

**STATE OF GEORGIA
SALTWATER GAMEFISH RECORDS ENTRY FORM
FOR
GAMEFISH RECORDS AND OUTSTANDING CATCHES**

Read all angling rules and Georgia Saltwater Gamefish Record requirements before completing and signing this application. This application must be accompanied by photographs as specified in the State record requirements.

DIVISION

___ Women's Men's

SPECIES

Common name: Black Sea Bass

MEASUREMENTS (See measurements diagram below)

Weight: 5 lbs 12 oz 2.61

Fork Length (x to x): _____ inches

Total Length (xx to xx): 21 inches

Girth: _____ inches

DATE OF CATCH: 3/26/98

PLACE OF CATCH: (Be specific as possible) _____

METHOD OF CATCH (trolling, casting, fly fishing, etc.): _____

Gulf Stream near Naval Tower (R2)

ANGLER (print name as you wish it to appear on record certificate):

Willie J. Oakman

Permanent address (include Zip code): _____

Beech Island, S.C. Phone: _____

Fishing Club affiliation: 29841

Angler's age (not required): 42

EQUIPMENT

Rod: Boat issued Reel: PENN Reel
(make & length) (make)

Line (make & test) _____

Name of lure or bait _____

Terminal rig description (include hook number, types, & arrangement) _____

BOAT (if used)

Name: Amicks Deep Sea Fishing

Captain's Name: Capt. Steve Amick

Signature: _____

Address: _____

Savannah, Georgia Phone: (912) 897-6759

SCALES

Location: Galles Seafood, Augusta, Ga.

Date last certified: Jan., 1998 NA. called 4/21

Certifying Agency: Ga. Dept. of Agriculture

Weighmaster: David Galle

Signature: _____

Address: _____
Augusta, Ga Phone: _____

WITNESSES

Witness to catch (other than angler or captain): _____

Robbie Robinson

Beech Island, S.C. Phone: () _____

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

_____ Phone () _____

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: (fighting time, equipment used, additional witnesses, etc.) Steve Amick knew this was a

big sea bass and boat scale indicated ~ 7 lbs. He told me to follow up on it.

AFFIDAVIT

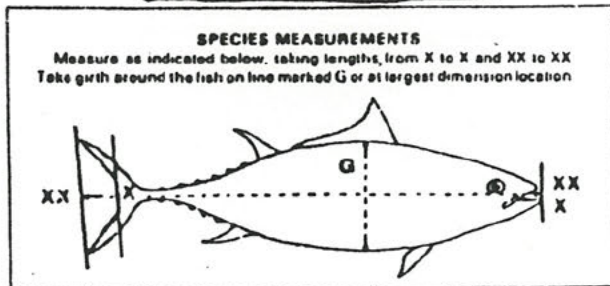
I, the undersigned, hereby take oath and attest that the fish described in this application was hooked, fought, and brought to gaff by me without assistance from anyone, except as specifically provided in the regulations; and that it was caught in accordance with Georgia Saltwater Gamefish Records angling rules. I further declare that all information in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Willie J. Oakman

Date: 4/12/98, 19 _____

When completely filled out and signed, mail this application with photos by quickest means to:

Saltwater Gamefish Records
Coastal Resources Division
Georgia Department of Natural Resources



**COASTAL RESOURCES DIVISION
GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
1 CONSERVATION WAY, Suite 300
BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA 31528-8688**

(912) - 264 - 7218

Willie J. Oakman

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April 17, 1998

Georgia Department of Natural Resources
Coastal Resources Division
One Conservation Way
Brunswick, Georgia

Dear Mr. Ansley,

Please find enclosed the requested information for the black sea bass that I caught with Steve Amick Charters. The second picture is of my son, William, holding the big fish. It was a good day fishing.

I have been deep sea fishing since I was a high school student. I enjoy being out on the ocean and catching fish. My first trips out of Savannah were on the Neva Miss charters and since that time they have been with Steve. I have better catches out of Savannah rather than Charleston.

When I went to get the fish weighed on the day after catching it, I expected a something in the range of 7 lbs. since that was the result of weighing it on the boat. I did not realize the fish dehydrate so quickly. However, I am following up on our discussion and submitting the information.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Willie J. Oakman

**GEORGIA SALTWATER GAMEFISH RECORDS PROGRAM
RECORDS REVIEW COMMITTEE**

DATE: 4/21/98

Please find attached for your review, comment, and approval/disapproval an application for consideration as a Georgia Saltwater Gamefish Record, Outstanding Catch, or both (indicate one).

SPECIFICATIONS

Species: Black Sea Bass Division: Women's X Men's

Current Record: 5 lbs 11 oz oz

Weight Needed: 5 lbs 15 oz oz

Entry Weight: 5 lbs 12 oz oz

Date Received: 4/20/98

NOTES: Please find attached entry form & photos (2). ~~the~~ Once the entry does not exceed the existing record by 4 oz, it will be a tie record, if approved. Mr. Capum caught fish 3/26. I talked to him on 3/27. He likely didn't weigh it until 3/28! at capture, Brinct's spring scale showed around 7 lbs.

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REVIEW COMMITTEE

REVIEW COMMITTEE	Approved New Record	Approved Tie Record	Disapproved Record (Explain)	Approved Outstanding Catch	Disapproved Outstanding Catch	Comments (use back for additional space)
Duane Harris, Director Coastal Resources	<u>DAH</u> 4/23					
Susan Shipman, Chief Coastal Fisheries Section	<u>SS</u> 4/22/98					
Jim Music, Leader Commercial Fisheries Program	<u>JM</u> 4/22/98					
John Pafford, Leader Recreational Fisheries Prog.	<u>JP</u> 4/22/98					
Henry Ansley, Leader OCS Program	<u>HA</u> 4/21/98					



July 13, 1998

Mr. Willie J. Oakman

[REDACTED]
Beech Island, South Carolina 29841

Dear Mr. Oakman:

I wish to personally congratulate you on your exceptional catch, which has been accepted as a Georgia Saltwater Gamefish Record and ties the existing men's record for black sea bass. Under the program's rules and regulations, your catch would have to weigh at least 4 ounces more than the existing record to replace it. Since your entry only exceeds the existing record by 1 ounce, it could not officially break the record.

Enclosed is a certificate that serves not only to recognize the size of the catch, but also the angler's skill and the sportmanship displayed in the landing of a gamefish record. Again, congratulations on your achievement, and thank you for your participation in Georgia's Saltwater Gamefish Records Program.

Sincerely,

Duane Harris

Enclosure

cc: Captain Steve Amick, Amick's Deep Sea Fishing
Records Review Committee

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