



Florida Fish and Wildlife
Conservation Commission
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Big Catch

Angler Recognition Program



Need a Fishing License?
Fishing licenses are available
at local retailers;
online at: License.MyFWC.com;
or call: 888-FISH-FLORIDA.

Qualifying Sizes and State Records

Note: These are Big Catch and State Record sizes—not regulated sizes.

Black bass



Largemouth bass
24⁷/₈ lbs, Youth: 18⁷/₆ lbs;
State: 17.27 lbs



Spotted bass
16⁷/₂ lbs, Youth: 12⁷/_{1.5} lbs;
State: 3.75 lbs



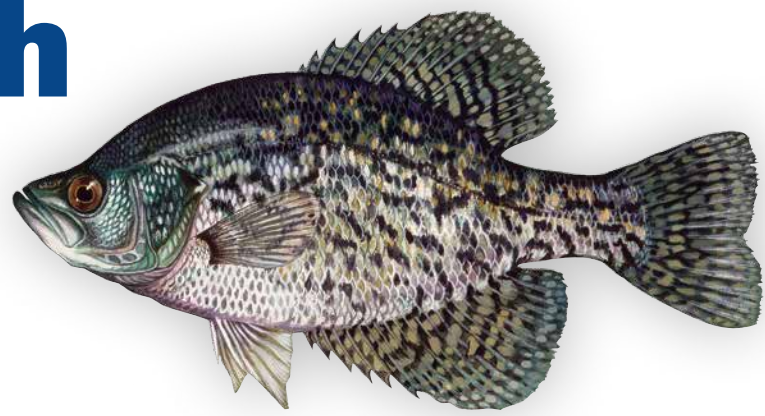
Shoal bass
16⁷/₂ lbs, Youth: 12⁷/_{1.5} lbs;
State: 4.85 lbs



Suwannee bass
14¹/_{1.5} lbs, Youth: 11⁷/₁ lb;
State: 3.89 lbs

Catch all four species of bass in a one-year period for a **Black Bass Slam!** Largemouth bass 8 lbs and larger may qualify for FWC's TrophyCatch program (see TrophyCatchFlorida.com).

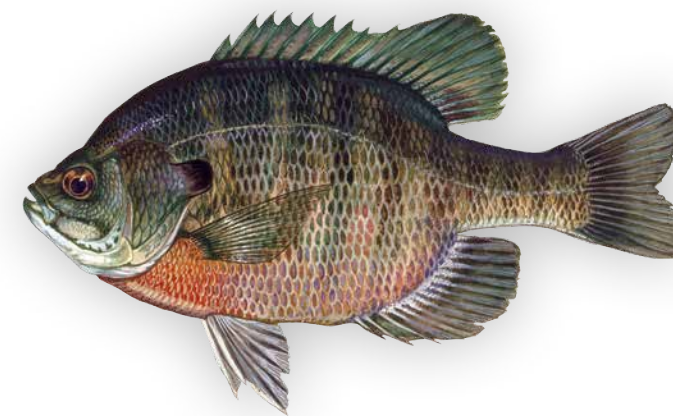
Panfish



Black crappie
14⁷/₂ lbs, Youth: 10⁷/_{1.5} lbs;
State: 3.83 lbs



Yellow perch
12⁷/_{0.75} lb, Youth: 9⁷/_{0.5} lb;
State: 1.47 lbs



Bluegill
10⁷/₁ lb, Youth: 8⁷/_{0.75} lb;
State: 2.95 lbs



Redear sunfish
11⁷/_{1.25} lbs, Youth: 8⁷/₁ lb;
State: 4.86 lbs



Warmouth
9⁷/_{0.5} lb, Youth: 7⁷/_{0.4} lb;
State: 2.44 lbs



Spotted sunfish
7⁷/_{0.5} lb, Youth: 5⁷/_{0.4} lb;
State: 0.83 lbs



Redbreast sunfish
9⁷/_{0.5} lb, Youth: 7⁷/_{0.4} lb;
State: 2.08 lbs



Flier
8⁷/_{0.5} lb, Youth: 6⁷/_{0.4} lb;
State: 1.35 lbs

Catch four of these panfish species in a single day for a **Bream Slam!** (Does not include black crappie or yellow perch.)

Temperate bass



Striped bass
30⁷/₁₂ lbs, Youth: 22⁷/₉ lbs;
State: 42.25 lbs



White bass
15⁷/_{2.5} lbs, Youth: 11⁷/_{1.75} lbs;
State: 4.69 lbs



Sunshine bass
20⁷/₅ lbs, Youth: 15⁷/_{3.5} lbs;
State: 16.31 lbs



Butterfly peacock bass
18⁷/₄ lbs, Youth: 13⁷/₃ lbs;
State: 9.08 lbs

Catfish



White catfish
22⁷/₅ lbs, Youth: 16⁷/_{3.75} lbs;
State: 18.88 lbs



Yellow bullhead
14⁷/_{1.5} lbs, Youth: 10⁷/₁ lb;
State: 5.05 lbs



Brown bullhead
16⁷/₂ lbs, Youth: 12⁷/_{1.5} lbs;
State: 7.02 lbs



Channel catfish
25⁷/₁₂ lbs, Youth: 19⁷/₉ lbs;
State: 44.50 lbs

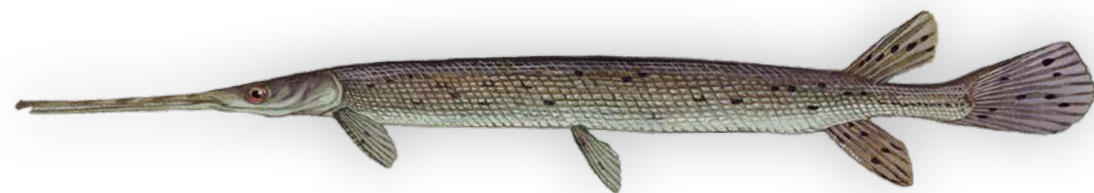


Blue catfish
36⁷/₂₅ lbs, Youth: 27⁷/_{18.75} lbs;
State: 69.50 lbs



Flathead catfish
36⁷/₂₅ lbs, Youth: 27⁷/_{18.75} lbs;
State: 57.50 lbs

Other native species



Longnose gar
40⁷/₁₅ lbs, Youth: 30⁷/₁₁ lbs;
State: 41.00 lbs



Chain pickerel
22⁷/₃ lbs, Youth: 17⁷/_{2.25} lbs;
State: 6.96 lbs



Florida or spotted gar
28⁷/₄ lbs, Youth: 21⁷/₃ lbs;
State: 9.44 lbs



Bowfin
28⁷/₈ lbs, Youth: 21⁷/₆ lbs;
State: 19.00 lbs

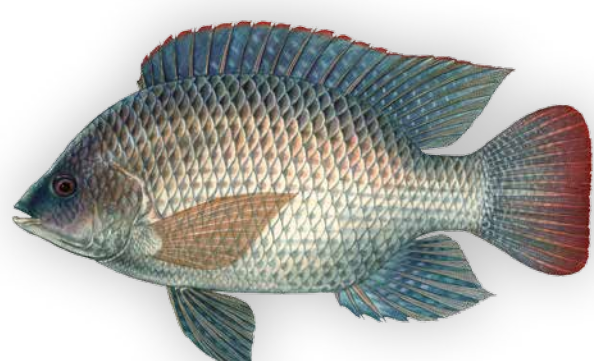


American shad
18⁷/₃ lbs, Youth: 13⁷/_{2.25} lbs;
State: 5.19 lbs

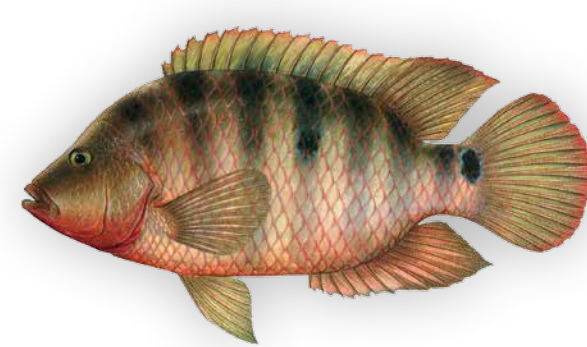
Other non-native species



Oscar
11⁷/_{1.25} lbs, Youth: 8⁷/_{0.75} lb;
State: 2.34 lbs



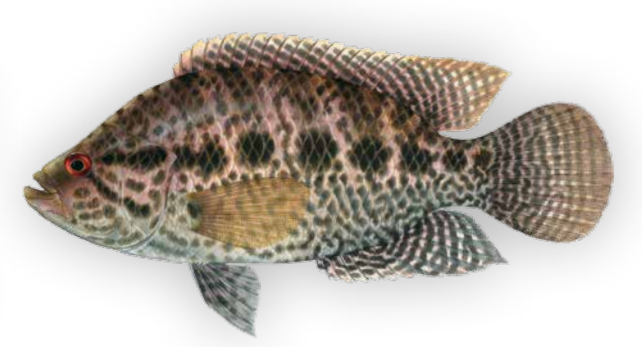
Blue tilapia
18⁷/₅ lbs, Youth: 13⁷/_{3.75} lbs;
State: 9.38 lbs



Mayan cichlid
11⁷/₁ lb, Youth: 8⁷/_{0.75} lb;
State: VACANT, qualifying weight 2 lbs



Common carp
30⁷/₂₀ lbs, Youth: 22⁷/₁₅ lbs;
State: VACANT, qualifying weight 35 lbs



Jaguar guapote
13⁷/_{1.5} lbs, Youth: 10⁷/₁ lb;
State: VACANT, qualifying weight 2 lbs

*Non-native fishes should be harvested and are edible.

Catch a peacock bass, oscar and Mayan cichlid in a single day for an **Exotic Slam!**

Register and submit fish online at TrophyCatchFlorida.com

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission provides three freshwater angler recognition programs. Register, submit catches, print your certificates and claim prizes at TrophyCatchFlorida.com.



Big Catch encourages fishing for a diversity of species and includes both adult and youth categories. A simple photo of the fish exceeding the specified minimum length or weight is all that is needed. Native fish and peacock bass may be kept or released according to applicable rules; however, other non-native fishes should be harvested and are edible. Big Catch also provides recognition for Specialists, Master Anglers, Elite Anglers and catching Black Bass, Bream or Non-Native Slams. TrophyCatch requires more documentation but provides bigger rewards.

State records must be witnessed by an FWC biologist and weighed on certified scales. Learn more on the website when you register.



TrophyCatch is a special program that rewards anglers for catching, documenting and releasing largemouth bass heavier than eight pounds. Help conserve these valuable fish and reward yourself by being able to say "My Trophy Swims in Florida."



Florida Youth Conservation Centers Network empowers kids to participate in traditional outdoor recreation.