



October 23, 2009

Zachery Gross

[REDACTED]  
Matthews, NC 28105-8850

Dear Mr. Gross:

I wish to personally congratulate you on your exceptional catch of a 22 pound, 7.68-ounce bonnethead shark on August 16, 2009. Due to the extraordinary size of the fish a new bonnethead category has been established and your catch has been accepted as the first Georgia Men's Saltwater Gamefish Record for bonnethead. Enclosed is a certificate that serves not only to recognize the size of the catch, but also the angler's skill and the sportsmanship displayed in the landing of a Gamefish Record.

Congratulations on your achievement, and thank you for your participation in Georgia's Saltwater Gamefish Records Program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Susan Shipman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Susan Shipman  
Director

Enclosure

cc: Records Review Committee

APPLICATION FORM

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

Read all angling rules 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.

1. DIVISION \_\_\_\_\_ Women's  Men's

2. SPECIES (Common name): BONNETHEAD SHARK

3. MEASUREMENTS

Weight 22 lbs. 48 oz.

Fork Length<sup>1</sup>: 40 1/4 inches Total length<sup>2</sup>: 49 3/4 inches Girth<sup>3</sup>: 17 3/8 inches

<sup>1</sup> Tip of snout to the inner fork of the tail. <sup>2</sup> Tip of snout to end of tail - maximum length. <sup>3</sup> Distance around thickest part of body.

4. DATE OF CATCH: AUG 16, 2009

5. PLACE OF CATCH (Be specific as possible): GOULDS INLET, ST. SIMONS, GA.  
MOUTH OF INLET AT LOW TIDE

6. METHOD OF CATCH (trolling, casting, fly fishing, etc.): BOTTOM FISHING IN SURF, CASTING

7. ANGLER (print name as you wish it to appear on certificate): ZACKERY GROSS

Permanent address (include Zip code): \_\_\_\_\_  
MATTHEWS, NC. 28105 - 8850

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Fishing Club Affiliation: N/A Angler's Age (not required): 13

8. EQUIPMENT

Rod: ANDE TOURNAMENT 7' MED ACTION GRAPHITE Reel: MITCHELL BAIL SPINNING REEL  
15 lb. (make & length) (make)

Line (make & test): QUATTRO PLUS Name of lure or bait: FINGER MULLET

Terminal rig description (include hook number, types, & arrangement): 60 LB NYLON COATED WIRE LEADER, 2 OZ WEIGHT  
WITH 12° CIRCLE SEA EAGLE CLAW HOOK 9.

BOAT (if used)

Name: N/A

Captain's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

**GEORGIA SALTWATER GAMEFISH RECORDS PROGRAM  
REVIEW COMMITTEE**

DATE: 9/16/09

Name: Zackery Gross

SPECIES: Bonnethead Shark

DIVISION:      WOMEN'S              MEN'S X

CURRENT RECORD:      LBS.              OZ.

WEIGHT NEEDED:      LBS.              OZ.

ENTRY WEIGHT:      22 LBS.              7.68 OZ.

DATE ENTRY RECEIVED:              8/31/2009

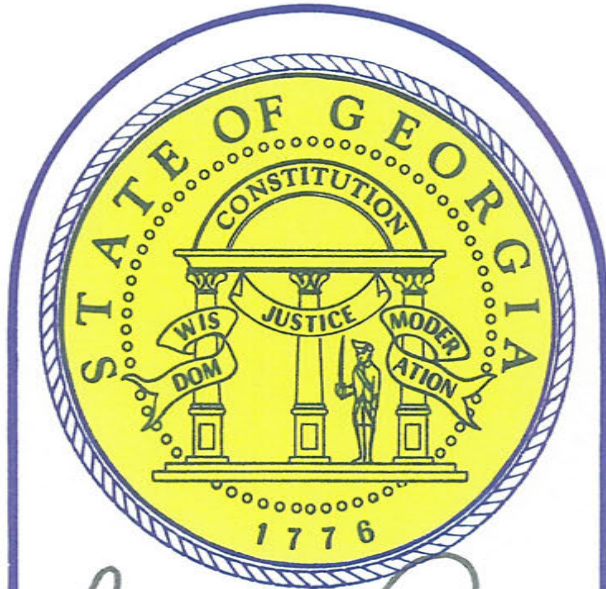
notes

Bonnethead is not currently a record species. If you indicate that you agree with a new record, then it will be added to the species list. If not, then you may indicate an outstanding catch. Note: though a record form was never circulated, in May of 2007, members of this committee verbally rejected creating a bonnethaed category for a fish weiguing 17 lbs 8 oz.

REVIEW COMMITTEE	APPROVED <u>NEW</u> RECORD	APPROVED <u>TIE</u> RECORD	DISAPPROVED RECORD <i>(explain below &amp; back)</i>	APPROVED Outstanding Catch	DISAPPROVED Outstanding Catch <i>(explain below &amp; back)</i>
Susan Shipman, Director Coastal Resources Division	<i>SS</i> 9/23/09				
Spud Woodward, Asst. Director Coastal Resources Division	<i>[Signature]</i> 9/24/09				
Patrick Geer, Supervisor Research & Surveys Program	<i>[Signature]</i> 9/24/09				
Doug Haymans, Supervisor Constituent Services Program					
Carolyn Belcher Marine Biologist 2	<i>Carolyn Belcher</i>				



# State of Georgia Saltwater Gamefish Record



*Zachery Gross*

holds the  
*Men's Record*

for a  
*Bonnethead Shark*

*Sphyrna tiburo*

Lbs. 22 Oz. 7.68 Kg. 10.20 Date: August 16, 2009

*Sonny Perdue*

GOVERNOR State of Georgia

*Bob Clark*

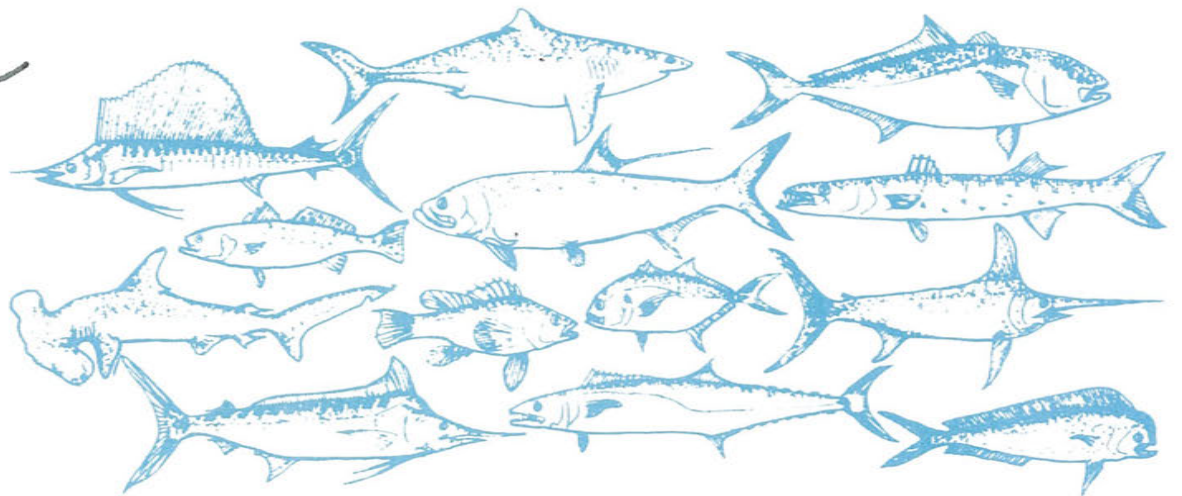
COMMISSIONER Department of Natural Resources

*Susan Sherman*

DIRECTOR Coastal Resources Division

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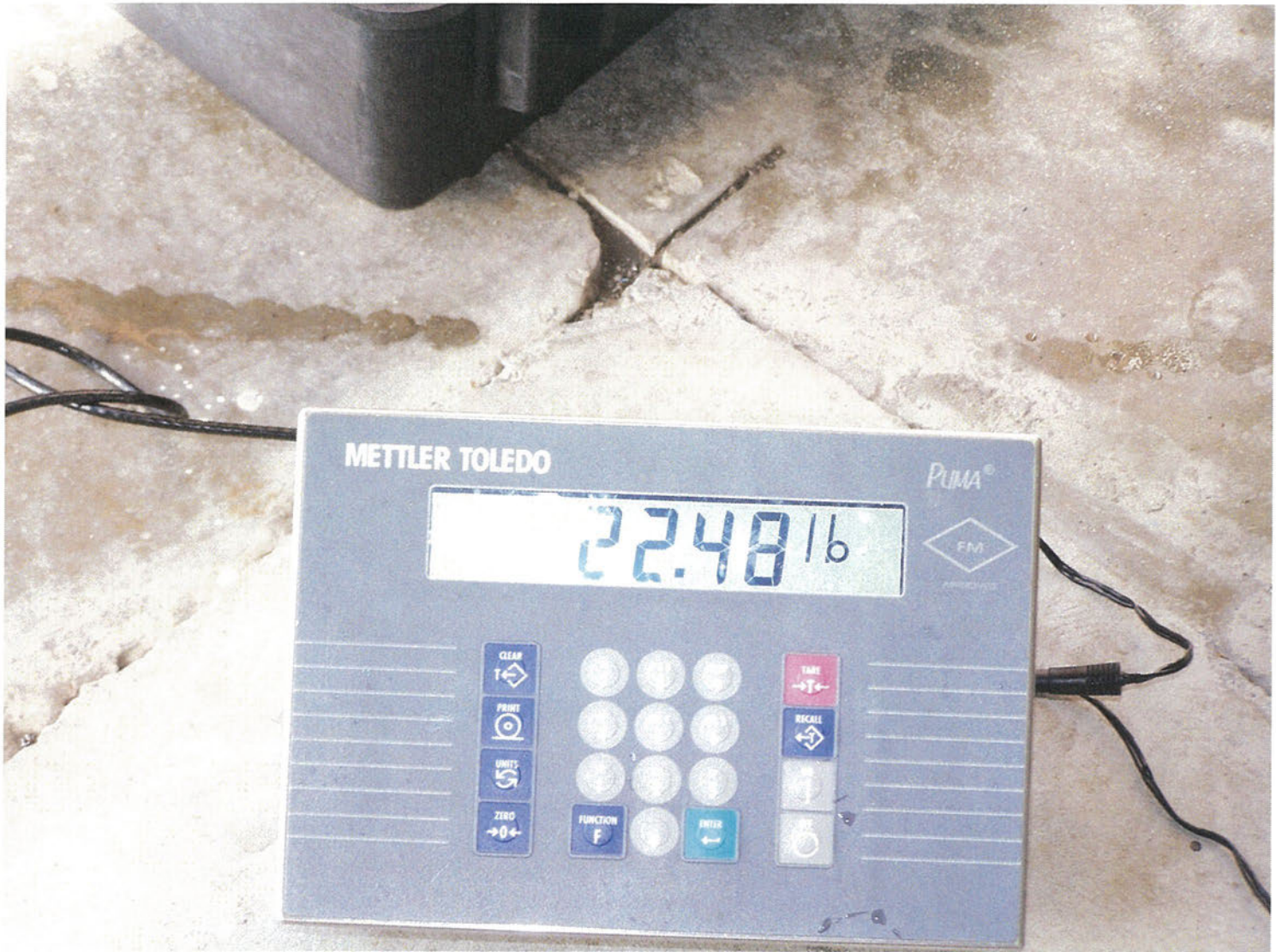
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