

NZ FISHING RECORDS

The NZACA administers NZ Fishing Records in conjunction with the NZ Sports Fishing Council. The latter concentrating mainly on the so-called game fish species and the NZACA administering the rest.

Those wishing to apply for a NZ Record for Big Game Species (see list at end) should either apply to the NZ Sport Fishing Council, P.O. Box 567, Whangarei., or send to NZACA National Office

For such Species where records may be held by both National Associations, the NZACA recognises those records administered by the NZSFC. Also the NZACA recognises those administered by the IGFA.

The **NZ Fishing Records**, as administered by the NZACA, are open to any Angler but there is an Application Fee payable by those who are not financial members of either the NZACA or the NZSFC.

NZACA Members applying for Association Records (where they are still applicable) will automatically be considered, as appropriate, for a NZ Fishing Record. Only one Application Form needs to be completed - it is recommended that the Association Catch Recognition Application Form be used.

Anglers applying for an IGFA Record can forward duplicates of their world record application to the NZACA so that it can be considered also for a NZ Record.

NZ Records are in **MENS, LADIES and JUNIOR & SMALL-FRY** divisions and the NZACA differentiates between both **SHORE** caught and **BOAT** caught catches. In addition to **ALL TACKLE** records **LINE CLASS** records are held for a majority of Species, however not all Line Classes apply to all Species. Line Classes are 1kg, 2kg, 3kg, 4kg, 6kg, 8kg, 10kg, 15kg, 24kg, 37kg and 60kg. (note that for All Tackle Applications fish caught on line exceeding 60kg will not be considered)

If a **line sample** over-tests in the Line Class applied for, the Application will be considered for the next highest Class. If it under-tests into a lower Class the Application will not be considered for the lower Class. Applications are to include a Line Sample of 15.24m (50ft) of the mainline, closest to the double line, leader or hook.

Minimum weight is 450gms, but the fish should be considered 'trophy size' with a rule of thumb being that it's weight should fall within the top half of the estimated maximum weight of the Species. To replace an existing record, fish must exceed the current weight by 50gms.

Applications must be received by the NZACA **no later** than the end of the month following the month in which the fish was caught.

Rules, in most instances, are based on those of the IGFA. **Juniors** are those 16 years and under at the time of catching the fish. **Small-fry** are ten years and under.

The fish are to be **weighed** green (ungutted) on scales which have been certified by an appropriate authority that they weigh correctly. A weighmaster must complete a declaration on the Application Form.

A **Witness to the catch** is highly desirable and need to complete the appropriate declaration on the Application Form. Unwitnessed catches may be disallowed or questions arise regarding authenticity. The NZACA's decision regarding acceptance of an Application is final.

Fish identification section on the Application Form must be completed fully and the supply of suitable **photographs** is strongly recommended. These photographs may be used for publicity purposes.

All Applications for NZ Fishing Records must have the Declaration by the Angler signed and the Witness to that Declaration fully completed.

Apply to the NZACA National Secretary for further information, NZ Fishing Records Pamphlets and Application Forms

WORLD (IGFA) RECORDS

Applicants should note that if they wish their NZ Fishing Record Application to be considered also for an IGFA Record that there are special requirements relating to photographs and line samples etc. Check with the NZACA Secretary or Records Officer for more details - this should be done prior to forwarding Applications for Record considerations.

LENGTH RECORDS

There is now a system of records based on fish length rather than weight. The IGFA Length Records are solely for catch & release and must be measured on an IGFA measuring board and a limited range of species. For NZ Length Records an alternative measuring board is available and covers all species currently in the Weight Records schedule. A key component of Length Records is the photos of the catch on the board. Contact NZACA Secretary or Records Officer for more information.

SPECIES

<i>Common Name</i>	<i>All Tackle Only</i>	<i>Maximum Line Class</i>	<i>Common Name</i>	<i>All Tackle Only</i>	<i>Maximum Line Class</i>
Anglerfish - Black	X		Marblefish	X	
Barracouta - Snook		15kg	Moki - Blue		15kg
Bass (Wreckfish)		15kg	Moki - Copper		15kg
Bluefish	X		Moki - Red		15kg
Brill	X		Mullet - Grey	X	
Butterfish		15kg	Mullet - Yellow eyed		10kg
Carp	X		Oilfish	X	
Cod - Bastard Red		10kg	Parore		15kg
Cod - Blue		10kg	Perch - Butterfly	X	
Cod - Cloudy Bay		10kg	Perch - Eyebrow	X	
Cod - Red		10kg	Perch Freshwater	X	
Cod - Rock		10kg	Perch - Orange	X	
Codling - Southern Bastard		10kg	Perch - Redbanded	X	
Dogfish - Grey Spiny		15kg	Perch - Sea		10kg
Dogfish - Spot' Sm't H'nd		15kg	Pigfish - Red	X	
Dogfish - Spotted Spiny		15kg	Pigfish - Southern	X	
Eagleray		37kg	Porae		15kg
Eel - Conger		15kg	Porcupine Fish	X	
Eel - Long Finned		15kg	Rays Bream		15kg
Eel - Moray		15kg	Ruby Fish		15kg
Electric Ray	X		Salmon - Quinнат		15kg
Elephantfish		24kg	Scorpionfish	X	
Flounder - Black	X		Silver Drummer	X	
Flounder - Turbot	X		Skate - Rough		15kg
Flounder - Witch	X		Skate - Smooth	X	
Flounder - Yellow Belly	X		Snapper		15kg
Frostfish		15kg	Snapper - Golden		10kg
Gemfish	X		Snake Eel		10kg
Goatfish	X		Sole		10kg
Groper - Spotted Black	Protected		Spotty (Paketi)	X	
Gumard - Red		10kg	Stargazer - Estuarine	X	
Gumard - Spiney		10kg	Stargazer - Spotted	X	
Hapuku		37kg	Stingray - Long tailed		37kg
Hoki		15kg	Stingray - Short tailed		37kg
John Dory		10kg	Sweep	X	
Kahawai		15kg	Tarakihi		15kg
Kelpfish(Hiwihwiwi)	X		Trevally		15kg
Kingfish - Yellowtail		60kg	Trout - Brook	X	
Koheru	X		Trout - Brown		10kg
Leatherjacket	X		Trout - Rainbow		10kg
Ling	X		Trumpeter - Common		15kg
Louvar	X		Wahoo		37kg
Mackerel - Blue		15kg	Warehou		15kg
Mackerel - Jack		15kg	Warehou - Bluenose		24kg
Mackerel - Peruvian	X		Wrasse - Banded		10kg
Maomao - Blue	X		Wrasse - Girdled		10kg
Maomao - Pink	X		Wrasse - Sanbagers		10kg
			Wrasse - Scarlet		10kg

See over page for game-fish species

**SPECIES ADMINISTERED BY NZSFC
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Bass - Great Sea	60kg	Shark - Sand	24kg
Mahimahi (Dolphin)	60kg	Shark - Thresher Bigeye	A/T
Marlin - Black	60kg	Shark - Thresher	60kg
Marlin - Pacific Blue	60kg	Shark - Tiger	60kg
Marlin - Striped	60kg	Shark - Tope	60kg
Shark - Blue	60kg	Spearfish	60kg
Shark - Bronze Whaler	60kg	Swordfish	60kg
Shark - Carpet	24kg	Tuna - Albacore	60kg
Shark - Dusky	60kg	Tuna - Skipjack	37kg
Shark - Ghost	24kg	Tuna - Pacific Big-eye	60kg
Shark - Great White	Protected	Tuna - Pacific Bluefin	60kg
Shark - Hammerhead	60kg	Tuna - Slendor	37kg
Shark - Mako	60kg	Tuna - Southern Bluefin	60kg
Shark - Narrow Tooth	60kg	Tuna - Yellowfin	60kg
Shark - Porbeagle	60kg	Yellowtail (Kingfish)	60kg
Shark - Sevengill	24kg		

It should be noted that Records administered by the NZSFC do **not** have different divisions for shore and boat caught fish.