



# News Release

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## ***CMR Certifies Seven Saltwater Sportfishing Records***

BILOXI, Miss. –The Commission on Marine Resources certified seven new Mississippi saltwater sportfishing records at its Aug. 18, 2009, meeting. Two conventional tackle records and five fly-fishing records were approved.

### **Conventional Tackle:**

- Donald Armes Jr. of Pass Christian, Miss., broke the state record for Atlantic sharpnose shark on July 21, 2009, with a weight of 10 pounds, 4.16 ounces. He broke the previous record of 6 pounds, 4 ounces, which he set in June 2009.
- Nickolas Vaughn of D'Iberville, Miss., broke the state record for finetooth shark on July 19, 2009, with a weight of 22 pounds, 9.66 ounces, surpassing the previous record of 21 pounds, 11.84 ounces set earlier that month.

### **Fly-fishing:**

- Dwayne Armes of Pass Christian, Miss., set one new state saltwater fly-fishing record and broke two previous records on July 21, 2009. Armes set a new record for remora with a weight of 2 pounds, 13.76 ounces.
- Armes broke the record for king mackerel with a weight of 13 pounds, 11.30 ounces, surpassing the previous record of 5 pounds, 3.2 ounces set in 2002.
- Armes also broke the record for Atlantic sharpnose shark with a weight of 10 pounds, 6.24 ounces, surpassing the previous record of 9 pounds, 4.48 ounces, which he set in June 2009.
- Rick Lauman of Ocean Springs, Miss., broke the state record for tripletail July 15, 2009, with a weight of 14 pounds, 12 ounces, surpassing the previous record of 10 pounds, 1.6 ounces, set in 2003.
- Doug Borries of Ocean Springs, Miss., broke the state record blacktip shark July 16, 2009, with a weight of 55 pounds, 0.32 ounces, surpassing the previous record of 34 pounds, 10.9 ounces.

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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](http://dmr.ms.gov).

**PHOTO CREDITS: Photos courtesy of the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources**



**Photo caption (09-77-LDJ Photo A): Donald Armes Jr. of Pass Christian, Miss., broke the Mississippi state conventional tackle record for Atlantic sharpnose shark July 21, 2009, with a weight of 10 pounds, 4.16 ounces.**

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**Photo caption (09-77-LDJ Photo B): Nickolas Vaughn of D'Iberville, Miss., broke the Mississippi state conventional tackle record for finetooth shark July 19, 2009, with a weight of 22 pounds, 9.66 ounces.**



**Photo caption (09-77-LDJ Photo C): Dwayne Armes of Pass Christian, Miss., set a new Mississippi state saltwater fly-fishing record for remora July 21, 2009, with a weight of 2 pounds, 13.76 ounces.**



**Photo caption (09-77-LDJ Photo D): Dwayne Armes of Pass Christian, Miss., broke the Mississippi state saltwater fly-fishing record for king mackerel July 21, 2009, with a weight of 13 pounds, 11.30 ounces.**



**Photo caption (09-77-LDJ Photo E): Dwayne Armes of Pass Christian, Miss., broke the Mississippi state saltwater fly-fishing record for Atlantic sharpnose shark July 21, 2009, with a weight of 10 pounds, 6.24 ounces.**

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**Photo caption (09-77-LDJ Photo F): Rick Lauman of Ocean Springs, Miss., broke the Mississippi state saltwater fly-fishing record for tripletail July 15, 2009, with a weight of 14 pounds, 12 ounces.**



**Photo caption (09-77-LDJ Photo G): Doug Borries of Ocean Springs, Miss., broke the Mississippi state saltwater fly-fishing record for blacktip shark July 16, 2009, with a weight of 55 pounds, 0.32 ounces.**

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