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CMR Certifies Seven Saltwater Sportfishing Records

BILOXI, Miss. – Six anglers recently set seven new Mississippi saltwater sportfishing records. The Commission on Marine Resources certified the five conventional tackle records and two fly-fishing records during its Sept. 16 meeting.

Fly-fishing:

- Rick Lauman of Ocean Springs broke two state saltwater fly-fishing records Aug. 10. He broke the record for blue runner with a weight of 5 pounds, 5.6 ounces, surpassing the previous record of 1 pound, 8.8 ounces, set in 2003. He also broke the record for yellow chub with a weight of 4 pounds, 4.8 ounces, surpassing the previous record of 1 pound 14.72 ounces set in 2004.

Conventional Tackle:

- William Oubre of Vancleave broke the state record for greater amberjack on Aug. 10, with a weight of 113 pounds, 13.6 ounces, surpassing the previous record of 111 pounds, 0.8 ounces, set just a month prior on July 11.
- Jack Edwards IV of Moss Point broke the bearded brotula state record July 4 with a weight of 17 pounds, 3 ounces, surpassing the previous record of 14 pounds, 5.6 ounces, set just days before on July 1.
- James Necaise III of Ocean Springs broke the state record Aug. 10 for yellowedge grouper with a weight of 32 pounds, surpassing the previous record of 28 pounds, 6.56 ounces, set in 2005.
- Wes Harvey of Pascagoula set a new state record July 3 with a houndfish weighing 1 pound, 0.01 ounces.
- Adam Perrigin of Ocean Springs set a new state record Aug. 10 with an ocellated frogfish weighing 6 pounds.

The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources is dedicated to enhancing, protecting and conserving marine interests of the state by managing all marine life, public trust wetlands, adjacent uplands and waterfront areas to provide for the optimal commercial, recreational, educational and economic uses of these resources consistent with environmental concerns and social changes. Visit the DMR online at dmr.ms.gov.

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Photo A: Rick Laumen of Ocean Springs broke the Mississippi state saltwater fly-fishing record with a blue runner weighing 5 pounds, 5.6 ounces.



Photo B: Rick Laumen of Ocean Springs broke the Mississippi state saltwater fly-fishing record with a yellow chub weighing 4 pounds, 4.8 ounces.



Photo C: William Oubre of Vancleave broke the Mississippi state conventional tackle sportfishing record for greater amberjack with a weight of 113 pounds, 13.6 ounces.



Photo D: Wes Harvey of Pascagoula set a new Mississippi state record with a houndfish weighing 1 pound, 0.01 ounces.



Photo E: Jack Edwards IV of Moss Point broke the bearded brotula Mississippi state sportfishing record with a weight of 17 pounds, 3 ounces.



Photo F: James Necaise III of Ocean Springs broke the Mississippi state record for yellowedge grouper with a weight of 32 pounds.



Photo G: Adam Perrigin of Ocean Springs set a new Mississippi state record with an ocellated frogfish weighing 6 pounds.

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