

# Port Macquarie Game Fishing Club Newsletter



“Home of the Golden Lure”  
Issue #10 – April 2026  
Your monthly dose of angling updates.



Happy Easter & Welcome to the April Edition!

The last month has been a cracka.

We've seen some seriously impressive achievements out on the water—from personal bests being smashed to some legendary catches that had us all talking.

We couldn't be prouder of our members.

Whether you're a seasoned pro or still learning, the talent and sportsmanship in this club are second to none.

Huge congrats to everyone who ticked off a goal this month—you guys are making the PMGFC name look damn good!

Hi everyone,

I hope everyone's had a great month of March. It's been a pretty exciting month for fishing, though it has still been a bit hit-and-miss.

We've seen our own committee member, Rene Carroll, have her New South Wales record Cobia officially approved—so congratulations, Rene!

We also held our in-house competition for March. It was great to see so many boats participate, even though the fishing was slow and the weather wasn't favorable. There were still some pretty good fish caught!

Looking forward to next month: we were meant to hold another in-house competition, but due to current fuel prices and the rising cost of living, we've decided to cancel it for that weekend. Major points still apply, but we just won't be holding the formal competition. Instead, we will still hold the Friday night barbecue.

Also, our AGM has been pushed back to May 14th. Due to the work commitments of the executive team, this seemed like a better time to hold it. I hope to see you all there! We will get the paperwork out to you as soon as possible.

Thanks, everyone, and I hope you all have a great month of April fishing!

Club President  
Matthew Hobbs

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> April

**Northern Zone**

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> April

**In House Comp**

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> April

**Major Point Weekend**

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>

**Major Points Weekend**

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm - **Date Change - 14/5/2026**

**Annual General Meeting**

**AGM @ The Club house**



# HIGHLIGHTS

## In-House Challenge

Held in memory of John Young.

John was a valued member of our club and someone who shared a true passion for fishing.



**PMGFC In House Comp**

All financial club members are invited to attend the in house comp

Briefing/BBQ - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March @ 6pm  
( PMGFC Club House )  
Fishing - Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> 7am-5pm  
Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> 7am-2pm  
Presentation- Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> 5pm

**\$100 Entry Fee per boat!**

**PRIZES!**  
1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> T&R  
Highest Point Scoring Capture  
Heaviest Other Game Fish

**The Happy Butcher**

All club fishing rules apply. All entries must be in by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> at 6pm

# HIGHLIGHTS

## Tag & Release Results

1st – Cruel Intentions – 25,000 points

2nd – Deep Intention – 11,500 points

3rd – Bear (Primal) – 11,250 points

## Heaviest Point Scoring Capture

Alcatraz – 339.75 points Dolphin fish

## Heaviest Other Gamefish

Alcatraz – 15.05 kg Dolphin Fish



# HIGHLIGHTS

## Previous Record

6/04/1974

COBLIA

Saltwater

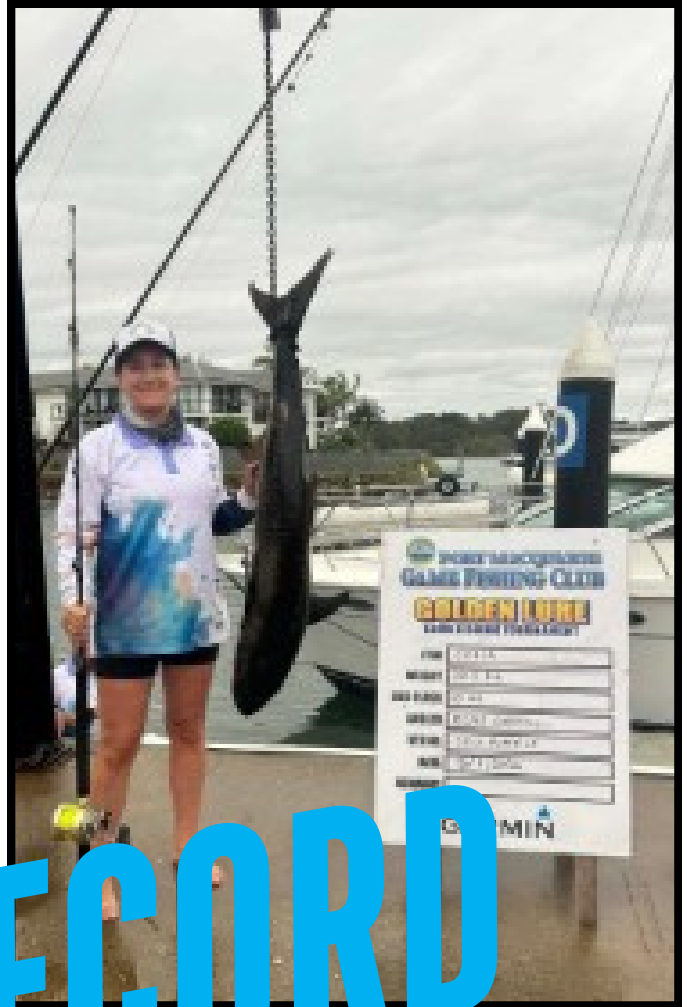
Female

10 Line class

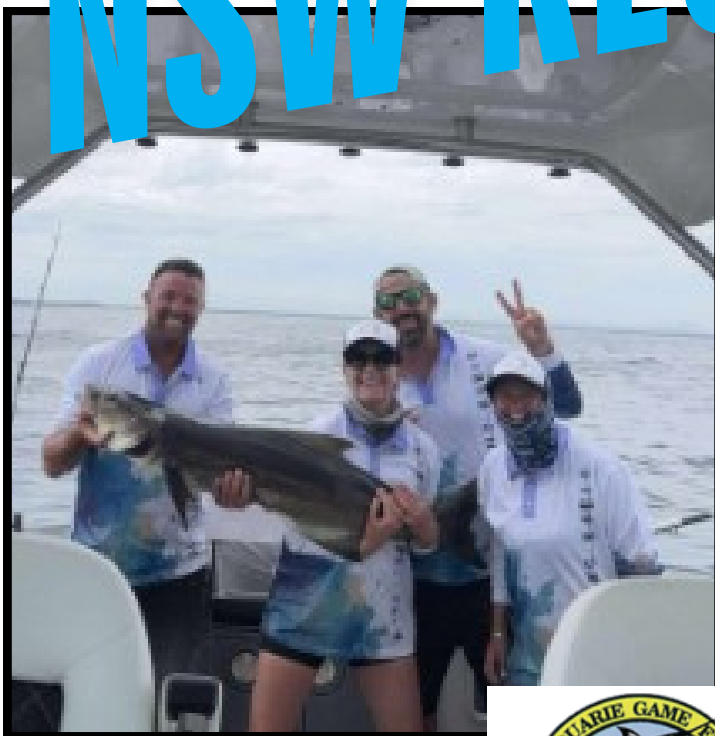
Narelle Thompson

16.1kg

Old Dee Why



# NSW RECORD



## New Record

15/01/2026

COBLIA

Saltwater

Female

10 Line class

Rene Carroll

20.3kg

South West Rocks



## A TRIBUTE TO OUR PMGFC FAMILY

Port Macquarie Game Fishing Club has been running since 1971, and as we look back on our journey, we want to take this opportunity to extend our deepest gratitude to our Life Members, past and every member, both past and present.

Fishing has always been the common thread that pulls us together, but the true heart of this club isn't just the thrill of the catch—it's the lifelong friendships that grow on the water and the stories shared back at the boat ramp.

In Grateful Memory, As we celebrate our community.  
We also pause to remember those who are no longer with us.

Though they have cast their final lines, their spirit remains a part of every sunrise we witness and every tournament we hold.

To the members who have crossed the bar: may you have calm seas and tight lines. You are gone from our sight, but never from our conversation or our hearts.

We thank you all for being part of the PMGFC legacy.  
Here's to the memories we've made and the many more yet to come.



Herman Kaczorowski



John Young

# HIGHLIGHTS



## Inshore sailfish biting

By Kate SHELTON

THIS weekend's forecast is looking supreme, with the moon and tides aligning perfectly for some hot fishing action.

It's the perfect time to get out there, especially since the long-term outlook predicts a few wet weeks ahead.

You'll want to take full advantage of this pristine weather before the rain sets in and the conditions disappear.

In the Hastings region, the fishing scene has been a total hive of activity lately.

School mullet are providing some thrilling light tackle action around the break walls and bridge pylons, while those same rocky structures are yielding plenty of flathead to anglers using live bait or mullet strips.

If you prefer lures,

try to time your session with the incoming high tide for maximum water clarity.

Meanwhile, luderick fans are finding quality fish on cabbage and green weed flies along the walls, and local crabbers are reporting a very productive week with plenty of mud crabs being pulled from the waterways.

The beach and rock fishing scenes are equally rewarding right now. Bream and whiting are in abundance along the southern end of Lighthouse Beach, Shelly Beach, and Queens Head. Rock fishing for tailor is also picking up as the season rolls on, with bream and luderick remaining reliable in the more sheltered spots.

However, the real talk of the town was the massive offshore surge in Plomer Bay

last weekend. Lucky anglers encountered an incredible array of species, including tuna, mackerel, cobia, black marlin, and even sailfish, creating memories that will last a lifetime.

While that level of intensity in the bay isn't a daily occurrence, it's a great reminder of what happens when the currents and moon phases hit that sweet spot.

Heading south to the Camden Haven, the luderick fishing has been nothing short of exceptional, particularly around the river's break walls.

The bream fishing is also outstanding now, with fish pushing the kilo mark being caught on pilchards.

Over at Lake Cathie, things remain consistent for whiting, flathead, and

bream, with prawns being the standout bait choice.

If you're heading offshore, the snapper numbers are looking very healthy this season off Lake Cathie and the Bonny Hills reefs, where you might even snag a sporadic mackerel if you're lucky.

Finally, looking north to the Macleay River, there has been a noticeable jump in whiting activity in the upper reaches.

Rock fishing enthusiasts are having luck at the headlands near the Gaol and Crescent Head, where rumours of cobia, tuna, and the occasional kingfish are circulating.

Offshore fishing in the Macleay region is also on the rise, with successful boats landing impressive catches of mackerel, mahi mahi, cobia, and tuna this week.



Dynamic Duo, Troy Boese and Harriet Crowley celebrate the successful catch and release of a magnificent sailfish over the weekend.



Local anglers Finn and Thomas with a sailfish landed during the peak of the recent offshore activity.



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**We all love to fish for the fun of it, but sometimes we get lucky and land a potential record-breaker!**

**Separate forms for a State or Australian record.**

Did you know you can check every official record on the GFAA app? It's super easy to use—just filter by line class, state, or category to see the record!

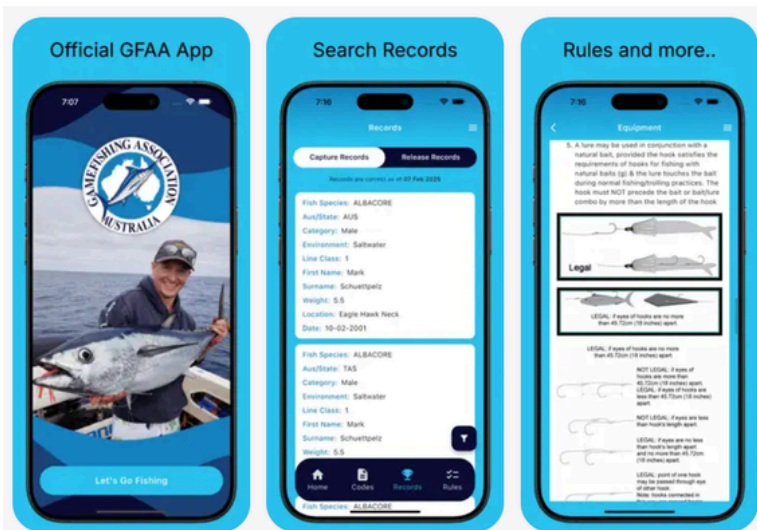
If you think you've got a winner, remember that the GFAA has very strict rules on equipment (like leader lengths and hook rigs) and documentation (like specific photo angles and scale certification).

It's always worth a quick look at the "Rules" section in the app while you're still on the water to make sure your claim won't be disqualified.



## **How the GFAA App Helps You Track Records**

- **Line Class:** Crucial for those who love "light line" challenges. You can filter by standard classes.
- **State & Territory:** You can toggle between National (Australian) records and specific state records for NSW, QLD, VIC, SA, TAS, NT, and WA.
- **Angler Category:** It's not just one big list; you can filter by Men's, Women's, Junior (under 16), and Smallfry (under 11).
- **Environment & Method:** Separate categories for Saltwater, Freshwater, Fly Fishing, and even Land-based captures.
- **All-Tackle Length:** If you're a catch-and-release fisher, this is the section for you—records based on the fish's length (in cm) rather than weight.



# Records



## Australian record requirements

Gamefish captures can only be considered for Game Fishing Association of Australia (GFAA) record status if they are caught according to GFAA Rules. Following is the information and procedures for filing claims. A fee of \$20.00 (incl. GST) is required for filing an Australian record application. **All materials submitted become the property of GFAA.**

### Australian record categories

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

1. GFAA maintains Australian records for both freshwater and saltwater gamefishes in Line Class, Tippet Class and All Tackle categories.
2. To qualify for official recording and granting of GFAA records, gamefish, rays and sharks must be caught by a financial or life member of a club affiliated with a state branch of GFAA. In order to qualify for a vacant GFAA record a fish must be at least equal in weight to the line or tippet class in which the record is claimed. For a fish to replace an existing record it must outweigh the current record by an amount as shown in the section 'Weight Required to Defeat or Tie an Existing Record' under Regulations Governing Record Catches.
3. No application will be accepted for fish caught in hatchery waters, sanctuaries or banned fishing areas in national parks. The catch must not be at variance with any laws or regulations governing the species or the waters in which it was caught.
4. GFAA will not accept any record application generated from within a non-sanctioned tournament other than an internal club competition.
5. When an additional species of gamefish is made eligible for GFAA records, the effective date will be announced. Fishes caught on or after this date will be eligible for records. An announcement of additional species will be made in the Australian Game Fishing Records and Rules or by notification to State Association Secretaries.
6. **Men:** male persons who have attained the age of 16 years and over.  
**Women:** female persons who have attained the age of 16 years and over.  
**Juniors:** male and female persons who have attained the age of 11 years but not yet attained the age of 16 years.  
**Small Fry:** male and female persons who have not yet attained the age of 11 years.

#### CATEGORIES

Records may be claimed in the following categories and subcategories.

1. All records in Saltwater, Freshwater, Saltwater Fly and Land-based Saltwater may only be claimed within their age and gender categories – with the exception of All-Tackle records.
2. For each species and line class, a new category for Overall record will be created effective 7 October 2017. The Overall record must exceed all existing records for that species and line class to be eligible.

#### LINE CLASS CATEGORIES

Line Class records are maintained according to wet testing strength of line used by the angler. (See 'Appendix A' for testing standards.) Records are kept in the following line class categories: 1kg, 2kg, 3kg, 4kg, 6kg, 8kg, 10kg, 15kg, 24kg, 37kg and 60kg.

#### ALL TACKLE RECORDS

All Tackle records are for the heaviest capture of each GFAA-recognised gamefish species caught under GFAA Record Requirements, Rules and Regulations and Line Categories.

#### FLY ROD CATEGORIES

Australian fly rod records are maintained according to tippet strength of line used by the angler. The tippet is wet tested using the same procedure as for other lines.

Records are kept for the same recognised saltwater and freshwater species in the following tippet classes: 1kg, 2kg, 3kg, 4kg, 6kg, 8kg, 10kg and 15kg.

*Note: For 15kg tippet please refer to Rules for Flyfishing – Equipment Regulations – subsection H for Tackle Regulations.*



#### Record General Information Game Fishing Association Australia (GFAA)

For gamefish to be eligible for a vacant GFAA Record they must be at least equal in weight to the line or tippet class i...

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# GFAA Australian Record Application

Form for Recording Freshwater and Saltwater Gamefish Catches

Read all GFAA angling rules and requirements before completing and signing this application. The angler's signature on the completed form must be witnessed by a notary. This application must be accompanied by line or tippet samples complete with double, leader and hooks, clear photographs as specified in the GFAA Record Requirements, current certification of the scale on which the fish was weighed and the filing fee. If the lure does not accompany the claim, then a photograph of the rig and a sized drawing of the lure must be included. Hybrids and other species which may pose a problem of identity should be examined by an ichthyologist or qualified fishery biologist.

**I am submitting this application for:** (tick one only)

Saltwater  
Saltwater Landbased    Saltwater Fly

Freshwater                      Freshwater Fly

**In the category:** (tick those that apply)

Mens  
Womens

Junior Male

Small Fry Male                      Junior Female    (under 16)

Small Fry Female (under 11)

**Capture Clubs:** (tick those that apply)

20 to 1 Club                      1000lb Club

15 to 1 Club                      \* Assistance Certificate

10 to 1 Club                      \* Boat Plaque

(\*see separate application form)

Line or tippet class ..... kg

**SPECIES**

Common name.....

Scientific name.....

WEIGHT .....kg

LENGTH (see measurement diagrams): X to X.....mm/XX to XX ..... mm

GIRTH (see measurement diagrams) .....mm

DATE OF CAPTURE:.....

LOCATION OF CAPTURE.....

STATE:.....

Was this fish captured during a tournament? YES/NO

Name of tournament.....

Was this tournament sanctioned? YES/NO

**METHOD OF CATCH** (trolling, casting, flyfishing, etc)

FIGHTING TIME.....  
ANGLER:.....

(please print as you wish it to appear on your record certificate)

Permanent address (include state and postcode):.....

Angler's fishing club.....

**EQUIPMENT**

Rod  
Make.....

Tip length (centre reel to end of tip): ..... mm

Butt length (centre reel to lower end of butt): ..... mm

**Reel**

Make:.....Size:.....

**Line or tippet**

Make:.....Size:.....

Length of double line.....mm.....

Make of backing.....Size.....

**OTHER EQUIPMENT**

Type of Gaff.....Length..... mm

Length of trace or leader... ..... mm

Number of hooks:.....

Name of lure, fly or bait:.....

**BOAT** (if used)

Name:.....

Make.....Length ..... mts

I/we certify that this capture was made in accordance with GFAA rules.

Captain's name.....

Signature.....

Address.....

Mate's name.....

Signature.....

Address:.....

**WITNESS TO THE WEIGHT**

Witnesses to weight (other than angler, captain or weighmaster)

Name:.....

Signature:.....

Address.....

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**WITNESSES TO CATCH**

Witnesses to catch (other than captain). List two names and addresses if possible. On fly rod records a witness is mandatory.

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2.....

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Number of persons witnessing catch:.....

**SCALES**

Location:.....

Type:.....

Manufacturer.....

Date last certified:.....

**Person and/or agency that certified scales**

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Scales must have been certified within 12 months prior to the date of capture

**WEIGHMASTER**

Name:.....

Signature:.....

(see check list)

Address:.....

**VERIFICATION OF SPECIES IDENTITY**

(see GFAA record requirements)

Signature of examining ichthyologist:

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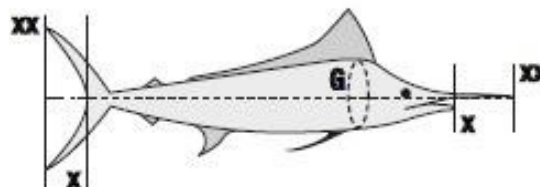
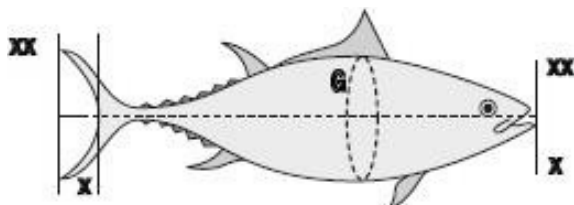
Address.....

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**Species Measurements**

Measure as indicated below, take lengths from x to x and xx to xx. Take girth around the fish on the line marked G or at largest dimension location.



# Statutory Declaration

Name:.....

Address:.....

Occupation:.....

I do solemnly and sincerely declare that the fish described in this Application for an Australian Record was hooked, fought and brought to gaff by me without assistance, that it was caught strictly in accordance with the Rules of the Game Fishing Association of Australia, and that the line submitted with this application is the actual line used to catch the fish. I further declare that I am a financial member of a gamefishing club or a gamefishing division within a club affiliated with GFAA.

And I make this solemn declaration by virtue of the Statutory Declaration Act 1959, and subject to the penalties provided by that Act for the making of false statements in Statutory Declarations, conscientiously believing the statements contained in this declaration to be true in every particular.

Signed.....

Declared at.....the.....day of.....20.....

Before me:.....

Title:.....

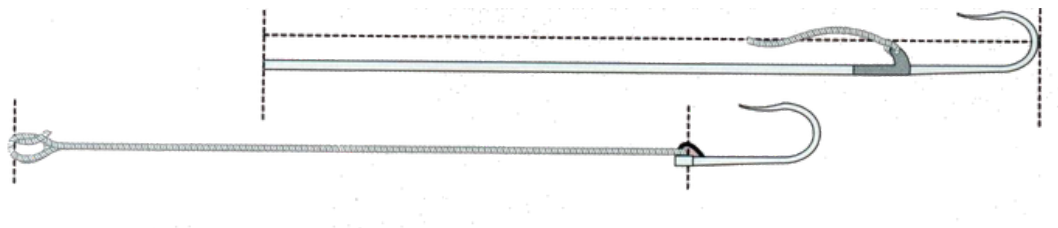
If a Smallfry/Junior record application, give the Applicants date of birth:.....

## THE FOLLOWING ITEMS MUST ACCOMPANY THIS CLAIM

- 1 The first 16m of the actual line used in the capture, including the entire double line and the leader. A full length photograph of the fish showing dorsal and pectoral fins, angler and tackle used and scales.
- 2 Photograph showing the teeth of shark. Photograph/tracing of any two-hook arrangement used and lure showing the necessary arrangements and measurements. Certificate of scales. Filing fee of \$35.00 (incl. GST) payable to GFAA for each record claim. Additional Filing fee of \$35.00 (incl. GST) for 10 to 1, 15 to 1 & 20 to 1 claims. Additional Filing fee of \$110.00 (incl. GST) 1000lb claim. Late Payment, where applicable, \$110.00 (incl. GST) payable to GFAA.

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The application must be forwarded to the Recorder of GFAA through the State branch in whose waters the capture was made.  
Note: This Statutory Declaration must be witnessed by a JP or an authorized Notary.



# Check List

	Angler	Weigh Master	Club Sec	State Assoc	GFAA Remarks
CHECK GFAA RULES	□ □	□ □	□ □	□ □	.....
CHECK SPECIES	□ □	□ □	□ □	□ □	.....
CHECK FOR MUTILIATIONS (if any full explanations) Mutilation which could affect fighting capabilities will disqualify capture).	□ □	□ □	□ □	□ □	.....
LINE: ONE PIECE 16.0M	□ □	□ □	□ □		.....
Including double.					
DOUBLE LENGTH OK	□ □	□ □	□ □		.....
Including knots, swivels, clips, etc.					
LEADER LENGTH OK	□ □	□ □	□ □		.....
Including hook, lure, etc				□ □	
HOOK ARRANGEMENT OK	□ □	□ □	□ □	□ □ □ □ □ □ □ □	.....
ROD & REEL OK & MEASURED	□ □	□ □	□ □	□ □	.....
GAFFS CHECKED & MEASURED	□ □	□ □	□ □	□ □	.....
WEIGHING	□ □	□ □	□ □	□ □	.....
To nearest LOWER graduation NET weight.					
SCALE TEST CERTIFICATE OK	□ □	□ □	□ □	□ □	.....
& ENCLOSED WITH CLAIM					
CAPTURE CERTIFICATE OK & ENCLOSED	□ □	□ □	□ □	□ □	.....
PHOTOS					
1. Show full length of fish, dorsal fin, Pectoral fins, tackle used and scales.	□ □	□ □	□ □	□ □	.....
2. Sharks teeth.	□ □	□ □	□ □	□ □	.....
3. Any unusual scars, etc.	□ □	□ □	□ □	□ □	.....
4. Lure if not included with claim. Mark length on back of photo.	□ □	□ □	□ □	□ □ □ □	.....
FISH IDENTIFICATION POSITIVE	□ □	□ □	□ □	□ □	.....
FEE ENCLOSED	□ □	□ □	□ □		.....

Date received by Club...../...../.....

Date received by State Association...../...../.....

Date received by GFAA...../...../.....

**Note: Late fee will apply unless claim reaches GFAA within two (2) months of capture except in extenuating circumstances.**



# Records

(a) The Association shall maintain state records, as laid down in the Objects of the Association (Object g), NSW shall issue Record Certificates where appropriate in the following categories: men's, ladies, male & female juniors and male & female small fry. Saltwater, Freshwater, Fly and Land-based Saltwater and as from the 21st July 2018 a new specific NSW Waters only type record category called "with attached Backing" Records for all categories are kept in the following line classes 1kg, 2kg, 3kg, 4kg, 6kg, 8kg, 10kg, 15kg, 24kg, 37kg and 60kg.

The new category type is based on the following rule which applies for all Australian/other Australian States and IGFA World Records, however those bodies only have one type category record whereas NSW has 2 split categories, one with no backing attached (existing records) and the new one with attached backing where the following equipment regulation applies.

## Line and Backing

1. The use of backing is permissible. (Note: there is no restriction on the type or size of backing used as long as it is Monofilament, multifilament, lead core multifilament but not wire.)
2. The catch shall be classified under the breaking strength of the first five metres of the line preceding the double, leader and hook. This section must be comprised of a single homogenous piece of line (for record claims, 16m of the single line must be supplied).

Note: Small Fry shall be under the age of eleven (11) years when the capture is made. Junior anglers shall be under the age of sixteen (16) years when the capture is made.

b) All applications for NSW Records must be accompanied by full substantiative certification (as required by GFAA for Australian records) and such claims must be forwarded by the angler's club to the NSWGFA Office within six weeks of the date of the capture. Claims received after two (2) months will only be considered at the discretion of the Association when a suitable explanation for the delay is furnished. Any claim received after two months will have a payment of \$110.00 (incl. GST) fine applied on top of the standard filing fee.

c) Procedures for line testing and adjudication of NSW Records Claims shall be the same as those set out and used by GFAA from time to time and by NSWGFA regarding the new category with attached backing.

d) Any Game Fish species being weighed for trophies, points, prize money or records are to be weighed in one piece with head & tail attached.

## Game Fishing in New South Wales NSW Game Fishing Association

Game Fishing in NSW is run by the NSWGFA

[nswgfa.com.au](http://nswgfa.com.au)

## Eligible Species

(a) Eligible species and category list

*Note: Certain conditions apply to some of the following listed \*species.*

**MARLIN** – Black, Blue, Striped

**SHARKS** – \*Blue, \*Hammerhead(Smooth Only) Except for the Scalloped Hammerhead and Great Hammerhead, \*Mako (all), \*Porbeagle, \*Thresher (all), \*Tiger, \*Whaler (all)

**Tagging of White Sharks** – *The incidental hooking, fighting and tagging and releasing of a White Shark in Commonwealth Waters (outside 3NM) is permitted for scientific purposes and T&R points will be awarded in all tournaments including club point-scores. This species cannot be targeted. For clarity, the NSW GFA President advised that a dispensation has been granted by the Federal Government.*

### OTHER GAMEFISH

**Other Billfish** – Sailfish, \*Broadbill, Shortbill Spearfish

**Tuna** – Bigeye, Bluefin, Southern Bluefin, Dogtooth, Yellowfin, Longtail, Albacore, \*Kawa Kawa, \*Striped Tuna

**Miscellaneous** – Wahoo, Narrow Barred (Spanish) Mackerel, \*Yellowtail Kingfish, Cobia, Barracuda, \*Mahi Mahi

**For Preparation of a NSW Record & everything you'll need before applying.**

**Check out NSWGFA Website below**

[https://www.nswgfa.com.au/cmsAdmin/uploads/preparation-of-a-record-claim\\_001.pdf](https://www.nswgfa.com.au/cmsAdmin/uploads/preparation-of-a-record-claim_001.pdf)

# NSWGFA - NSW Record Application

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**I am submitting this application for:** (tick one only)

Saltwater  Saltwater Land based

Saltwater Fly  Freshwater   
 Freshwater Fly

**In the category:** (tick those that apply)

(B) With Backing

Mens   
 Mens (B)

Womens   
 Womens (B)

Juniors Male (under 16)  JuniorsFemale(under16)   
 Juniors Male (under 16) (B)  JuniorsFemale(under16) (B)

Small Fry Male (under 11)  Small Fry Female (under 11)   
 Small Fry Male (under 11)(B)  Small Fry Female (under 11) (B)

Line or tippet class.....kg

**SPECIES**

Common name.....

Scientific name.....

WEIGHT.....kg

LENGTH (see measurement diagrams):

X to X.....mm/XX to XX.....mm

GIRTH (see measurement diagrams):

\_\_\_\_\_ mm

DATE OF CAPTURE:.....

LOCATION OF CAPTURE.....

STATE:.....

Was this fish captured during a tournament? YES/NO

Name of tournament.....

Was this tournament sanctioned? YES/NO

**METHOD OF CATCH** (trolling, casting, flyfishing, etc)

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FIGHTING TIME.....

ANGLER:.....

(please print as you wish it to appear on your record certificate)

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Permanent address (include state and postcode):

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Angler's fishing club.....

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**EQUIPMENT**

**Rod**

Make.....

Tip length (centre reel to end of tip):.....mm

Butt length (centre reel to lower end of butt):.....mm

**Reel**

Make:.....Size:.....

**Lineortippet**

Make:.....Size:.....

Length of double line.....mm.....

Make of backing.....Size.....

(If Used)

**OTHER EQUIPMENT**

Type of Gaff.....Length.....mm

Length of trace or leader.....mm

Number of hooks:.....

Name of lure, fly or bait:.....

**BOAT** (if used)

Name:.....  
Make.....Length.....mts  
I/we certify that this capture was made in accordance with GFAA rules.  
Captain's name.....  
Signature.....  
Address.....  
Mate's name.....  
Signature.....  
Address:.....

**SCALES**

Location:.....  
Type:.....  
Manufacturer.....  
Date last certified:.....  
**Person and/or agency that certified scales**  
.....  
Scales must have been certified within 12 months prior to

the date of capture

**WEIGHMASTER**

Name:.....  
Signature:.....  
(see check list)  
Address:.....  
.....

**WITNESSES**

Witnesses to weighing (other than angler, captain or weighmaster)

Name:.....  
Signature:.....  
Address.....  
.....  
Name:.....  
Signature.....  
Address.....  
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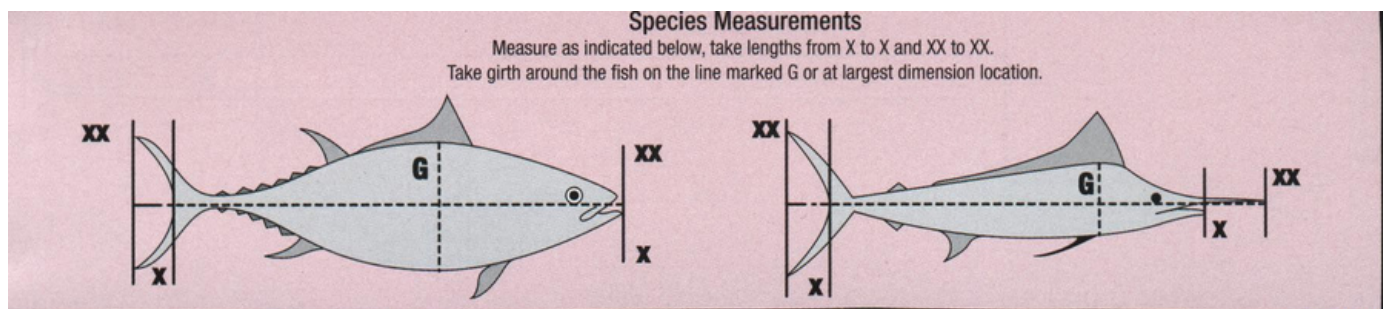
Witnesses to catch (other than captain). List two names and addresses if possible. On fly rod records a witness is mandatory.

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Number of persons witnessing catch:.....

**VERIFICATION OF SPECIES IDENTITY**

(see GFAA record requirements) Signature of examining ichthyologist:

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Address.....  
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# Statutory Declaration

Name:.....

Address:.....

Occupation:.....

I do solemnly and sincerely declare that the fish described in this Application for an Australian Record was hooked, fought and brought to gaff by me without assistance, that it was caught strictly in accordance with the Rules of the Game Fishing Association of Australia, and that the line submitted with this application is the actual line used to catch the fish. I further declare that I am a financial member of a game fishing club or a game fishing division within a club affiliated with GFAA.

And I make this solemn declaration by virtue of the Statutory Declaration Act 1959, and subject to the penalties provided by that Act for the making of false statements in Statutory Declarations, conscientiously believing the statements contained in this declaration to be true in every particular.

Signed.....

Declared at.....the.....day of.....20.....

Before me:.....

Title:.....

If a Small fry/Junior record application, give the Applicants date of birth:.....

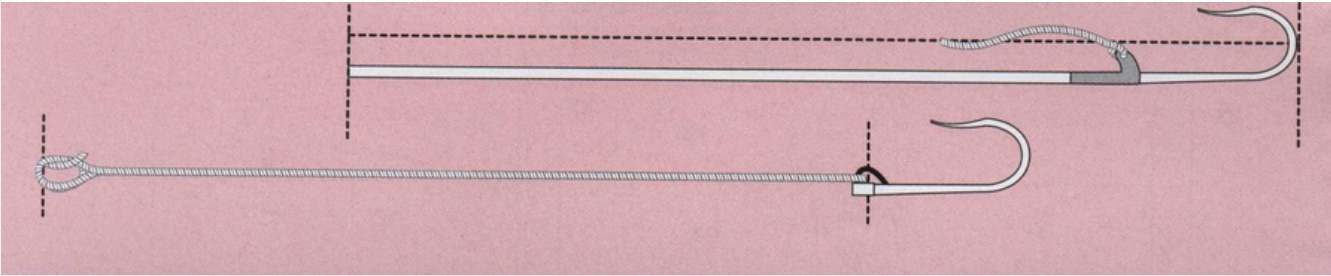
**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS MUST ACCOMPANY THIS CLAIM**

- 1. The first 16m of the actual line used in the capture, including the entire double line and the leader.
- 2. A full-length photograph of the fish showing dorsal and pectoral fins, angler and tackle used and scales showing weight of fish.
- 3. Photograph showing the teeth of shark.
- 4. Photograph/tracing of any two-hook arrangement used and lure showing the necessary arrangements and measurements.
- 5. Certificate of scales.
- 6. Filing fee of \$55.00 (incl. GST) plus any other applicable fee. payable to NSWGFA for each claim. **Pay to NSWGFA Records account: BSB: 082 574, Account Number: 949 712 434 please use angler name as a reference**
- 7. All record claims are to be received by NSWGFA within 45 days from the date of capture – records received after the 45 Days from the date of Capture may incur a \$55.00.

When completely filled out and signed, forward this application with photos and line sample to your club by the quickest means for submission to NSWGFA.

Note: This Statutory Declaration must be witnessed by a JP or an authorized Notary.

**Post Records to:  
NSWGFA Records Officer  
Grahame Williams, OAM  
Po Box 10, Marulan, NSW 2579**



# Check List

	Angler	Weigh Master	Club Sec	NSWGFA	NSWGFA Remarks
CHECK GFAA & NSWGFA RULES		<input type="checkbox"/>			.....
CHECK SPECIES		<input type="checkbox"/>			.....
CHECK FOR MUTILIATIONS <small>(if any full explanations) Mutilation which could affect fighting capabilities will disqualify capture).</small>		<input type="checkbox"/>			.....
LINE: ONE PIECE 16.0M  Including double.		<input type="checkbox"/>			.....
DOUBLE LENGTH OK  Including knots, swivels, clips, etc.		<input type="checkbox"/>			.....
LEADER LENGTH OK  Including hook, lure, etc		<input type="checkbox"/>			.....
HOOK ARRANGEMENT OK		<input type="checkbox"/>			.....
ROD & REEL OK & MEASURED		<input type="checkbox"/>			.....
GAFFS CHECKED & MEASURED		<input type="checkbox"/>			.....
WEIGHING To nearest LOWER graduation NET weight. SCALE TEST CERTIFICATE OK & ENCLOSED WITH CLAIM		<input type="checkbox"/>			.....
CAPTURE CERTIFICATE OK & ENCLOSED		<input type="checkbox"/>			.....
PHOTOS					
1. Show full length of fish, dorsal fin, Pectoral fins, tackle used and scales.		<input type="checkbox"/>			.....
2. Photo of Scale showing weight of fish		<input type="checkbox"/>			.....
3. Sharks teeth.		<input type="checkbox"/>			.....
4. Any unusual scars, etc.		<input type="checkbox"/>			.....
5. Lure if not included with claim. Mark length on back of photo.		<input type="checkbox"/>			.....
FISH IDENTIFICATION POSITIVE		<input type="checkbox"/>			.....
FEE ENCLOSED		<input type="checkbox"/>			.....

**Note: Claim must reach NSWGFA  
within 45 Days of capture.**

Date received by Club...../...../.....  
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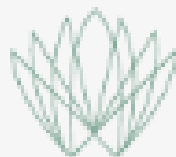
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