

Colorado Master Angler Program



The Colorado Division of Wildlife's Master Angler Award Program recognizes anglers who catch fish of trophy size and promotes the wise use and conservation of those trophy fish.

The award program has two categories – one for fish that are kept, and one for fish that are released. Anglers who qualify for an award must submit an application form that details the catch of the fish. Qualifying lengths for each species are listed in this brochure. The award program is based on lengths of fish rather than on weight, so that caught fish may be measured and released if desired.

Year-End Award for Released Fish

Master Angler records by length – for the year – for released fish are announced at the beginning of the new year on our Web site at www.wildlife.state.co.us.



Awards

Master Angler Record – For the Year – by Length (Released)

Certificate, patch and pin

Master Angler – Kept Category – by Length

Certificate and patch - 1 patch per year

Master Angler – Released Category – by Length

Certificate and patch - 1 patch per year

State Records Program

For information on the Colorado Division of Wildlife's original state fishing record program that tracks 42 different species of fish by weight, visit the Web site at [wildlife.state.co.us/Fishing/Awards/Records/Recordsby-Weight/](http://wildlife.state.co.us/Fishing/Awards/Records/RecordsbyWeight/) or call (303) 297-1192.

Check one: _____ Released Category _____ Kept Category

Angler's Name: _____

Age: _____

Address: _____
(Street)

(City) (State) (Zip)

Phone: _____

Species of Fish Caught: _____

Date caught: ____ / ____ / ____ Length (inches): _____

Location caught: _____

County: _____

How caught: _____
(Type of tackle or lure used)

Witness verification (one witness needed with photo; two witnesses required without photo).

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____

Phone: _____

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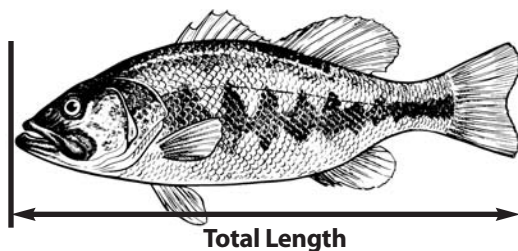
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There are two categories for anglers to consider in the Master Angler Award Program. One category is for kept fish, the other is for released fish. There is a year-end award for released fish. Anglers who catch a fish of qualifying length will receive a Master Angler certificate and patch. Anglers who achieve record status will also receive a matching lapel pin. Only one patch per angler will be awarded each year. However, anglers may submit more than one entry and will receive a certificate for each accepted additional entry.

The Master Angler Program is designed to promote the conservation of fishery resources and quality fishing by encouraging the careful release of trophy-size popular sport species. The program recognizes anglers for excellence in their sport as well.



How To Measure A Fish's Length



1. Fish must be hooked, played, landed and/or released on sport tackle by the entrant. (Snagged fish are not eligible.)
2. Only fish caught in Colorado are eligible for entry.
3. All state fishing regulations must be followed.
4. How to measure: Close fish's mouth and measure from the tip of jaw to the tip of the tail. This is the total length.
5. Entries must be sent within 60 days of the fish being caught. A clear side-view photograph must accompany the entry with one witness verification. There must be two witnesses if no photograph is available.
6. Mail entries to:
Master Angler Award Program
Colorado Division of Wildlife
6060 Broadway, Denver, CO 80216



Master Angler Award Qualifying Length

Species	Minimum Length
Rainbow trout	.24 inches
Brown trout	.22 inches
Brook trout	.16 inches
Cutthroat trout	.20 inches
Snake River Cutthroat	.20 inches
Rainbow x Cutthroat hybrid (Cutbow)	.22 inches
Golden trout	.16 inches
Lake trout	.32 inches
Tiger trout	.18 inches
Splake	.20 inches
Arctic char	.18 inches
Whitefish	.15 inches
Kokanee salmon (angling only)	.20 inches
Chinook salmon	.26 inches
Grayling	.15 inches
Northern pike	.36 inches
Tiger muskie	.40 inches
Sauger	.26 inches
Walleye	.26 inches
Saugeye	.26 inches
Yellow perch	.12 inches
Sacramento perch	.12 inches
Largemouth bass	.18 inches
Smallmouth bass	.17 inches
Spotted bass	.18 inches
Wiper	.28 inches
White bass	.17 inches
Green sunfish	.10 inches
Bluegill	.10 inches
Hybrid bluegill	.10 inches
Crappie	.15 inches
Rock bass	.10 inches
Channel catfish	.30 inches
Blue catfish	.30 inches
Black bullhead	.14 inches
Common carp	.30 inches
Grass carp	.30 inches
White sucker	.22 inches
Longnose sucker	.18 inches
Drum	.20 inches
Tench	.18 inches
American eel	.24 inches

The Colorado Division of Wildlife is the state agency responsible for managing wildlife and its habitat, as well as providing wildlife-related recreation. The Division is funded through hunting and fishing license fees, federal grants and Colorado Lottery proceeds through Great Outdoors Colorado.