



Florida Lionfish State Records Program



Description: To generate additional participation in lionfish control efforts, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) will manage a state records program for invasive Indo-Pacific lionfish. Record holders in various categories will receive prizes and recognition on the FWC Lionfish website.

Rules and Requirements:

- All persons who harvest lionfish in state or federal waters off Florida are eligible to submit state records applications.
- Applications must be received within 30 days of harvest.
- Fish must be maintained in whole, frozen condition for 60 days following application submission.
- FWC reserves the right to institute verification procedures that may include polygraph testing and inspection of the fish.
- Fish may be harvested by any legal methods; however, applications must include harvest method/gear so that record categories can be determined.
- Submissions for length records must be in millimeters, for total length. Total length is measured from the most forward point of the head, with the mouth closed, to the farthest tip of the tail with the tail compressed or squeezed, while the fish is lying on its side. See <http://myfwc.com/fishing/saltwater/recreational/fish-measurement/> for guidelines.
- Submissions for weight records must be in grams and must be determined with scales certified by the [Florida Department of Agriculture – Bureau of Weights and Measures](#), which can be found at all retailers who sell products by weight (e.g., Grocery stores, seafood dealers, University biology department).
- Any fish that has been altered in an effort to change the length or weight will be disqualified.
- Measurements of length and/or weight must be witnessed by at least one biologist or environmental professional (e.g., FWC staff, local Universities) who is willing to sign the application form.
- Both length and weight can be submitted for a single fish.
- A single fish is eligible for more than one state record.
- Photos used to document length must show fish lying flat on a metric ruler so that the overall length in millimeters can be clearly determined.
- Photos used to document weight must show the fish on the scale with the total weight of the fish in grams on the display so that the total weight can be clearly determined.

Instructions for submission:

- Print and complete the application.
- Submit completed application within 30 days of harvest along with photos to document the overall length and/or total weight.
- Please note that the more photos you send, the easier and faster it is to verify accuracy.
- Submissions can be sent to Lionfish@MyFWC.com.

LIONFISH RECORD APPLICATION

Read all lionfish rules and record requirements before completing and signing this application. The angler's signature on the completed form must be witnessed by a notary. This application must be accompanied by photographs as specified in Florida lionfish record requirements. The fish must be kept frozen for at least 60 days after application is submitted. FWC reserves the right to employ verification procedures such as polygraph tests to determine the authenticity of record claims.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name:

Date of birth:

Phone:

Current address:

Email:

FISH INFORMATION

Length (millimeters):

Weight (grams):

Date caught:

Depth:

County:

Coordinates (if possible):

WITNESS TO MEASURING

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

DIVISION (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

Location:

Gulf:

Atlantic:

Size:

Shortest:

Longest:

Heaviest:

Age Group:

Under 16:

16 and up:

Method:

Spearing:

Hook and Line:

Other (specify):

SIGNATURES

I, the undersigned, hereby take oath and attest that the fish described in this application was hooked, fought, and/ or speared by me without assistance from anyone; and that it was caught in accordance with Florida Saltwater Fishing Regulations. I further declare that all information in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) reserves the right to employ verification procedures such as polygraph tests. I agree to be bound by any ruling of FWC relative to this application. I hereby declare that I have read the Florida Saltwater Fishing Regulations and Florida Lionfish State Record Requirements and agree to be bound by the Florida Saltwater Fishing Regulations in connection with this application and any ruling of the FWC relative to this application.

Signature of applicant:

Date:

Signature of witness:

Date:

Sworn before me this _____ day of _____ year _____

Notary signature and seal: