

Submitting an Application

The program is open to residents and non-resident anglers. All fish must be caught in New Jersey waters using a hook and line during legally open seasons. Saltwater species taken from a boat must have been caught from a boat that left from and returned to a New Jersey port during the same trip. Incomplete applications or species that cannot be identified will not be considered for an award. The Division reserves the right to investigate the fish identification, angling method and accuracy of measurement and weight. It also reserves the right to reject any application. All applications must be submitted within 30 days of catching the fish.

Applications for entries caught in December will not be accepted after January 31 of the new year.

A clear, side-view photo that allows accurate identification of the species is required for ALL entries. Photos become the property of the Division and will not be returned.

Measurements must be taken measuring from the tip of the nose (with mouth closed) to the tip of the tail. For Adult/Junior categories, fish must be weighed and measured by fishing license agents, tackle shops or authorized Division biologists. Applications must be signed by the person who weighed the fish and the name of the tackle shop, marina, boat or business should be identified. Mail applications and photos to: Skillful Angler Awards Program, NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife, 605 Pequest Rd., Oxford, NJ 07863.

New Jersey Skillful Angler Awards Program Application

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Age _____ Phone (_____) _____

Entry Category

- Adult
- Junior (under 16 years old)
- Catch and Release (based on length)

Fish Species (Angler must complete. Subject to verification by a state biologist.)

Weight _____ lbs. _____ oz.

Length (inches) _____ Girth (inches) _____

Date Caught * _____ Time _____

Where _____

Caught from:

- Boat Other (specify below) _____
- Shore _____
- Surf _____
- Jetty _____

Line Test Used _____ lb. Reel Type _____

Rod Type _____ Bait/Lure _____

Certification for Adult and Junior Categories

Fish measured and weighed by (establishment's name and address):

Telephone Number (_____) _____

Weighmaster's Name _____

Weighmaster's Signature

I hereby certify that this fish was caught in New Jersey waters in accordance with state laws and regulations and in the case of Adult/Junior category, that the entry was weighed on a certified scale.

Applicant's Signature

Date _____

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