



# North Dakota Record Fish Caught While Recreational Fishing

May 15, 2026

	<u>Weight</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Lake</u>	<u>County/Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
<b>Game Fish</b>							
Bluegill	2 lbs 12 oz.		Strawberry Lake	McLean	October 17, 1963	Budd Hystad	Velva ND
Brown Trout	31 lbs 11 oz.	36 "	Missouri River	Garrison Dam Tailrace	February 01, 2005	Timmy Johansen	Beulah ND
Burbot (Ling)	19 lbs 8 oz.	41 "	Missouri River	Garrison Dam Tailrace	January 03, 2023	Shane Johnson	Minot ND
Channel Catfish	42 lbs 1 oz.	40 "	Moon Lake	Barnes	July 25, 2009	Tina Willis	West Fargo ND
Chinook Salmon	31 lbs 2 oz.	41 "	Missouri River	Garrison Dam Tailrace	June 10, 1986	Thomas Schwartz	Beulah ND
Crappie	3 lbs 4 oz.		Lake Oahe	Not Specified	February 07, 1998	Don Newcomb	Mandan ND
Crappie	3 lbs 4 oz.	17 "	Jamestown Reservoir	Boat Club Bay	January 19, 2013	Chris Rick	Jamestown ND
Cutthroat Trout	10 lbs 1 oz.	25 "	Missouri River	Garrison Dam Tailrace	August 04, 2003	Chris Vernon	Bismarck ND
Lake Trout	16 lbs 6 oz.	33 "	Missouri River	Garrison Dam Tailrace	March 06, 2012	Royce (Pete) Johnston	Newtown ND
Largemouth Bass	8 lbs 8 oz.	22 "	Nelson Lake	Oliver	February 11, 1983	Leon Rixen	Minot ND
Northern Pike	37 lbs 8 oz.	48 "	Lake Sakakawea	Not Specified	June 21, 1968	Melvin Slind	Roseglen ND
Paddlefish	131 lbs 0 oz.	71 "	Upper Missouri River	Confluence Area	May 07, 2016	Grant Werkmeister	Williston ND
Paddlefish	131 lbs 0 oz.	74 "	Yellowstone River	Above Confluence	May 03, 2024	Tyler Hughes	Mandan ND
Pure Muskellunge	46 lbs 8 oz.	54 "	New Johns Lake	Burleigh	July 03, 2007	Cory Bosch	Mandan ND
Rainbow Trout	21 lbs 4 oz.	32 "	Missouri River	Garrison Dam Tailrace	March 26, 1998	Wade Weltz	Anamoose ND
Sauger	8 lbs 12 oz.	28 "	Lake Sakakawea	Not Specified	October 06, 1971	Mike Fischer	Chaseley ND
Saugeye	12 lbs 0 oz.	31 "	Yellowstone River	Not Specified	January 16, 2013	Dave Faiman	Fairview MT
Smallmouth Bass	6 lbs 13 oz.	19 "	Lake Darling	Renville	April 14, 2007	Bruce Elberg	Burlington ND
Tiger Muskellunge	40 lbs 0 oz.	45 "	Gravel Lake	Rolette	June 26, 1975	Marvin Lee	Rolette ND
Tiger Trout	6 lbs 2 oz.	25 "	Hooker Lake	Rolette	January 04, 2026	Evan Trottier	Minot ND
Walleye	16 lbs 6 oz.	33 "	Lake Oahe	Eckroth Bottoms	March 13, 2021	Jared Shypkoski	Dickinson ND
White Bass	4 lbs 10 oz.	19 "	Devils Lake	Six Mile Bay	June 10, 2012	Charlie Vang	Brooklyn Park MN
Yellow Perch	3 lbs 0 oz.	17 "	Devils Lake	Not Specified	March 01, 2026	Alan Hintz	Stevens Point WI
<b>Non-Game Fish</b>							
Buffalo Species	54 lbs 0 oz.	42 "	Heart River	Not Specified	June 19, 2011	Keith Huschka	Dickinson ND
Buffalo Species**	60 lbs 8 oz.		Heart Butte Reservoir	Grant	May 16, 2022	Mitch Estabrook	Bismarck ND
Bullhead Species	4 lbs 9 oz.	19 "	Devils Lake	Not Specified	September 27, 2024	Daniel Wegener	Fort Totten ND
Cisco	2 lbs 9 oz.	18 "	Lake Oahe	Beaver Bay	February 28, 2015	Jack Fletcher	Fargo ND
Common Carp	31 lbs 0 oz.		Sheyenne River	Not Specified	May 16, 2003	Austin Loberg	Thompson ND
Common Carp**	31 lbs 9 oz.	36 "	Etta-Alkaline Complex	Kidder	April 21, 2017	Derek Barnick	Tappen ND
Freshwater Drum	26 lbs 2 oz.	37 "	Lake Sakakawea	Bear Den Bay	July 20, 1988	Larry Harris	Sidney MT
Goldeye	4 lbs 3 oz.	21 "	Lake Audubon	Three Mile Corn	July 25, 2014	Brayden Selzler	Velva ND
Lake Whitefish	9 lbs 3 oz.	25 "	Missouri River	Garrison Dam Tailrace	June 02, 2025	Lonnice Liebel	Riverdale ND

**Method of take is by hook and line unless marked with \*\* which indicates bow (archery).**