

RULES FOR SPORTFISHING AWARDS

These rules apply to STATE RECORD entries for SPEAR/BOW AND ARROW DEVICES taken eligible fish:

1. Fish must be caught legally by spear/bow and arrow devices from Illinois waters. Only fish caught by gigs, spears, bow and arrow, are eligible.
2. Fish caught from Licensed Daily Fee Fishing Areas are not eligible.
3. Total length is to be measured from the tip of the snout, with mouth closed to the tip of the tail to the nearest 1/8 inch. Girth is measured at the greatest distance around the fish circumference).
4. The Illinois Department of Natural Resources reserves the right to reject an entry based upon its investigation on the identification, methods used in catching, and the accuracy of measurement and weighing on a certified scale.
5. Fish eligible for all SPORTFISHING AWARDS for SPEAR/BOW AND ARROW are listed in the "Eligible Fish Species Table" along with qualifying minimum weights.
6. Anglers catching at least one eligible fish species from the listed fish meeting or exceeding the qualifying minimum weights must complete an application (along with a photo documenting the catch) and mail the entry to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Division of Fisheries, 700 South 10th Street, Havana, IL 62644.
7. Fish species eligible for the SPEAR/BOW AND ARROW STATE RECORD ANGLER AWARD include all listed fish species (see the "Eligible Fish Species Table") which meet or exceed the qualifying minimum weights. Successful anglers must complete an application (along with a photo documenting the catch) and mail the entry to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, no later than January 30 to cover the previous calendar year's fishing activities.
8. Each SPEAR/BOW AND ARROW STATE RECORD award application must be accompanied by a clear, side-view photograph for each of the fish caught, preferably of the angler with the fish. The entry and photograph become property of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. Photos cannot be returned.
9. Fish entered for a SPEAR/BOW AND ARROW STATE RECORD award must be weighed on a certified scale in front of two witnesses.
10. A fish entered for the SPEAR/BOW AND ARROW STATE RECORD fish must be kept intact until it has been certified, verified, and photographically confirmed by an Illinois Department of Natural Resources Fishery Biologist. If deemed necessary by the Fishery Biologist, the proposed SPEAR/BOW AND ARROW STATE RECORD fish must be made available for inspection for a period of not to exceed 5 working days from the receipt of the application at the Havana Fisheries Field Office. Notice will be provided to the applicant in the event of a visual inspection required to certify the new SPEAR/BOW AND ARROW STATE RECORD fish.
11. The Illinois Department of Natural Resources reserves the right to reproduce, duplicate, or otherwise copy, via a body cast, any certified SPEAR/BOW AND ARROW STATE RECORD fish. Duplicate mounts will be used solely by the Department for display purposes and will acknowledge the record holder.

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources is requesting this information as outlined under the Fish Code, Chapter 515. This information is required in order for you to qualify for a SPEAR/BOW AND ARROW DEVICES STATE RECORD award.

APPLICATIONS MAYBE OBTAINED AT:

ANY DNR PROGRAM, REGIONAL or DISTRICT OFFICE,

HAVANA FISHERIES FIELD OFFICE BY CALLING 309.543.3316 OR

BY DOWNLOADING FROM THE www.ifishillinois.org WEBSITE SPORT FISHING AWARDS (see RULES SECTION for further information)

A SPEAR/BOW AND ARROW STATE RECORD AWARD certificate will be awarded to the angler who takes a fish, only of the species listed above, which equals or exceeds the weight of the current SPEAR/BOW AND ARROW STATE RECORD. All SPEAR/BOW AND ARROW STATE RECORD fish must be certified by a DNR fisheries biologist.

Applications for the SPEAR/BOW AND ARROW STATE RECORD award are available to download from the www.ifishillinois.org website AND from Bowfishing Clubs throughout Illinois. Completed applications, DNR certification, and a photo documenting your catch must be mailed into any one of the Illinois Bowfishing Clubs listed or the:

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