

BAILIWICK OF GUERNSEY RECORD (ROD CAUGHT) FISH COMMITTEE

Notes for the guidance of claimants

If you think you have caught a record fish in either the boat, shore, mini or freshwater categories: -

1. Contact any of the Committee Members as soon as possible (please see the list of contacts)
2. Obtain the names and addresses of two witnesses to capture whenever possible, or – in the event of no witnesses to the actual capture being available – the names and addresses of some reliable persons who have actually seen the fish at the earliest possible time after capture.
3. The fish should be weighed on modern, tested scales (see rule 3 of the committee's rules) and the correct weight entered on the claim form and verified by two independent witnesses who should not be relations of the claimant
 - a. Fish entered for the mini list (under 1lb. in weight) must be weighed on metric scales in grammes.
 - b. In the case of sharks and other large species, the committee suggests that the fish should be weighed on suitable commercial scales should the committees not be big enough.
4. Preserve your fish intact. This is important until the fish has been positively identified, in the event of a delay occurring between the capture of the fish and formal identification of it by a committee representative, arrange for it to be placed into a refrigerator – and if possible, deep freeze (should they deep frozen please take care to wrap them in cling film). But have it accurately weighed and witnessed first. Fish May also be kept alive in a keep net or container with an aerator.
5. Complete the official claim form, obtaining witnesses' signatures where required, and submit it to a committee member as soon as possible.
6. Whenever possible, please support your claim with photographs. These should be large and in focus, showing as many of the specific characteristics of the species. Photograph of the fish against a plain background with the fins erect (so that fin rays may be counted) placing some object of known size (preferably a foot rule) beside it.
7. The committee will assist any angler to submit claims for British or World records upon request.

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The Committee's Aims And Objectives

To provide an adjudicating body to which anglers may submit claims for record fish taken by fair rod and line angling.

To investigate all such record claims fully and maintain a permanent record of such investigations.

To establish, maintain and frequently publish lists of fishes of record weight caught: -

1. Within the area bounded by the median line with other countries fishing areas, the 12 mile limit from the other countries and to a maximum limit of 30 miles from the nearest land in the Bailiwick.
2. Inland waters (freshwater fish). To exchange record lists with the Jersey record (Rod-Caught) Fish Committee annually; to agree Channel Islands record lists of fishes caught in the sea, and to publish these lists at least once annually.

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The Committee's Rules

Claims can be considered only if the following conditions are satisfied:

1. **Method of Capture:** The fish must be caught by fair rod and line angling. Fish which have been foul-hooked cannot be considered, (the hook must be in the mouth of the fish coming or pointing out not hooked from the outside in this will be deemed as foul hooked, hooks or line that can be removed easily should be removed and those that are deep hooked should at least have the line cut level with fishes mouth)
2. **Identification:** The fish must be identified to the committee's satisfaction.
3. **Weighing:** The fish must be weighed on commercial, club or record committee scales and that the weight is accurately recorded. When weighing a fish, and the pointer on the scale of the weighing machine rests between below graduations, the graduation below that resting place will be accepted as the accurate weight. In no circumstances will claims be considered for fish weighed on a boat, all fish must be weighed ashore.
4. No claims will be considered in the case of a fish which is-
 - a. below the minimum retainable size or weight prescribed by law.
 - b. caught during a close season for that species; or
 - c. caught on any bait during a close season for that bait.
 - d. suffering from any disease by which the weight could be enhanced.
5. The committee reserves the right to reject any claim if not satisfied on any matter which it considers relevant.
6. Each claim must be made on the official form which must be accurately completed with all details.
7. Pontoons will be considered part of the shore when they are permanently attached to the shore with ready access at all states of tides.
8. Claims for boat-caught fish will only be considered if the boat concerned has left and returned to a port in the Channel Islands within a 24 hour period, without calling at any port outside the Channel Islands.
9. Boat caught fish taken in waters that are the responsibility of other countries, (including the Bailiwick of Jersey) or more than 30 miles from shoreline of the Bailiwick of Guernsey will not be considered.
10. The Committee reserves the right to request a signed statement from the skipper of the boat, concerning the position of the capture of the fish, if any doubts exist, or the position of capture is close to any of the prescribed limits.
11. Fish must be caught on rod and line with any legal hook or lure, and hooked and played by one person only. Assistance to land the fish (gaffing or netting) is permitted provided the helper does not touch any part of the tackle other than the leader and / or trace.

12. The conversion factor used in converting metric weight to avoirdupois weight will be 2.2046lbs, to a kilo, the final answer rounded down to the nearest dram. The conversion Factor used in converting avoirdupois weight to metric weight will be 0.4536 Kilos to a pound, the final answer rounded down to the nearest gramme.
13. Claims for fish caught in areas where the authorities have banned anglers will not be considered. (Exceptions to this ruling can be made if the angler(s) have obtained official dispensation (or permission) prior to the start of his/ her angling session)

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