Trophy Fish Program Youth Category

Alaska Department of Fish and Game

Division of Sport Fish

Youth Trophy Fish Program Rules

This category is open to anglers who are 15 years of age or younger. These rules apply to catch-and-release as well as kept fish.

- 1. A valid Trophy Fish Entry consists of a Trophy Fish Affidavit (completed as detailed below) and a photo.
- 2. The entrant must submit via email an original affidavit no later than Jan. 31 of the year following the catch to: <u>dfg.dsf.trophyfish@alaska.gov</u>

Affidavit forms are available from Fish & Game offices or you can download one to print here: <u>Trophy Fish Affidavit</u>

- 3. A separate affidavit form must be completed in full and submitted for each entry. Incomplete forms may disqualify entrants.
- 4. Entries must meet minimum weight qualifications and must be weighed on a currently certified scale. The scale must be certified annually by the Division of Weights and Measures. Weighing must occur in the presence of a Trophy Fish Official who must sign the affidavit. Division of Sport Fish biologists may also serve as Trophy Officials. At least one witness is mandatory. The Trophy Fish Official can act as the sole witness.
- 5. The entrant must sign the affidavit in the presence of a Trophy Fish Official. Trophy Fish Officials have been designated at numerous locations throughout Alaska; for a list of Trophy Fish Officials in your area, contact your local ADF&G office or you can download the list here: <u>Trophy Fish Officials</u>
- 6. Length measurements must be straight line measurements from the tip of the snout to the tip of the tail.
- 7. Halibut entries may also qualify by meeting a minimum length requirement of 84 inches. The fish must be measured in the presence of a Trophy Fish Official. Halibut not weighed on a certified scale will not be considered for state or annual records.
- 8. ADF&G reserves the right to check fish identification or to refuse any questionable affidavits. Decisions of the department are final.
- 9. Fish must be legally caught in compliance with current ADF&G sport fishing regulations. Any applicable tags or harvest record requirements must be met. Fish caught from waters not open to the public are not eligible.
- 10. A clear photograph, showing a close-up side view of the fish must accompany each entry form. A size-reference object must be included in the picture.