (inches):		Girth (inches):		Weight:		lbs.	oz.
Body of Water:			Town:		Date Caught:		
Angler Name:		Age:	Sex:	Day Phone:			
Mailing Address:		City:		State:		Zip:	
How Caught: Fly-fishing ☐ Spin-casting ☐ Trolling ☐ Ice-fishing ☐ Bait-casting ☐							
Tippet test (fly-fishing):				Other line test:			
Angler Signature:						Date:	

FOR CATCH AND RELEASE: The signed, completed section above and a photograph complete your entry.

Section 2. FOR KEPT TROPHY FISH: In addition to completing Section 1. above, two witnesses to the fish weighing shall sign below. An official (see Rule 6 on reverse) shall attest to the truth of the statement.

<i>We, the undersigned, witnessed the weighing and measuring of the fish described above and verify the weight and measurements given.</i>		
Witness Signature:		Address:
Witness Signature:		Address:
Official's Signature: (SEE RULE #6)		Title: Tel:

Section 3. FOR STATE RECORD FISH: Complete Section 1 and provide signatures of 2 witnesses to the weighing and measuring, and one witness to hooking/boating/landing in NH.

Witness Signature:		Address:
Witness Signature:		Address:
<i>I, the undersigned, witnessed that the fish described above was hooked and landed, or hooked, boated and landed in the State of New Hampshire.</i>		
Witness Signature:		Address:
<i>All State Record Fish must be presented to a Fisheries Biologist for examination.</i>		
Biologist Signature:		Telephone: Date:

To download this form, or find records on the web:

<https://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/fishing/trophy.html>

This program recognizes the lucky anglers who catch exceptional fish in New Hampshire exceeding minimum weight (for kept fish) or minimum lengths (for released). All qualifying entrants receive a Trophy Fish arm patch. The person catching the heaviest fish or releasing the longest fish in a particular species category at the end of the year will receive a special certificate of recognition as well. All entries and winner information are posted on the NHFG website.

FRESHWATER FISH

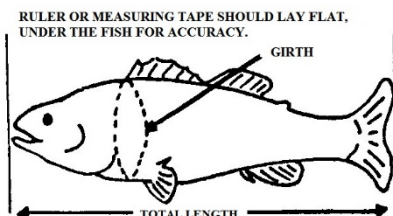
SPECIES NAME	WEIGHT	INCHES	SPECIES NAME	WEIGHT	INCHES
Atlantic Salmon, Lake	5 lbs.	24	Lake Whitefish	4 lbs.	20
Black Crappie	2 lbs.	14	Largemouth Bass	5 lbs.	20
Bluegill	1 lb.	10	Northern Pike	15 lbs.	38
Brook Trout	2 lbs.	16	Pumpkinseed	10 oz.	8
Brown Bullhead	2 lbs.	14	Rainbow Trout	4 lbs.	20
Brown Trout	5 lbs.	25	Rock Bass	1 lb.	10
Carp, Common	20 lbs.	30	Smallmouth Bass	4 lbs.	19
Chain Pickerel	4 lbs.	24	Walleye	6 lbs.	26
Channel Catfish	6 lbs.	24	White Catfish	4 lbs.	18
Cusk (Burbot)	6 lbs.	28	White Perch	2.5 lbs.	15
Fallfish	2 lbs.	15	Yellow Perch	1.5 lbs.	14
Lake Trout	10 lbs.	30			

SALTWATER FISH

SPECIES NAME	WEIGHT	INCHES	SPECIES NAME	WEIGHT	INCHES
Atlantic Mackerel	3 lbs.	17	Pollock	30 lbs.	40
Bluefish	15 lbs.	34	Striped Bass	40 lbs.	45
Cod	40 lbs.	44	Winter Flounder	2 lbs.	17
Haddock	10 lbs.	30			

RULES

1. No person shall enter more than three entries for any one species category during a program year, to include no more than one entry for kept fish and two entries for catch and release of the same species.
2. Any legal angler is eligible (whether resident or non-resident).
3. Fish shall be hooked and landed or hooked, boated, and landed in the State of New Hampshire by the entrant during the legal open season for the species taken.
4. Any species of fish shall be eligible for the State Record Fish program.
5. Weigh the fish as soon as possible on scales certified by the NH Division of Weights and Measures. Two witnesses must be present and both must sign the official entry form. Submit the printed weight slip with your entry form. (Do not freeze the fish before certifying weight as this will reduce the weight.)
6. Before the entry form can be accepted, the truth of statement must be attested to by a qualified officer such as a notary public, justice of the peace, town clerk, postmaster, state or local law enforcement officer, or Fish and Game employee, including their title and telephone number.
7. The Department reserves the right to question any witness, examine the scales used for weighing any entry, or refuse any incomplete application.
8. All entries shall be submitted on official entry forms provided by the Department. These forms shall be available at any NH Fish and Game office or online at: <https://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/fishing/trophy.html>
9. A clear side view photo must be submitted with all applications. Catch and Release fish shall be photographed at the site of catch. If the fish shows any signs of improper handling prior to release, it shall be disqualified. (Photographs can be submitted via email to: reg2@wildlife.nh.gov Your photos will be joined with your official entry form upon receipt. All entry forms must have original signatures and should be mailed to NH Fish and Game Region 2, PO Box 417, New Hampton, NH 03256-0417).
10. The program runs January 1 through December 31 each year. Complete applications must be received within 30 days from the date of landing the fish. No entries will be accepted later than January 30 for the prior year. Winners will be notified by February 15.



Mail Completed Form/Photo to:

**NH Fish and Game, Region 2
Trophy Fish Program
PO Box 417
New Hampton, NH 03256**

Questions? Call 603-744-5470