

# "Big Catch" Angler Recognition Program

## QUALIFYING SIZES

SPECIES	TOTAL LENGTH		TOTAL WEIGHT	
	Adult	Youth	Adult	Youth
Largemouth Bass	24"	18"	8.00	6.00
Suwannee Shoal, or Spotted Bass	16"	12"	2.00	1.50
Striped Bass	30"	22"	12.00	9.00
Sunshine Bass	24"	18"	7.00	5.25
White Bass	15"	11"	2.50	1.75
Black Crappie	14"	10"	2.00	1.50
Bluegill	11"	8"	1.25	0.75
Redbreast Sunfish	10"	7"	0.75	0.50
Redear Sunfish	12"	9"	2.25	1.50
Warmouth	10"	7"	0.75	0.50
Spotted Sunfish	8"	6"	0.50	0.40
Flier	9"	6"	0.75	0.50
Channel Catfish	31"	23"	15.00	11.25
Flathead Catfish	36"	27"	25.00	18.75
White Catfish	22"	16"	5.00	3.75
Blue Catfish	34"	25"	20.00	15.00
Brown Bullhead	16"	12"	2.00	1.50
Yellow Bullhead	14"	10"	1.50	1.00
Longnose Gar	50"	37"	20.00	15.00
Florida/Spotted Gar	28"	21"	5.00	3.75
Alligator Gar	68"	51"	70.00	52.50
Chain Pickerel	27"	20"	4.00	3.00
Redfin Pickerel	12"	9"	0.63	0.50
Common Carp	30"	22"	20.00	15.00
Butterfly Peacock Bass	18"	13"	5.00	3.75
Oscar	11"	8"	1.25	0.75
Blue Tilapia	18"	13"	5.00	3.75
Bowfin	30"	22"	10.00	7.50

The "Big Catch" Angler Recognition Program rewards anglers who catch a memorable-sized fish. Qualifying anglers receive a colorful citation showing the type fish they caught and a window sticker to proudly display their prowess. In addition, anglers who release their fish get special recognition. An angler catching five "Big" fish of the same species will be recognized as a "Specialist," fish of five different species qualifies as a "Master Angler," and 10 different species as an "Elite Angler." A special youth citation and pin is given to an angler under age 16 for catching a fish that is at least 75 percent of the qualifying size (see table to left for specific sizes). Total length is maximum length in inches; weights are in pounds). Participants are encouraged to submit photographs. To qualify, the fish must be legally caught and exceed the minimum qualifying length or weight. The catch must be witnessed and a "Big Catch" form completed.

### OFFICIAL BIG CATCH PROGRAM APPLICATION

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, AND ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE FISH WAS CAUGHT: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

WHERE FISH WAS CAUGHT: \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY IN WHICH FISH WAS CAUGHT: \_\_\_\_\_

TIME OF CATCH: \_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_ [ ] AM [ ] PM FISH

METHOD USED TO CATCH FISH:

Rod and Reel with Artificial Lure, Lure Used: \_\_\_\_\_

Rod and Reel With Natural Bait, Natural Bait Used: \_\_\_\_\_

Cane Pole With Natural Bait, Natural Bait Used: \_\_\_\_\_

Fly Rod and Reel with Artificial Fly, Fly Used: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Fishing Method (Describe): \_\_\_\_\_

IDENTIFICATION AND WEIGHT/LENGTH OF FISH:

\*SEE CHART ON THIS PAGE FOR ELIGIBLE FISH SPECIES AND MINIMUM QUALIFYING WEIGHTS AND LENGTHS.

SPECIES: \_\_\_\_\_ WEIGHT: \_\_\_\_\_

GIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_ LENGTH: \_\_\_\_\_

WAS FISH RELEASED? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF AWARD:

ANGLER RECOGNITION [ ] YOUTH AWARD [ ] SPECIALIST AWARD [ ] MASTER AWARD [ ] ELITE AWARD

The fish described in the application was legally caught in the state of Florida, by myself, and the above information is true and correct. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission may use this information for research, informational and other public purposes. Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Fishing License Number: \_\_\_\_\_

IF EXEMPT, CHECK ONE:  Younger than 16,  Older than 65,  Permanently disabled,  Used Cane Pole in County of Residence,  Military Home on Leave,  Other:

Witness Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

MAIL COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission  
Big Catch Program  
620 South Meridian Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1600