Official Mississippi Saltwater Conventional Tackle Records

SPECIES		WEIGHT		DATE	ANGLER
Common Name	**Scientific Name**	**Pounds**	**Ounces**		
Amberjack, Greater	*Seriola dumerili*	126	0.00	03/22/14	Don Wheeler
Amberjack, Lesser	*Seriola fasciata*	5	8.00	05/24/04	Jack Paul Edwards, IV
Barracuda, Great	*Sphyraena barracuda*	52	6.00	08/21/12	Matt Glenn
Bigeye	*Priacanthus arenatus*	2	1.12	08/28/04	Jeffrey Newbury
Bluefish	*Pomatomus saltatrix*	16	6.00	00/00/84	Joe Krebs
Bonefish	*Albula vulpes*	0	4.00	11/04/99	Scott Floyd
Bonita (Little Tunny)	*Euthynnus alletteratus*	29	8.80	04/15/94	Jean A. Thornton
Bonnethead	*Sphyrna tiburo*	13	8.64	04/29/12	Austin Fox
Brotula, Bearded	*Brotula barbata*	14	8.00	06/17/13	Joey Davis
Bumper, Atlantic	*Chloroscombrus chrysurus*	0	3.45	08/04/13	Donald Armes Jr.
Burrfish, Striped	*Chilomycterus schoepfii*	1	9.65	05/13/16	David Floyd
Catfish, Gafftopsail	*Bagre marinus*	9	9.92	08/26/00	Shane Ards
Catfish, Hardhead	*Ariopsis felis*	3	0.32	06/08/05	Josh Holmes
Chub, Yellow	*Kyphosus incisor*	9	10.00	07/30/92	Melvin Raymond Jr.
Cobia	*Rachycentron canadum*	106	13.00	05/02/96	Randy McDaniel
Creolefish	*Paranthias furcifer*	1	8.69	05/08/11	Cecily O'Brien
Croaker, Atlantic	*Mircopogonias undulatus*	5	1.00	09/28/12	Matt Glenn
Cubbyu	*Pareques umbrosus*	2	6.72	05/28/05	John Smith
Cutlassfish, Atlantic	*Trichiurus lepturus*	2	9.44	07/16/11	Jonathan Stanley
Dolphin (Mahi Mahi)	*Coryphaena hippurus*	62	0.00	1981/1985	D.L. Siegel/Leo Muldoon
Dolphinfish, Pompano	*Coryphaena equiselis*	1	0.80	05/22/05	Tom O'Brien
Driftfish, Black	*Hyperoglyphe bythites*	23	3.84	06/07/15	John Cuevas
Drum, Black	*Pogonias cromis*	70	5.00	03/12/05	Eddie Hansen
Drum, Blackbar	*Pareques iwamotoi*	2	13.00	02/08/08	Lenny Maiolatesi
Drum, Red	*Sciaenops ocellatus*	52	2.40	05/26/16	Antonio Rubio
Eel, Conger	*Conger oceanicus*	12	8.20	08/03/02	Stephen E. Wilson
Eel, King Snake	*Ophichthus rex*	37	4.00	08/24/07	Steve Strickland
Filefish, Scribbled Leatherjacket	*Aluterus scriptus*	0	4.80	06/11/11	Derrick Saucier
Filefish, Unicorn	*Aluterus monoceros*	1	2.06	08/24/14	Jimmy Taylor
Flounder, Southern	*Paralichthys lethostigma*	10	4.66	03/03/07	Karen A. Good
Frogfish, Ocellated	*Fowlerichthys ocellatus*	6	0.00	08/10/08	Adam Perrigin
Gag	*Mycteroperca microlepis*	58	4.80	08/21/01	Kenny Kuhn
Great Hammerhead	*Sphyrna mokarran*	436	14.00	07/05/02	Robert J. Garrett
Grouper (unclassified)	*Serranidae genus*	47	14.20	00/00/80	Dr. Kenneth Ramsey
Grouper, Black	*Mycteroperca bonaci*	11	0.16	01/11/00	Michael L. Allen
Grouper, Marbled	*Dermatolepis inermis*	12	8.00	12/03/10	Phillip King Jr.
Grouper, Red	*Epinephelus morio*	20	1.28	07/07/12	Ronnie D. McMillan
Grouper, Snowy	*Epinephelus niveatus*	24	3.20	02/19/10	William A. Scarborough Jr.
Grouper, Warsaw	*Hyporthodus nigritus*	250	0.00	07/17/04	Paul Gallop
Grouper, Yellowedge	*Hyporthodus flavolimbatus*	35	5.70	10/08/14	Johnny Templet
Hind, Rock	*Epinephelus adscensionis*	3	9.60	05/31/15	Matthew Christopher Glenn
Hind, Speckled	*Epinephelus drummondhayi*	12	12.16	11/21/14	Brandon Bosarge
Hogfish, Spotfin	*Bodianus pulchellus*	0	15.20	09/05/15	Harold Charlton III
Houndfish	*Tylosurus crocodilus*	1	0.01	07/03/08	Wes Harvey
Jack, Almaco	*Seriola rivoliana*	32	10.56	09/30/06	Donald Simmons Jr.
Jack, Black	*Caranx lugubris*	16	4.80	08/03/07	Dennis L. Henry
Jack, Bluntnose	*Hemicaranx amblyrhynchus*	0	10.20	08/09/14	David Floyd
Jack, Crevalle	*Caranx hippos*	48	0.50	07/19/85	Brian D. Pelton
Jack, Horse-eye	*Caranx latus*	25	5.00	07/20/13	Donald L. Bosarge II
Kingfish, Gulf	*Menticirrhus littoralis*	2	0.00	07/05/14	Riley Saucier
Kingfish, Southern	*Menticirrhus americanus*	1	14.00	11/12/85	Scott A. Walter
Ladyfish	*Elops saurus*	3	9.28	09/30/08	Chris Hill
Leatherjacket	*Oligoplites saurus*	0	3.34	07/29/08	Dick Wilson
Lionfish	*Pterois volitans*	1	11.20	02/07/15	Jason Jones
Longtail Bass	*Hemanthias leptus*	5	6.40	07/12/07	Lenny Maiolatesi

Lookdown	*Selene vomer*	3	4.83	05/19/15	Mark Allen Ross Jr.
Mackerel, King	*Scomberomorus cavalla*	74	1.60	11/20/09	Barrett McMullan
Mackerel, Spanish	*Scomberomorus maculatus*	8	0.00	00/00/84	Ron Dillistone
Mako, Shortfin	*Isurus oxyrinchus*	550	0.00	01/08/12	Tim King
Marlin, Blue	*Makaira nigricans*	1054	9.60	06/07/02	Barry D. Carr
Marlin, White	*Kajikia albida*	80	3.20	09/15/00	Joseph Guidry
Moonfish, Atlantic	*Selene setapinnis*	1	14.38	06/05/06	Scott Floyd
Moray, Blacktail	*Gymnothorax kolpos*	5	11.84	07/04/05	Dick Wilson
Moray, Purplemouth	*Gymnothorax vicinus*	3	1.00	07/04/03	Dick Wilson
Moray, Reticulate	*Muraena retifera*	6	15.84	08/06/04	Stephen E. Wilson
Oilfish	*Ruvettus pretiosus*	50	0.32	03/24/02	Kenneth Saxman
Permit	*Trachinotus falcatus*	2	4.00	08/29/06	Jonathan David Floyd
Pigfish	*Orthopristis chrysoptera*	1	1.76	08/28/04	Lorielyn Newbury
Pinfish	*Lagodon rhomboides*	3	5.60	09/04/92	William D. Fountain
Pomfret, Keeltail	*Taractes rubescens*	14	3.82	05/30/16	Jimmy Taylor
Pompano, African	*Alectis ciliaris*	36	4.00	06/23/97	Lawrence F. Pichon
Pompano, Florida	*Trachinotus carolinus*	4	15.70	02/09/02	Jack Alexander
Porgy, Longspine	*Stenotomus caprinus*	0	14.72	10/14/14	Steven Frye
Porgy, Red	*Pagrus pagrus*	3	11.68	06/22/07	Donald L. Bosarge II
Porgy, Whitebone	*Calamus leucosteus*	2	5.00	07/02/04	Jack Paul Edwards
Puffer, Smooth	*Lagocephalus laevigatus*	6	6.40	05/01/16	Todd Rosetti
Ray, Cownose	*Rhinoptera bonasus*	28	9.00	07/05/14	Thor Goodfellow
Remora	*Remora remora*	5	5.00	07/02/06	Ross Maxwell
Runner, Blue	*Caranx crysos*	7	14.99	06/15/08	Carlton Neal
Runner, Rainbow	*Elagatis bipinnulata*	18	12.00	07/30/94	Paul A. Pamigoni
Sailfish	*Istiophorus platypterus*	62	0.00	00/00/63	Eddie Jones
Sandfish, Belted	*Serranus subligarius*	0	1.00	07/03/11	Eddi Kopszywa
Scalloped Hammerhead	*Sphyrna lewini*	268	0.00	08/08/98	Warren V. Jones
Scamp	*Mycteroperca phenax*	28	4.32	06/11/16	Joey Antoon
Scorpionfish, Spinycheek	*Neomerinthe hemingwayi*	3	8.56	03/13/11	Pete Atwood
Scorpionfish, Spotted	*Scorpaena plumieri*	2	2.24	08/22/04	Dick E. Wilson
Sea bass, Rock	*Centropristis philadelphica*	0	14.72	08/20/92	Robert Bell
Searobin, Bighead	*Prionotus tribulus*	1	0.32	05/24/05	David Hise Jr.
Seatrout, Sand (White)	*Cynoscion arenarius*	6	9.60	03/12/09	Chris Denton
Seatrout, Spotted	*Cynoscion nebulosus*	10	10.00	04/08/13	David Floyd
Shark (unclassified)	*Carcharhinidae*	885	0.00	00/00/83	Bruce Bartling
Shark, Atlantic Sharpnose	*Rhizoprionodon terraenovae*	15	4.60	05/19/13	Steven J. Bracknell
Shark, Blacknose	*Carcharhinus acronotus*	20	13.00	07/03/09	Andrew B. Odom
Shark, Blacktip	*Carcharhinus limbatus*	98	9.60	04/20/05	Thomas W. Barnes
Shark, Bull	*Carcharhinus leucas*	203	0.00	07/01/16	David Rogers
Shark, Finetooth	*Carcharhinus isodon*	34	8.64	07/23/16	Mark Huffmaster
Shark, Lemon	*Negaprion brevirostris*	83	2.00	06/30/12	John Mayne II
Shark, Nurse	*Ginglymostoma cirratum*	98	7.00	07/03/06	Tony Deltatorre
Shark, Sandbar	*Carcharhinus plumbeus*	125	8.00	12/16/06	Strom Smith
Shark, Spinner	*Carcharhinus brevipinna*	164	7.00	07/05/14	Jordan Mathews
Shark, Tiger	*Galeocerdo cuvier*	390	0.00	07/02/16	David Rogers
Sharksucker	*Echeneis naucrates*	2	15.20	10/03/04	Michael "Buck" Buchanan
Sheepshead	*Archosargus probatocephalus*	19	10.00	00/00/66	Roy Groue Jr.
Silver Perch	*Bairdiella chrysoura*	0	4.00	05/18/02	Samantha Goodfellow
Sleeper, Fat	*Dormitator maculatus*	0	1.06	07/03/15	Kerry G. Hester
Dogfish, Smooth	*Mustelus canis*	18	14.40	06/24/07	Leonard Maiolatesi
Snapper, Dog	*Lutjanus jocu*	15	0.00	07/10/04	Chris Russell
Snapper, Gray	*Lutjanus griseus*	15	7.79	07/11/15	John J. Bullock
Snapper, Lane	*Lutjanus synagris*	8	3.20	08/25/01	Stephen E. Wilson
Snapper, Red	*Lutjanus campechanus*	37	11.20	08/24/95	John J. Bullock
Snapper, Vermillion	*Rhomboplites aurorubens*	5	1.00	10/11/01	David Kuehn
Snapper, Yellowtail	*Ocyurus chrysurus*	7	3.52	06/10/11	Jacob Edwards-Faucette
Soapfish, Whitespotted	*Rypticus maculatus*	0	6.20	07/20/11	David Kuehn
Spadefish, Atlantic	*Chaetodipterus faber*	9	8.00	06/03/13	Cecily O'Brien
Squirrelfish	*Holocentrus adscensionis*	1	3.00	08/03/12	Hannah Walker
Stingray, Southern	*Dasyatis americana*	158	1.60	07/04/07	Rick Grimstead
Swordfish	*Xiphias gladius*	75	0.00	08/26/07	Lorenzo Owen
Tarpon	*Megalops atlanticus*	167	0.00	05/19/01	Dr. Keith Goodfellow
Tilefish	*Lopholatilus chamaeleonticeps*	18	4.17	4/31/15	Samuel J. Sandoz

Tilefish, Blueline	*Caulolatilus microps*	2	13.00	08/29/13	Jon Parker
Tilefish, Goldface	*Caulolatilus chrysops*	2	15.00	11/09/07	Leonard Maiolatesi Sr.
Tilefish, Sand	*Malacanthus plumieri*	2	1.00	02/08/08	Leonard Maiolatesi
Toadfish, Gulf	*Opsanus beta*	2	3.20	07/30/13	Cecily O'Brien
Toadfish, Leopard	*Opsanus pardus*	1	5.00	07/02/09	Michael Fournier Jr.
Toadfish, Oyster	*Opsanus tau*	2	4.20	06/06/14	Billy Bridgett
Tomtate	*Haemulon aurolineatum*	0	12.96	05/01/04	Stephen E. Wilson
Triggerfish, Gray	*Balistes capriscus*	11	3.96	10/12/13	Cecily O'Brien
Triggerfish, Ocean	*Canthidermis sufflamen*	3	2.80	05/16/09	Lee Westmoreland
Triggerfish, Queen	*Balistes vetula*	7	6.40	07/21/07	Brandon Bosarge
Tripletail	*Lobotes surinamensis*	37	12.00	00/00/72	B. Gibson
Tuna, Bigeye	*Thunnus obesus*	203	14.00	07/11/11	Chip Temple
Tuna, Blackfin	*Thunnus atlanticus*	33	0.80	05/07/11	Mark Herrmann
Tuna, Bluefin	*Thunnus thynnus*	837	1.60	06/11/99	Bob Struwe
Tuna, Skipjack	*Katsuwonus pelamis*	29	11.00	06/16/13	Jack Paul Edwards
Tuna, Yellowfin	*Thunnus albacares*	205	12.80	06/09/01	Robert Landingham

Mississippi Sportfishing Record Rules

To qualify for saltwater sportfishing record consideration anglers must complete an official application that may be obtained from the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources, and abide by the following rules:

1. Fish must be hooked, fought, and brought to net or gaff by the applicant with no help from any person, except that another person may operate the net or gaff. Catches on handlines or other non-sporting equipment will not be considered.
2. a. Conventional Records: Fish must be legally caught in a sporting manner on rod, reel and line or pole and line, and hooked with any legal hook or lure.
   b. Fly Fishing Records: Fish must be legally caught on a rod, reel, and line using conventional fly fishing tackle. The lure used must be a recognized type of artificial fly. Treble hooks are prohibited. The use of any other type of lure or natural bait, either singularly or attached to the fly is prohibited. The fly used must be submitted with the application.
3. Two (2) color photographs should be submitted with each application:
   a. One (1) of angler and fish.
   b. One (1) showing a clear, close-up side view of the fish.
   Photos become the property of the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources.
4. Fish MUST be weighed on certified scales or scales legal for trade, i.e. grocery store scales, etc. The weighing must take place in the presence of two (2) witnesses other than the applicant, who MUST sign the application form or a separate statement attesting that they witnessed the OFFICIAL weight. NO provision for weight loss will be allowed. The actual weight of the fish AT THE TIME OF WEIGHING will be the OFFICIAL WEIGHT. It is also desirable to include signature(s) on the application form of the witness(es), if any, to the actual catching of the fish. Witnesses to the weight and catch CANNOT be the same persons. Rodeo entries are considered valid and acceptable weights.
5. Length of the fish must be measured in a straight line from the tip of the snout to the tip of the tail AND from the tip of the snout to the fork of the tail.
6. Girth of the fish will be measured around the thickest portion of the body.
7. Applications for saltwater species SHALL be positively identified AND verified by a Professional Fisheries Biologist and/or a Rodeo Weighmaster.
8. Only fish caught in Mississippi waters or fish caught in adjacent waters and landed in a Mississippi port will be considered.
9. A valid MS fishing license is required for all state record applications.
10. The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources reserves the right to further check fish identification or verification of witnesses and to refuse any application that is questionable. It will be considered “Just Cause” for disqualification of current application and any previous records established by anyone who knowingly falsifies a Record Application. All rules will be strictly adhered to. The decision of the Mississippi Commission on Marine Resources will be final.