WASHINGTON RECORD SPORT FISH APPLICATION
(See reverse side for instructions)

Part A Completed by applicant and submitted with the fish to WDFW biologist at time of species verification (see Part C)
Name ______________________________ Address __________________________
City __________________ State ______ Zip Code (+4) __________________________
Phone (_____) ______________________
Fish species __________________________ (Common name – see list on Page 2)
Fishing Method (troll, spinning, fly-fishing, etc.) ________________________________
Bait or Lure used __________________________
Date of Catch __________________________
Where caught __________________________ (be as specific as possible)
I, ______________________________, certify that the above information is
(correct and that the fish was caught in accordance with Washington state law.
Signed ______________________________ Date ______________
(Signature is required)

Part B To be completed by two witnesses at time of official weighing (see Instruction #2)
Fish Weight ____________ pounds ____________ounces or hundredths of pound (circle one)
Date & Time Weighed __________________________
Location of Scale __________________________________________________________
Certification Date of Scale ________________________________________________
I certify that the fish described above was weighed in my presence on a scale certified for commercial use:
Scale operator
__________________________________________________________
signature print name address phone
Other witness
__________________________________________________________
signature print name address phone

Part C To be completed by WDFW area or district fish biologist & regional fish program manager and forwarded to State
Record Sport Fish Program Coordinator.
I have inspected the fish described in Section A and verify the species as:
_________________________ ____________ and there is no
Common name _______________ ____________________________ Scientific name
evidence that would disqualify it from consideration as a Washington sport fish record.
Total Length _______________ Fork Length _______________ (measure in inches)
Girth __________________ Scale weight if WDFW scale available _______________
Measured at front of dorsal fin for comparison use only
Part C (continued)

This species determination was made based upon the following characteristics: ______________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

Fish Evaluated by ________________________________________________________

Signature of WDFW Area or District Fish Biologist          Print Name          Date

Reviewed/Approved by ______________________________________________________

Signature of Regional Fish Program Manager         Print Name          Date

Part D for use by WDFW State Record Sport Fish Program Coordinator

Date Received ___________________ Approved ___________________ Rejected _________________

Date Certificate Issued _______________________

Comments ____________________________________________________________________________

______________________________________________________________________________________

Signed ____________________________

State Record Sport Fish Program Coordinator          Print Name          Date

Record Sport Fish Application Instructions

1. Only fish that can be legally fished for (hook-and-line or spearfishing) and legally harvested in Washington waters may be entered.

2. To be considered for a state record certificate, a sport fish must be weighed on a scale certified for commercial use. These may be found at local grocery, hardware, post office or feed supply stores (see Part B). The fish should be weighed as soon as possible after capture to minimize weight loss from dehydration.

3. After official weighing, it is the responsibility of the angler to contact a WDFW Area or District Fish Biologist for positive identification and inspection of the fish within 7 days of capture. The actual fish must be submitted for the approval process. Wrap the fish loosely in moist paper towels and keep cool if you cannot submit the fish for verification the same day as capture. The verification inspection may require extensive evaluation, including measurements, scale samples and weight verification (Part C).

4. The angler must submit the Record Sport Fish application with Sections A and B completed to a WDFW Area or District Fish Biologist at the time of inspection. (see internet link to state map with names, addresses and phone numbers of biologists). To ensure a biologist is available to verify the fish, please call ahead of time to make an appointment.

5. To be considered for a state record certificate, the application must be accompanied by a clear, untouched original color photograph of the fish and angler who caught it, and a second photo of a side view with the fish lying beside a yardstick or tape measure. The photographs will be part of the application and will not be returned. Digital photographs will be accepted in original file format on a computer compact disc (CD). Altered photographs will cause rejection of the application.

6. Upon complete review of the application, the applicable Regional Fish Program Manager will submit the application, with a recommendation for final processing, to the State Record Sport Fish Program Coordinator in Olympia. If approved, a certificate signed by the Fish Program Assistant Director will be issued to the record-catching angler by the program coordinator. At that time, the program coordinator will update the record sport fish official list on the WDFW web site.

7. To be considered for a state record certificate, a fish cannot have been frozen prior to or at the time of weight certification or when verified by WDFW personnel. Evidence of freezing will result in immediate rejection of the application.

Additional information may be required for possible world record certification. Please refer to the IGFA record fish rules to determine if eligible. See www.igfa.org for any considerations concerning world record class fish applications as the process these organizations may have do not necessarily meet our state’s record keeping criteria. The WDFW will not be held liable for submissions or actions required to certify a World or National Record classification species. Currently, WDFW does not certify “catch and release” sport fish for state records. All fishing regulations apply to this process and must be strictly adhered to. Alteration or tampering with the fish is strictly prohibited and will result in immediate rejection of the application.

Form Revised 10/29/14