

HOW TO CLAIM AN AUSTRALIAN SPEARFISHING RECORD

The fish must be speared as per AUF regulations and taken in areas where Spearfishing is permitted by each state. It must be a legal capture under any government regulations which apply to the species i.e. Fishery Regulations and State Regulations.

The following rules must be complied with in capture:

- (a) All fish must be taken by spear by the applicant.
- (b) No breathing aid other than snorkel is permitted.
- (c) The use of explosives, poisons or electricity is strictly forbidden.
- (d) Weapons fired by the discharge of explosive or compressed gases are forbidden.
- (e) The applicant should be immersed in water at the time of spearing the fish.
- (f) Fish captured while restricted by nets, traps or lines are ineligible.

The following could render the catch invalid:

- (a) Failure to correctly identify the fish – identification source, and reference should be clearly indicated.
- (b) Failure to complete the entry form in a satisfactory manner.
- (c) Any misleading or incorrect statement in this declaration.
- (d) Only in exceptional circumstances will a record be acknowledged if a clear photo (preferably in colour) is not submitted. Applicants should note that if no photo is provided then the application will most likely not be accepted.

Any fish submitted for a National Spearfishing Record must weigh a minimum of 500gms.

Record applications must be submitted within twelve months of date of capture.

All fish under 2k must exceed the existing record by at least 50 grams and all fish over 2k must exceed the existing record by at least 100 grams. Fish exceeding the record by a lesser amount shall be declared an equal record.

ALL RECORD CLAIMS SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO THE FEDERAL RECORDS OFFICER THROUGH THE RELEVANT STATE SPORTS SECRETARY. ALL RECORDS MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH A CLEAR PHOTO/PHOTOS OF THE FISH SHOWING LENGTH AND BREADTH ALONG WITH THE RECORD APPLICATION FEE OF \$10.00

No records will be processed that are sent by email. Applications can take up to 4 months to process.

The records officer must be satisfied with the identification of the fish. At no time is it the responsibility of the National Records Officer to prove the identity of any fish.