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## FRESHWATER SPECIES DIVISION – ROD & REEL

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### **Species: BASS, HYBRID STRIPED (*Morone saxatilis* x *Morone chrysops*)**

| Rank | Weight | Angler                | Where Caught       | Date Caught |
|------|--------|-----------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| *1.  | 16.25  | William D. Hungerford | Lake Pontchartrain | Feb 2000    |
| *2.  | 15.21  | Tadd R. Jennings      | Toledo Bend        | May 1992    |
| 3.   | 15.0   | Richard Thompson      | Toledo Bend        | June 1993   |
| *4.  | 14.0   | William D. Hungerford | Lake Pontchartrain | March 1994  |
| 5.   | 13.94  | Daniel Milner         | Caddo Lake         | Feb. 1990   |
| 6.   | 12.87  | Marty Curtis          | Lake Claiborne     | April 1990  |
| 7.   | 11.75  | J.D. Murphy           | Toledo Bend        | March 1979  |
| *8.  | 11.26  | Marty Curtis          | Lake Claiborne     | June 1993   |
| *9.  | 11.13  | Jimmy Doiron          | False River        | March 2005  |
| 10.  | 10.50  | Wilton J. Pino, Jr.   |                    | Sept 1979   |

### **Species: BASS, HYBRID YELLOW (*Marone Mississippiensis* x *Morone Chrysops*) New Species 2019**

| Rank | Weight | Angler          | Where Caught | Date Caught   |
|------|--------|-----------------|--------------|---------------|
| *1.  | 3.19   | Jerry Thompson  | Sabine River | March 2019    |
| *2.  | 3.15   | Shirley J Lewis | Toledo Bend  | February 2020 |

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## Species: BASS, LARGEMOUTH (*Micropterus nigricans*)

| Rank | Weight | Angler              | Where Caught        | Date Caught   |
|------|--------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| *1.  | 15.97  | Greg Wiggins        | Caney Lake          | Feb 1994      |
| *2.  | 15.87  | Regina Womack       | Valentine Lake      | May 2010      |
| *3.  | 15.82  | Adam Oliver         | Blk. Bayou Hoosten  | March 2009    |
| *4.  | 15.78  | John S Wilde        | Bussey Brake        | March 2024    |
| *5.  | 15.54  | Tommy Foster        | Caney Lake          | Feb 1993      |
| *6.  | 15.53  | Fred Kennedy        | Caney Lake          | October 1993  |
| *7.  | 15.42  | Bryan Smith         | Caney Lake          | March 1993    |
| *8.  | 15.38  | Thomas J. Robertson | B.R. University Lk. | June 1992     |
| *9.  | 15.36  | Robert Rush         | Bussey Brake        | February 2023 |
| *10. | 15.33  | Johnny Harper       | Caney Lake          | July 1996     |

## Species: BASS, SPOTTED (*Micropterus punctulatus*)

| Rank | Weight | Angler                | Where Caught  | Date Caught  |
|------|--------|-----------------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1.   | 4.88   | Vernon Johnson, Jr.   | Tickfaw River | August 1976  |
| 2.   | 4.50   | Jeff L. Pierre        |               | Sept 1988    |
| 3.   | 4.38   | Jim Farr              |               | Feb 1976     |
| 3.   | 4.38   | Dalton January.       |               | April 1976   |
| 5.   | 4.25   | Ben Strange, Jr.      |               | July 1976    |
| 6.   | 4.19   | Carroll Perkins       |               | October 1949 |
| 7.   | 4.0    | Bill Varnado          |               | March 1978   |
| 8.   | 3.94   | Charles Kennedy       |               | May 1976     |
| 8.   | 3.94   | Pincus J. Granat, Jr. |               | March 1988   |
| 10.  | 3.88   | Jeff Hughes           |               | Nov 1975     |

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## Species: BASS, STRIPED (*Morone saxatilis*)

| Rank | Weight | Angler             | Where Caught    | Date Caught  |
|------|--------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| 1.   | 47.50  | James L. Taylor    | Toledo Bend     | August. 1991 |
| 2.   | 44.50  | Daniel F. Thompson |                 | May 1990     |
| *3.  | 38.75  | Larry Simmons      |                 | Sept 1992    |
| 4.   | 38.25  | Anthony Clemens    | Toledo Bend     | June 1988    |
| 5.   | 37.0   | John E. Dowden     |                 | Sept 1983    |
| *6.  | 33.90  | Drew Dubuc         | Lake Catherine  | April 2019   |
| 7.   | 33.50  | Robert L. Frisby   |                 | April 1982   |
| 8.   | 33.19  | James Kent, Jr.    |                 | Feb 1980     |
| 9.   | 32.75  | Mrs. Gloria Andrus |                 | April 1979   |
| *10. | 32.05  | Ronnie Treuil      | Old River Locks | March 2005   |

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## Species: BASS, WHITE (*Morone chrysops*)

| Rank | Weight | Angler                                                  | Where Caught             | Date Caught    |
|------|--------|---------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| *1.  | 6.81   | Corey Crochet                                           | Amite River              | August. 2010   |
|      |        | <i>(2010 LOWA Fish of the Year) (IGFA World Record)</i> |                          |                |
| *2.  | 5.00   | Greg Meyers                                             | Caernarvon Canal         | July 2024      |
| 3.   | 4.13   | January. L. Dubuc                                       |                          | Feb. 1986      |
| 4.   | 4.0    | Bonnie Kauffman                                         | Bayou Dorchet            | March 2010     |
| 5.   | 3.88   | Sam Parrish                                             |                          | Feb 1969       |
| 6.   | 3.69   | Gale H. Gleason                                         | Sabine River             | Feb 1998       |
| 7.   | 3.50   | Kenny DeJean                                            |                          | Feb 1986       |
| *8.  | 3.44   | Robert Wells                                            | Poverty Point            | March 27, 2013 |
| *9.  | 3.39   | Dane LeCoq                                              | Old River                | June 29, 2018  |
| *10. | 3.26   | Patricia Tolbird/Turner                                 | Poverty Point, Delhi, LA | March 2004     |

## Species: BASS, YELLOW (*Morone mississippiensis*)

| Rank | Weight | Angler            | Where Caught    | Date Caught  |
|------|--------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| *1   | 2.67   | Eddie Halbrook    | Lake D'Arbonne  | January 2014 |
| *2.  | 2.56   | Dean Higginbotham | Toledo Bend     | January 2011 |
| *3.  | 1.27   | Ryan Daniel       | Caney Lake      | Feb 2008     |
| *4.  | 0.96   | Darrell Womack    | Caney Lake      | Feb 2008     |
| *5.  | 0.81   | Tim Dusenbery     | Orange Grove    | October 2017 |
| *6.  | 0.30   | Aaron Lincoln     | Red River Locks | June 2012    |

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## Species: BLUEGILL (*Lepomis macrochirus*)

| Rank | Weight | Angler            | Where Caught               | Date Caught  |
|------|--------|-------------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| *1.  | 1.83   | Timothy Delaney   | Iatt Lake                  | May 2016     |
| *2.  | 1.63   | Oliver Hertzog    | Old River                  | July 2008    |
| *3.  | 1.61   | Mike Lamb         | “Yucatan” off Miss. River. | August. 1999 |
| *4.  | 1.53   | Kenny Cobb        | Caney Lake                 | July 2001    |
| *5.  | 1.47   | Curt Freeman      | D’Arbonne Bar Pit          | July 1998    |
| *6.  | 1.44   | Kenny Cobb        | Caney Lake                 | July 2001    |
| *7.  | 1.40   | Padra Francois    | Old River                  | Sept 2016    |
| *8.. | 1.33   | Kenny Cobb        | Caney Lake                 | July 2001    |
| *9.  | 1.28   | Katie L. Roberson | Corney Lake                | April 2009   |
| *10. | 1.26   | Ralph Hammer      | Caney Lake                 | Sept 1998    |

## Species: BOWFIN (Choupique) (*Amia calva*)

| Rank | Weight | Angler              | Where Caught | Date Caught |
|------|--------|---------------------|--------------|-------------|
| 1.   | 20.50  | Brian Fant          | Toledo Bend  | April 1976  |
| 2.   | 18.94  | Hollis E. Moore     |              | April 1976  |
| 3.   | 17.50  | Julius E. Aaron     |              | Feb. 1973   |
| 4.   | 17.0   | K.R. McCullough     |              | May 1976    |
| 5.   | 16.50  | Ike Dunlap          |              | May 1974    |
| 5.   | 16.50  | Mark King           |              | August 1976 |
| 7.   | 16.06  | Francis J. Gautreau |              | Nov 1975    |
| 8.   | 15.0   | Don O               |              | May 1988    |
| 9.   | 14.75  | Mary T. Boose       |              | April 1975  |
| 10.  | 14.25  | Perry Dixon         |              | June 1980   |

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### Species: BUFFALO, BIGMOUTH (Ictiobus cyprinellus)

| Rank | Weight | Angler              | Where Caught           | Date Caught |
|------|--------|---------------------|------------------------|-------------|
| 1.   | 70.31  | Delbert Sisk        | Bussy Brake            | April 1980  |
| 2.   | 55.0   | Donnie L. Coleman   |                        | July 1981   |
| 3.   | 52.0   | Tommy Descant       | City Park, New Orleans | July 1976   |
| 4.   | 50.0   | James "Bud" Baldwin |                        | June 1994   |
| 5.   | 46.50  | Victor Zagone, Jr.  |                        | Feb. 1971   |
| 6.   | 42.0   | Merv LeBlanc        |                        | July 1982   |
| 7.   | 40.0   | Ray Rhymes, Jr.     |                        | July 197?   |
| 8.   | 30.0   | Rick Meador         |                        | Feb 1981    |
| 9.   | 26.25  | Arnold Watson       |                        | May 1974    |

### Species: BUFFALO, SMALLMOUTH (Ictiobus bubalis)

| Rank | Weight | Angler                 | Where Caught | Date Caught    |
|------|--------|------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| *1.  | 45.00  | Glenn Curtis           | Toledo Bend  | November 2019  |
| *2.  | 43.50  | DeVohn B. Hayes        | Bussy Brake  | September 1986 |
| *3.  | 15.0   | Michael Cebrynski, Jr. | Larto Lake   | June 2005      |

### Species: BUFFALO, BLACK, (Ictiobus Niger) New Category 2024

| Rank | Weight | Angler        | Where Caught | Date Caught   |
|------|--------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| *1.  | 22.30  | Layne Smalley | Bussy Brake  | December 2023 |

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## Species: CARP, COMMON (Cyprinus carpio)

| Rank | Weight | Angler                | Where Caught | Date Caught  |
|------|--------|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1.   | 35.0   | James D. Rodgers, Jr. | Bussy Brake  | April 1981   |
| 2.   | 33.0   | James E. Strange      | Bussy Brake  | May 1971     |
| 3.   | 29.50  | Glenn Bond, Jr.       |              | Feb. 1980    |
| 4.   | 27.50  | Edgar Coltharp, Sr.   |              | June 1975    |
| *5.  | 18.64  | Robert Wells          | Lake Palonde | January 1995 |
| 6.   | 16.0   | Amy Ann Smith         | False River  | July 1976    |
| 7.   | 15.25  | G. Morgan Ford        |              | April 1976   |
| 8.   | 15.0   | Edgar Coltharp, Sr.   |              | June 1975    |

## Species: CATFISH, BLUE (Ictalurus furcatus) Species separation 1994

| Rank | Weight | Angler                                           | Where Caught          | Date Caught   |
|------|--------|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| *1   | 114.00 | Lawson Boyte                                     | Mississippi River     | March 2014    |
|      |        | (2014 LOWA Fish of the Year) East Carroll Parish |                       |               |
| *2.  | 110.19 | Keith Day                                        | Mississippi River     | April 2005    |
|      |        | (2005 LOWA Fish of the Year) St. Francisville    |                       |               |
| *3.  | 106.19 | John Biscoe                                      | Mississippi River     | June 2020     |
| *4.  | 105.0  | Joseph Wiggins                                   | Mississippi River, BR | June 1997     |
| 5.   | 98.0   | Arthur Pierre, Sr.                               | Miss. River.          | August 1987   |
|      |        | (Blue/Albino)                                    |                       |               |
| *6.  | 96.00  | Craig Durbin                                     | Red River Pool 1      | July 2015     |
| *7.  | 93.0   | Dwight Hendrickson                               | Lk#5, Red River       | Nov 2004      |
| *8.  | 87.0   | Jon Michael Fortenberry                          | Mississippi River     | July 2002     |
| *9.  | 86.50  | Brad Doughty                                     |                       | May 1994      |
| 10.  | 84.0   | Tommy P. Soileau                                 | Old River Locks       | January. 1981 |



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**Species: CATFISH, BULLHEAD-BLACK**  
**(Ameiurus melas)**  
**New Species 2019**

| <b>Rank</b> | <b>Weight</b> | <b>Angler</b>   | <b>Where Caught</b> | <b>Date Caught</b> |
|-------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| *1.         | 0.09          | Clayton Downing | Tchefuncte River    | June 2024          |

**Species: CATFISH, BULLHEAD-BROWN**  
**(Ameiurus nebulosus)**  
**New Species 2019**

| <b>Rank</b> | <b>Weight</b> | <b>Angler</b> | <b>Where Caught</b> | <b>Date Caught</b> |
|-------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| *1.         |               |               |                     |                    |

**Species: CATFISH, BULLHEAD-YELLOW**  
**(Ameiurus Natalis) New Species 2019**

| <b>Rank</b> | <b>Weight</b> | <b>Angler</b> | <b>Where Caught</b> | <b>Date Caught</b> |
|-------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| *1.         |               |               |                     |                    |

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Species: CATFISH, CHANNEL

(*Ictalurus punctatus*)

Species Separation 1994

| Rank | Weight | Angler             | Where Caught              | Date Caught    |
|------|--------|--------------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| 1.   | 30.31  | Harold W. Clubb    | Minor's Can./Intracoastal | August 1977    |
| *2.  | 20.30  | Emile Charvet IV   | Harvey Outfall January.   | October 2017   |
| *3.  | 7.28   | Thai Brendan Hoang | Mississippi River         | September 2022 |
| *4.  | 5.44   | Shane Shepherd     | The Pen Lafitte           | Feb 2017       |
| 5.   | 3.75   | L.M. Owens         |                           | Feb 1973       |
| *6.  | 2.03   | Zachary Elliot     | Myrtle Grove              | Sept 2015      |
| *7.  | 1.82   | Clint Elliot       | Myrtle Grove              | Sept 2015      |
| *8.  | 1.70   | Luke Dutil         | Pecan Island              | May 2018       |
| *9.  | 1.60   | Jared Howerton     | Bayou Black               | August 2020    |
| *10. | 1.46   | Luke Elliot Jr     | Myrtle Grove              | Sept 2015      |

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**Species: CATFISH, FLATHEAD**

**(Pylodictis olivaris)**

**Species Separation 1994**

| <b>Rank</b> | <b>Weight</b> | <b>Angler</b>         | <b>Where Caught</b> | <b>Date Caught</b> |
|-------------|---------------|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| *1.         | 95.0          | Roland Lasseigne      | Wax Lake            | July 2007          |
| *2.         | 66.0          | Harley Rakes          | Red River           | July 1998          |
| *3.         | 61.0          | Michael S Lee         | Lake Providence     | July 2016          |
| *4.         | 56.38         | John Biscoe           | Red River           | April 2019         |
| *5.         | 52.04         | Michael L. Guimbellot | Red River           | Feb 2000           |
| *6.         | 50.44         | Ricky Gauthier        | Cane River          | April 1998         |
| *7.         | 46.06         | Calvin Abercrombie    | Ouachita River      | June 2020          |
| *8.         | 45.70         | Paige Sekinger        | Mississippi River   | October 2016       |
| *9.         | 45.00         | Jamie Guimbellot      | Red River           | January 2022       |
| *10.        | 43.72         | Jason Edward Toombs   | Barataria Waterway  | October 2017       |

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**Species: CRAPPIE, BLACK**  
**(*Pomoxis nigromaculatus*)**  
**Species separation 1994**

| <b>Rank</b> | <b>Weight</b> | <b>Angler</b>        | <b>Where Caught</b> | <b>Date Caught</b> |
|-------------|---------------|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| *1.         | 3.84          | Randy K. Causey      | Poverty Point Res.  | April 2010         |
| *2.         | 3.55          | Chet L. Tidwell      | Caney Lake          | February 2003      |
| *2.         | 3.55          | Jodie E. Crouch, Jr. | Toledo Bend         | March 2003         |
| *4.         | 3.47          | Floyd Meche          | Lake Henderson      | September 2004     |
| *5.         | 3.33          | Bobby Nola           | Caney Lake          | January 2003       |
| *6.         | 3.32          | James Morgan         | Bussey Brake        | January 2021       |
| *7.         | 3.24          | Bobby Nola           | Caney Lake          | January 2003       |
| *8.         | 3.22          | Debbie Tenney        | Bundick Lake        | February 2023      |
| *9.         | 3.21          | Mark Thibodaux       | Williams January.   | February 1996      |
| *10.        | 3.15          | Bobby Nola           | Caney Lake          | January 2003       |

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**Species: CRAPPIE, WHITE**

**(*Pomoxis annularis*)**

**Species separation 1994**

| <b>Rank</b> | <b>Weight</b> | <b>Angler</b>          | <b>Where Caught</b> | <b>Date Caught</b> |
|-------------|---------------|------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| *1.         | 3.80          | Tim Ricca              | Lake Verret         | May 2010           |
| *2.         | 3.76          | Jerimie Reeves         | Bussey Brake        | February 2023      |
| *3.         | 3.65          | Shane Hodge            | Bussey Brake        | February 2022      |
| *4.         | 3.60          | James Anthony Griffith | Bussey Brake        | February 2021      |
| *5.         | 3.57          | Stephen Adams          | Bussey Brake        | February 2022      |
| *6.         | 3.52          | Twayne Hosea           | Poverty Point       | Feb 2016           |
| *7.         | 3.48          | Dwayne Hosea           | Poverty Point       | March 2016         |
| *8.         | 3.46          | Rodger McConnell       | Poverty Point       | March 2016         |
| *9          | 3.44          | Stacy Malham           | Lake Bistineau      | Feb 2015           |
| *10.        | 3.38          | B.R. Shepherd          | Grand Bayou Res.    | April 2002         |

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## Species: DRUM, FRESHWATER (Gaspergou) (*Aplodinotus grunniens*)

| Rank | Weight | Angler                       | Where Caught    | Date Caught |
|------|--------|------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| *1.  | 28.44  | Paul R. Heideman             | Bayou Macon Lk. | March 2011  |
|      |        | (2011 LOWA Fish of the Year) |                 |             |
| *2.  | 25.08  | Stephen Morgan               | False River     | April 2005  |
| *3.  | 23.18  | Dallas Cole                  | Toledo Bend     | Feb. 2002   |
| *4.  | 22.13  | Thai Brandon Hoang           | False River     | Mach 2017   |
| *5.  | 21.94  | Jimmy Doiron                 | False River     | April 2007  |
| *6.  | 21.33  | Mike Kelley, Sr.             | False River     | March 2016  |
| *7.  | 21.27  | Gregory Fontenot             | Bayou Serpent   | June 2004   |
| *8.  | 20.0   | Richard L. Doggett           | Toledo Bend     | March 1994  |
| *9   | 19.83  | Mike Kelley, Sr.             | False River     | Feb 2005    |
| *10. | 18.21  | Mike Kelley, Sr.             | False River     | Feb 2005    |

## Species: FLIER (*Centrarchus macropterus*) New Species 2019

| Rank | Weight | Angler             | Where Caught | Date Caught |
|------|--------|--------------------|--------------|-------------|
| *1.  | .35    | Joseph J McGoey IV | Lake Boeuf   | August 2020 |

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## Species: GAR, ALLIGATOR (*Lepisosteus spatula*)

| Rank | Weight | Angler                  | Where Caught                   | Date Caught   |
|------|--------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|
| *1.  | 179.00 | Jimmy L. Thompson       | Red River                      | May 1997      |
| *2.  | 134.00 | James Strickland        | Red River                      | May 1997      |
| *3.  | 133.00 | Albert Jermaine Deville | Intercoastal Canal Morgan City | February 2023 |
| *4.  | 102.94 | Stephen G. Landry       | Vermilion Bay                  | Sept 2004     |
| *5.  | 100.31 | Michael Shawn Suriff    | L. Pontchartrain               | June 2000     |
| *6.  | 88.25  | Robert Wells            | Ouiski Bayou                   | July 2014     |
| *7.  | 81.10  | Conner Munchrath        | Florence Canal                 | August 2008   |
| *8.  | 80.00  | Wm. “Billy” Crawford    | L. Pontchartrain               | June 1996     |
| *9.  | 76.31  | Joseph Ellis            | Ouachita River                 | July 2010     |
| *10. | 75.38  | Andrea Edwards          | Port Fourchon                  | May 2023      |

## Species: GAR, LONGNOSE (*Lepisosteus osseus*)

### New species introduction 2012

| Rank | Weight | Angler              | Where Caught           | Date Caught   |
|------|--------|---------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| *1.  | 31.48  | Jacob “Jake” Ormond | Bayou Bartholomew Lake | July 2023     |
| *2.  | 30.88  | Cody Broussard      | Bayou Benoit           | April 2022    |
| *3.  | 30.44  | Gabriel Simon       | Amite River            | October 2019  |
| *4.  | 20.74  | Ryan Peterson       | Lake Pontchartrain     | November 2019 |
| *5.  | 16.04  | Felix C Kuntz III   | Bonnet Carré Spillway  | August 2018   |
| *5.  | 16.04  | Scott Landrum       | Bayou Lacombe          | April 2022    |

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## Species: PICKEREL, CHAIN (*Esox niger*)

| Rank | Weight | Angler                | Where Caught   | Date Caught  |
|------|--------|-----------------------|----------------|--------------|
| 1.   | 5.75   | Chris H. Marien       | Kincaid Lake   | May 1977     |
| 2.   | 5.69   | Jerry Haynie          | Kincaid Lake   | June 1985    |
| 3.   | 5.56   | Edward R. Nelson      | Kincaid Lake   | Nov 1976     |
| 3.   | 5.56   | George Wallace        | Lake D'Arbonne | March 1977   |
| 5.   | 5.25   | Ross F. Miller        |                | August 1976  |
| 5.   | 5.25   | Walter Nutter         |                | October 1976 |
| 6.   | 4.75   | Jack Kurfiss          |                | Feb. 1980    |
| 7.   | 4.50   | Anthony E. Hough      |                | Feb. 1976    |
| 8.   | 4.44   | Tommy Harris          |                | May 1976     |
| 9.   | 4.38   | Kenneth R. McCullough |                | May 1977     |

## Species: PICKEREL, REDFIN (*Esox americanus americanus*) Restored category 2019

| Rank | Weight | Angler | Where Caught | Date Caught |
|------|--------|--------|--------------|-------------|
| 1.   |        |        |              |             |



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## Species: REDEAR SUNFISH (Chinquapin, Shellcracker) (*Lepomis microlophus*)

| Rank | Weight | Angler                       | Where Caught | Date Caught  |
|------|--------|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| *1   | 2.87   | Jerry Smelly                 | Caney Lake   | August 1998  |
|      |        | (1998 LOWA Fish of the Year) |              |              |
| *2.  | 2.55   | Terry Hall                   | Caney Lake   | March 2003   |
| *3.  | 2.53   | Joe Swanner                  | Caney Lake   | May 1999     |
| *4   | 2.25   | Lois Jean Rollins            | Spring Bayou | May 2002     |
| *5.  | 2.21   | Louis R. Byrd                | Caney Lake   | April 1997   |
| *6.  | 1.81   | Justin Showalter             | Pearl River  | Nov 2010     |
| *6.  | 1.81   | Terry Hall                   | Caney Lake   | March 2003   |
| *8.  | 1.78   | Jerry Smelly                 | Caney Lake   | August 1998  |
| *9.  | 1.76   | Jack Cornett                 | Caney Lake   | January 2003 |
| *10. | 1.64   | Lavaugn Tisdale              | Caney Lake   | April 2002   |

## Species: SAUGER (*Stizostedion canadense*)

| Rank | Weight | Angler                 | Where Caught        | Date Caught |
|------|--------|------------------------|---------------------|-------------|
| *1.  | 166    | Kyle Allgood           | Thompson Creek/Miss | June 1999   |
| *2.  | 1.08   | Nolton “Kyle” Lavergne | Atchafalaya River   | July 1997   |
| *3.  | 1.08   | Nolton “Kyle” Lavergne | Atchafalaya River   | July 1997   |
| *4.  | 1.08   | Nolton “Kyle” Lavergne | Atchafalaya River   | July 1997   |

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## Species: WARMOUTH, GOGGLE-EYE (*Lepomis gulosus*)

| Rank | Weight | Angler                  | Where Caught      | Date Caught |
|------|--------|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| 1.   | 2.13   | Frank E. Dean, Jr.      | Atchafalaya River | July 1987   |
| 2.   | 1.50   | Allen Polk              | Atchafalaya River | Sept 1973   |
| 2.   | 1.50   | Harry H. Anderson       |                   | July 1983   |
| 4.   | 1.38   | Glenn R. Battle         | Belle River       | June 1971   |
| 4.   | 1.38   | Lloyd David Sexton      |                   | July 1975   |
| 4.   | 1.38   | Mickey Montalbano       |                   | April 1976  |
| 4.   | 1.38   | Harry H. Anderson       |                   | July 1983   |
| 8.   | 1.31   | Leonard Gremillion, Jr. |                   | April 1984  |
| 8.   | 1.31   | Dr. David W. Lorio      |                   | August 1973 |
| 8.   | 1.31   | John J. Guariso         |                   | June 1976   |

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*"" indicates verification by state biologist or fisheries professional*

### Species: AMBERJACK, GREATER (*Seriola dummerili*)

| Rank | Weight | Angler               | Where Caught            | Date Caught  |
|------|--------|----------------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| *1.  | 140.00 | Chris Legrand        | Horseshoe Lump          | January 2017 |
| *2.  | 139.0  | Bill Weldon          | South Timbalier Blk.300 | May 2009     |
| 3.   | 130.50 | Mike Lane            |                         | April 1977   |
| *4.  | 127.50 | Brian O'Haire        | Miss. Canyon Blk.       | March 2009   |
| *5.  | 126.25 | Michael Marcello, II | South Pass              | Feb. 2006    |
| *6.  | 122.30 | Charlie Pharr, Jr.   | Garden Banks            | August 2004  |
| 7.   | 120.0  | Steven Hebert        |                         | Sept 1982    |
| 8.   | 118.63 | Aubrey Dauterive     |                         | July 1982    |
| *9.  | 116.50 | Michael LeBlanc      | EW826                   | October 2018 |
| *10. | 116.20 | Tyler Fairbanks      | Midnight Lump           | Feb 2013     |

### Species: ATLANTIC CREOLE FISH (*Cephalopholis Furciter*) New Species 2023

|    |      |                 |                |           |
|----|------|-----------------|----------------|-----------|
| 1. | 1.54 | Charles Moulton | Gulf of Mexico | June 2023 |
|----|------|-----------------|----------------|-----------|

### Species: BARRACUDA, GREAT (*Spyraena barracuda*)

| Rank | Weight | Angler             | Where Caught   | Date Caught |
|------|--------|--------------------|----------------|-------------|
| 1.   | 50.0   | A.C. Mills         |                | August 1970 |
| *2.  | 49.14  | Dylan M Corsentino | Gulf of Mexico | August 2014 |
| 3.   | 48.50  | Rhonda Green       |                | July 1981   |

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|     |       |                         |                        |              |
|-----|-------|-------------------------|------------------------|--------------|
| 4.  | 48.0  | Dr. T. Kramer           |                        | October 1975 |
| *5. | 47.75 | Clarence Foret, Jr.     | Off Grand Isle/Blk. 76 | June 2001    |
| *6. | 47.50 | Dennis L. January., DDS | Main Pass              | April 2003   |
| 6.  | 47.50 | Lester L. Jay           |                        | August 1972  |
| 7.  | 46.0  | Peter E. LaRosa, Jr.    |                        | August 1988  |
| *7. | 46.0  | Danny Jackson           | W. Delta Blk. 152      | May 2001     |
| 10. | 44.50 | Jep E. Turner, Jr.      |                        | Sept 1968    |

### Species: BASS, LONGTAIL (Hemanthias Leptus) New Species 2023

|     |      |                 |                |             |
|-----|------|-----------------|----------------|-------------|
| *1. | 3.68 | Phillip LeBlanc | Gulf of Mexico | August 2023 |
| *2. | 2.40 | Gregory Smith   | Green Canyon   | May 2023    |
| *3. | 2.38 | Noah Truong     | Green Canyon   | May 2023    |

### Species: BIGEYE (Priacanthus Arenatus Cuvier) New Species 2022

|     |      |                       |            |           |
|-----|------|-----------------------|------------|-----------|
| *1. | 2.38 | Traci Birdsong Eifert | South Pass | July 2022 |
|-----|------|-----------------------|------------|-----------|

### Species: BLACKBAR DRUM (Equetus Iwantoi) New Species 2021

| Rank | Weight | Angler       | Where Caught | Date Caught |
|------|--------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| *1.  | 1.10   | Wesley Babin | Ewing Bank   | June 2021   |

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## Species: BLACKJACK (*Caranx lugubris*)

| Rank | Weight | Angler          | Where Caught        | Date Caught |
|------|--------|-----------------|---------------------|-------------|
| 1.   | 21.31  | Wayne McElveen  |                     | July 1982   |
| *2.  | 17.94  | Eric Stevens    | Bullwinkle Platform | Augus. 2012 |
| 3.   | 15.0   | Bubby Palmisano |                     | August 1987 |
| *4.  | 14.21  | Joe Rustom      | Green Canyon        | July 2021   |
| 5.   | 14.0   | Dr. John Tassin |                     | July 1977   |
| *6.  | 13.20  | Tyson L Crouch  | Flower Gardens      | May 2023    |
| 7.   | 12.38  | Jim Davidson    |                     | July 1982   |
| 8.   | 11.63  | H.W. Busch      |                     | July 1982   |
| 9.   | 11.31  | Rhett Pitre     |                     | July 1983   |
| *10. | 11.18  | Landon Olivier  | Gulf of Mexico      | Sept 2009   |

## Species: BLUEFISH (*Pomatomus saltatrix*)

| Rank | Weight | Angler            | Where Caught | Date Caught  |
|------|--------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1.   | 21.88  | Steve Van Every   |              | July 1982    |
| 2.   | 18.0   | Jerry Quick       |              | June 1984    |
| 3.   | 16.50  | Leon Kolmaister   |              | Sept 1971    |
| 4.   | 16.25  | Joseph Steverson  |              | March 1971   |
| 5.   | 15.25  | Richard Soileau   |              | Sept 1984    |
| 6.   | 14.75  | Mrs. Dorothy Lane |              | June 1972    |
| 7.   | 13.50  | Gary Odberg.      |              | August 1974  |
| 8.   | 13.06  | Rodney A. Pierce  |              | March 1978   |
| 9.   | 12.94  | Tim Sabastian     |              | October 1976 |
| 10.  | 12.94  | J.C. Schoust, Sr. |              | Sept 1975    |

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### Species: BLUE RUNNER (*Caranx crysos*)

| Rank | Weight | Angler                | Where Caught         | Date Caught |
|------|--------|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| *1.  | 7.91   | Mike James Kreller II | S Timbalier 150      | June 2018   |
| *2.  | 7.50   | Keith Bergeron        | Block 20             | July 2006   |
| *3.  | 7.40   | Jacob Grantham        | South Pass           | June 2022   |
| *4.  | 7.11   | Angie D. LeBlanc      | Grand Isle, LA       | July 2000   |
| *5.  | 6.70   | Jeanne Menard         | South Timbalier 229  | June 2012   |
| *6.  | 6.66   | Keith Bergeron        | Main Pass Blk. 309   | Feb 2009    |
| *7.  | 6.19   | Vance Mitchell        |                      | June 2011   |
| *8.  | 5.80   | Robert Taylor         | Green Canyon Rigs    | July 2014   |
| *9.  | 5.53   | William R. Ruffin     | South Timbalier      | May 2012    |
| *10. | 5.29   | Dennis Menard III     | Eugene Island Blocks | Sept 2014   |

### Species: BROADBILL SWORDFISH (*Xiphias gladius*)

| Rank | Weight | Angler          | Where Caught       | Date Caught |
|------|--------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------|
| 1.   | 310.00 | Thomas Dantin   | Mississippi Canyon | July 1980   |
| 2.   | 295.00 | Brent Keith     | Venice             | May 2018    |
| *3.  | 294.25 | Brett Pritchard | Colgan's Gap       | June 2017   |
| *4.  | 291.0  | Mike Shiro      | South of Venice    | July 2008   |
| 5.   | 284.50 | Dr. R. Landry   |                    | June 1978   |
| *6.  | 281.0  | Jim Fereday     | South Pass         | Nov 2015    |
| *7.  | 260.00 | Phil Hanberry   | Fertility Hump     | May 2017    |
| *8.  | 258.00 | David Phung     | Gulf of Mexico     | May 2021    |
| *9.  | 257.00 | Eric Vogt       | Eimhears Rise      | Sept 2016   |
| *10. | 251.38 | Brett Pritchard | Fertility Hump     | July 2016   |

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**Species: BROTULA, BEARDED**

**(Brotula barbata)**

**New species introduction 2002**

| <b>Rank</b> | <b>Weight</b> | <b>Angler</b>           | <b>Where Caught</b>  | <b>Date Caught</b> |
|-------------|---------------|-------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| *1.         | 20.0          | Bernhard Christensen    | S. Pass Blk.         | Feb. 2010          |
| *2.         | 18.0          | Francis X de Blanc, Jr. | W. Delta Blk. 143    | August 2009        |
| *3          | 16.96         | Jason Doerle            | S. Marsh Blk. 128    | Feb. 2017          |
| *3.         | 16.64         | John Langlois           | W. Delta Blk. 17     | June 2008          |
| *4.         | 16.06         | Josh Walker             | Union Banks 482      | April 2005         |
| *5.         | 15.40         | Jeff Kudla              | S. Pass Blk. #83A    | January 2011       |
| *6.         | 15.31         | Renee Hart              | Mississippi Canyon   | July 2008          |
| *7.         | 14.56         | Arthur Scanlan, III     | Blk. 308             | July 2007          |
| *8.         | 12.65         | Darrel Jenkins          | Miss. Canyon/Blk. 89 | March 2002         |
| *9.         | 12.20         | John Scholtens          | South Pass Blocks    | July 2014          |
| *10.        | 11.31         | Dennis Erwin            | Green Canyon         | May 2007           |

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### Species: CATFISH, GAFFTOPSAIL (*Bagre marinus*)

| Rank | Weight | Angler             | Where Caught           | Date Caught  |
|------|--------|--------------------|------------------------|--------------|
| *1.  | 11.06  | Elie Pellegrin     | Red Fish Bayou         | October 1996 |
| *2.  | 10.75  | Olivia McKee       | Grand Pass             | August 2018  |
| *3.  | 8.15   | Floyd Eschete III  | B's Hole               | May 2016     |
| *4.  | 6.81   | Frank August., Jr. | Fourchon               | May 2011     |
| *5.  | 6.67   | Elijah Courtney    | Cameron Jetties        | May 2013     |
| *6.  | 6.62   | Ariel Fontenot     | Cameron Jetties        | August 2012  |
| *7.  | 6.52   | Aubri Chaisson     | Oyster Bayou           | June 2023    |
| *8.  | 6.25   | Debbie Seymour     | Wilkerson Bayou        | May 2001     |
| *9.  | 6.08   | Daniel Hebert      | Coup Abel              | October 2006 |
| *10. | 5.96   | Sonya McGee        | Calcasieu Ship Channel | August 2022  |

### Species: CHUB, BERMUDA (*Kyphosus sectatrix*)

| Rank | Weight | Angler                | Where Caught          | Date Caught |
|------|--------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| *1.  | 8.06   | Jimmie Boothe         | S Timbalier 308       | June 2013   |
| *2.  | 7.79   | Prentiss Perkins, DDS | Vermilion Blk. 272    | June 1999   |
| *3.  | 7.78   | Brenda January.       | Miss. Canyon Rig 393  | August 1997 |
| *4.  | 7.75   | Jeff Kudla            | Garden Banks #126     | June 2012   |
| *5.  | 7.38   | Thaddeus Marcell, Jr. | Grand Canyon Blk.     |             |
| *6.  | 6.33   | Dennis Menard III     | S Timbalier 308       | June 2013   |
| *7.  | 6.16   | Alan Langlois         | Grand Isle Block 43   | August 2014 |
| *8.  | 5.40   | David R. Melear       | Mississippi Canyon    | August 1999 |
| *9.  | 5.38   | Collette Foret        | Mississippi Canyon    | July 2002   |
| 10.  | 5.19   | Michael D. Rieth      | S. Timbalier Blk. 151 | July 2002   |



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## Species: COBIA (Rachycentron canadum)

| Rank | Weight | Angler                  | Where Caught          | Date Caught |
|------|--------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| 1.   | 149.75 | Garnett “Lucky” Caudell | Grand Isle Blk.69     | May 1965    |
| *2.  | 112.0  | Jason Reed              |                       | May 1994    |
| *3.  | 108.0  | Grant Derouen           | Gulf of Mexico        | May 2015    |
| *4.  | 106.13 | Lance Schouest, Sr.     | Ship Shoal            | May 2000    |
| *5.  | 105.31 | Douglas Lachio          |                       | May 1980    |
| *6.  | 105.0  | Chris Schouest          | S. Timbalier Blk. 177 | May 2000    |
| 7.   | 96.0   | Charlie Hardison        |                       | June 1973   |
| 8.   | 95.0   | Dr. Roger Peak          |                       | Sept 1983   |
| 9.   | 95.0   | Jarrold Gardiner        |                       | May 1987    |
| *10. | 93.50  | Ron Dufresne            | S. Timbalier Blk. 77A | March 1997  |

## Species: CREOLE FISH (Paranthias Furciter) New Species 2019

| Rank | Weight | Angler          | Where Caught   | Date Caught |
|------|--------|-----------------|----------------|-------------|
| 1.   | 1.40   | Quinton Richard | West Delta 143 | March 2019  |

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### Species: CROAKER, ATLANTIC (*Micropogonias undulates*)

| Rank | Weight | Angler                | Where Caught          | Date Caught |
|------|--------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| 1.   | 8.0    | Douglas J. Bernard    | S. Timbalier Blk. 130 | August 1972 |
| *2.  | 6.29   | Bernard Kabel         | West Delta Blks.      | July 1999   |
| *3.  | 6.19   | Kramer Sherman        | SP 60.                | June 2013   |
| *4.  | 6.06   | Christopher M. Weaver | West Delta Blks.      | May 2001    |
| *5.  | 5.40   | Brighton Hamel        | West Delta 86-B       | August 2022 |
| *6.  | 5.38   | H. Joe Turlich        | West Delta Blks.      | March 1997  |
| *7.  | 5.31   | Edward Schertler      | Blk. 299              | July 1999   |
| 7.   | 5.31   | Eugene Lefort, Jr.    |                       | August 1970 |
| 8.   | 5.25   | Eugene Lefort, Jr.    |                       | August 1970 |
| *9.  | 5.19   | Melvin Beckes         |                       | Feb. 1978   |
| 10.  | 5.18   | Gordon Dalrymple      | East Bay              | April 2002  |

### Species: DOLPHIN (*Coryphaena hippurus*)

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| Rank | Weight | Angler                  | Where Caught            | Date Caught |
|------|--------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| 1.   | 71.25  | Robert Prest, IV        |                         | June 1976   |
| *2.  | 69.0   | Patrick Savoy, MD       | Green Canyon            | May 2008    |
| *3.  | 68.50  | Melvin Richard, Jr.     | Cajun Canyon            | June 1993   |
| *4.  | 67.0   | Phillip Castro          | Cajun Canyon            | May 1993    |
| 5.   | 66.31  | Harris Callais          |                         | June 1979   |
| 6.   | 65.19  | Michael Zatarain        |                         | June 1991   |
| 7.   | 65.0   | Guy P. Cenac            |                         | May 1990    |
| *8.  | 63.63  | Brian Mathieu           | W. Delta Blk. 486       | June 1999   |
| 9.   | 62.50  | Mike Pratt              |                         | June 1973   |
| *10. | 61.50  | John Henderson (12yrs.) | Lat. 28.11/long. 88.14W | May 9, 1999 |

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### Species: DRUM, BLACK (*Pogonias cromis*)

| Rank | Weight | Angler                | Where Caught       | Date Caught |
|------|--------|-----------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| *1.  | 79.50  | Dylan Gonzales        | Oak Bayou          | May 2007    |
| 2.   | 77.0   | Timmy Darcey          |                    | April 1975  |
| 3.   | 68.0   | Charles Bienvenu      |                    | June 1983   |
| *4.  | 66.0   | Elie Pellegrin        | Red Fish Bayou     | August 1996 |
| *5.  | 63.50  | Carroll Domangue, Jr. | Bayou Sale         | March 1998  |
| 6.   | 62.94  | Larry J. Delatte      |                    | April 1990  |
| *7.  | 62.50  | Scotty Bollinger      | Whiskey Pass       | March 1999  |
| *8.  | 62.0   | David Joslin          | Jetty, Cameron, La | Feb 1999    |
| 9.   | 61.94  | Walton J. Theriot     |                    | June 1974   |
| *10. | 61.0   | Gabe Schexnider       |                    | June 1979   |

### Species: FLOUNDER, SOUTHERN (*Paralichthys lethostigma*)

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| Rank | Weight | Angler               | Where Caught     | Date Caught  |
|------|--------|----------------------|------------------|--------------|
| *1.  | 13.06  | Gary Hargis          | W. of South Pass | June 1998    |
| 2.   | 12.13  | Clarence Craig       |                  | Feb. 1969    |
| 3.   | 11.50  | Jeff Patout          |                  | August 1981  |
| 4.   | 11.15  | Karl L Credeur Sr    | Pointe Au Chein  | Nov 2015     |
| 5.   | 11.06  | Clarence Craig       |                  | Nov 1967     |
| 6.   | 11.0   | Lee W. Coulon        |                  | Nov 1967     |
| 6.   | 11.0   | George E. Stevens    |                  | Nov 1967     |
| 6.   | 11.0   | January. Schomaker   |                  | Sept 1968    |
| *9.  | 10.88  | Tony “Rookie” Guidry | Pass A Loutre    | August 2009  |
| *10. | 10.81  | Ricky Galjour        |                  | October 1993 |

### Species: GROUPER, BLACK

(Mycteroperca Boncai)

### New species introduction 2015

| Rank | Weight | Angler               | Where Caught        | Date Caught    |
|------|--------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| *1.  | 106.20 | Bradley Cole Thurman | South Timbalier 300 | September 2020 |
| *2.  | 80.30  | Andrew Godley        | Garden Banks        | August 2021    |
| *3.  | 54.38  | Michael Hebert       | Garden Banks        | July 2015      |
| *4.  | 53.00  | Thomas D Cook        | Venice              | October 2019   |

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**Species: GROUPER, MARBLED**

**(Epinephelus inermis)**

**New species introduction 2002**

| <b>Rank</b> | <b>Weight</b> | <b>Angler</b>                  | <b>Where Caught</b> | <b>Date Caught</b> |
|-------------|---------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| *1.         | 30.60         | William “Ricky” Ruffin         | Ship Shoal Blks.    | Feb 2008           |
|             |               | (2008 LOWA Fish of the Year)   |                     |                    |
| *2.         | 30.42         | Jeff Kudla                     | Flower Garden       | October 2010       |
|             |               | (IGFA All Tackle World Record) |                     |                    |
| *3.         | 28.60         | Michael Andre                  | Garden Banks        | December 2020      |
| *4.         | 27.30         | Tyson Crouch                   | Garden Banks        | February 2020      |
| *5.         | 26.00         | Lauren Comeaux                 | Vermillion Blk 413  | August 2020        |
| *6.         | 26.20         | Jason Doerle                   | Garden Banks        | December 2022      |
| *7.         | 23.30         | Prentiss Perkins               | Picketts            | July 2005          |
| *8          | 23.20         | Andrew Godley                  | Garden Banks        | April 2023         |
| *9.         | 22.00         | Rivers Andre                   | Garden Banks        | April 2023         |
| *10.        | 21.00         | Jason Doerle                   | Garden Banks        | February 2021      |

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### Species: GROUPER, GAG (*Mycteroperca microlepis*)

| Rank                         | Weight | Angler                | Where Caught          | Date Caught |
|------------------------------|--------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| *1                           | 74.43  | Abel Ceja             | Venice, La            | July 2013   |
| (2013 LOWA Fish of the year) |        |                       |                       |             |
| *2.                          | 61.38  | Mike Wyant            | W. Delta Blks.        | August 2002 |
| *3.                          | 55.35  | Benny August.         | Main Pass             | July 2000   |
| *4.                          | 54.25  | Andrew Wicker         | Eugene Is. Blk. 277   | June 2004   |
| *5.                          | 54.0   | Scott Walls           | S. Timbalier Blks.    | April 2006  |
| *5.                          | 54.0   | Malcom Migues         | W. Cameron Blks.      | August 2001 |
| *7.                          | 53.59  | Clarence Foret, Jr.   | S. Timbalier Blks.    | May 2002    |
| *8.                          | 51.0   | William C. Smith, III | Eugene Is. Blk. 295   | July 2001   |
| *9.                          | 50.50  | Russell O'Steen       | Ship Shoal Blk. 269-B | May 2003    |
| *10.                         | 50.44  | Patrick Lea           | S. Timbalier Blks     | July 2005   |

### Species: GROUPER, MISTY (*Edinephelus mystacinus*)

| Rank | Weight | Angler        | Where Caught   | Date Caught |
|------|--------|---------------|----------------|-------------|
| *1   | 17.00  | Anna Griffith | Gulf of Mexico | April 2014  |
| *2.  | 6.16   | Nick Babin    | Gulf of Mexico | August 2021 |

### Species: GROUPER, RED (*Epinephelus morio*) New species introduction 2017

| Rank | Weight | Angler           | Where Caught    | Date Caught |
|------|--------|------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| *1.  | 21.40  | Steve Jackson    | Venice          | August 2022 |
| *1   | 13.25  | Michael Melancon | S Timbalier Blk | July 2014   |

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## Species: GROUPER, SNOWY (*Hyporthodus Niveatus*)

| Rank | Weight | Angler              | Where Caught   | Date Caught |
|------|--------|---------------------|----------------|-------------|
| *1   | 60.00  | Justin Ward         | South Pass     | March 2014  |
| *2   | 42.80  | Michael McElveen    | Gulf of Mexico | August 2021 |
| *3.  | 33.20  | Daniel Robert Swale | Gulf of Mexico | August 2021 |

## Species: GROUPER, YELLOWEDGE (*Epinephelus flavolimbatus*)

| Rank                         | Weight | Angler             | Where Caught         | Date Caught |
|------------------------------|--------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| *1.                          | 46.22  | Louis Chevalier II | Gulf of Mexico       | July 2024   |
| *2.                          | 42.95  | Sue Beiriger       | Gulf of Mexico       | July 2022   |
| (2023 LOWA Fish of the Year) |        |                    |                      |             |
| *3.                          | 41.90  | Dustin Mule        | W. Delta Blks.       | July 2009   |
| *4.                          | 41.65  | Ronnie Jo Collins  | Fourchon             | June 2011   |
| *5.                          | 40.44  | John Risponse      |                      | July 2008   |
| *6.                          | 39.50  | John "J.J." Tabor  | S. Timbalier Blk 332 | Sept 2006   |
| (2006 LOWA Fish of the Year) |        |                    |                      |             |
| *7.                          | 38.95  | Rick Creppel       | W. Delta Blks.       | June 2012   |
| *8.                          | 37.60  | Cory Talbot        | Ship Shoal Blks.     | June 2007   |
| *9.                          | 37.44  | Jim Leitner        | Garden Banks         | June 2014   |
| *9.                          | 37.44  | Benjamin Ber       | West Delta           | June 2023   |
| *10.                         | 37.30  | Heath Estes        | W. Delta Blks.       | March 2005  |

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## Species: GROUPER, WARSAW

(*Epinephelus nigritus*)

| Rank | Weight | Angler               | Where Caught             | Date Caught    |
|------|--------|----------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| *1.  | 383.13 | J J Tabor.           | Garden Banks             | July 2017      |
| *2.  | 363.38 | Jude Primes          | Gulf of Mexico           | June 2018      |
| *3.  | 359.10 | J J Tabor            | South Timbalier Blk. 308 | Nov 2008       |
| *4.  | 358.25 | Ed Frekey            | W. Delta Blks.           | September 2005 |
| *5.  | 328.06 | Michael Marcello, II |                          | March 2008     |
| *6.  | 323.0  | Bridger Lewis        | Ship Shoal Blks.         | May 2010       |
| *7.  | 308.40 | Jason McCrossen      | Venice                   | August 2023    |
| *8.  | 288.0  | Lynn D. Johnson      | W. Delta Blks.           | May 2002       |
| *9.  | 287.88 | Allen Templet        | Green Canyon August.     | July 2016      |
| *10. | 277.20 | John Tabor Jr.       | Ship Shoal Blks.         | March 2003     |

## Species: GROUPER, YELLOWFIN

(*Mycteroperca Venenosa*)

| Rank | Weight | Angler            | Where Caught       | Date Caught    |
|------|--------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| *1.  | 42.0   | Jim Becqueut      | Vermilion Blk. 412 | July 2002      |
| *2.  | 34.36  | Malcom Miguez     | E. Cameron Blks.   | August 2001    |
| *3.  | 28.32  | Andrew Godley     | Garden Banks       | September 2024 |
| *4.  | 27.75  | Malcom Miguez     | E. Cameron Blks.   | August 2001    |
| *5.  | 25.92  | Hunter Paul Foret | Garden Banks       | Sept 2014      |
| *6.  | 13.28  | Michael Andre     | Garden Banks       | September 2024 |
| *7   | 4.73   | Don Latil, Jr.    | Main Pass          | May 2008       |



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## Species: GROUPER, YELLOWMOUTH (Mycteroperca Interstitialis) New species introduction 2002

| Rank | Weight | Angler                | Where Caught       | Date Caught    |
|------|--------|-----------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| *1.  | 23.0   | Ed Fike               | Mississippi Canyon | August 2002    |
| *2.  | 17.00  | Orrin Chase Koonce    | Garden Banks       | May 2017       |
| *3.  | 15.25  | John Saucier          | Garden Banks       | May 2017       |
| *4.  | 12.50  | Larry Hitter          | “Overboard Rock”   | July 2012      |
| *5.  | 8.80   | Michael Andre         | Garden Banks       | September 2024 |
| *6.  | 8.49   | Joseph Crookshank III | Garden Banks       | June 2023      |
| *7.  | 7.60   | Andrew Godley         | Garden Banks       | April 2023     |
| *8.  | 7.60   | Tyson L Crouch        | Flower Gardens     | May 2023       |
| *9.  | 6.80   | Jason Doerle          | Garden Banks       | April 2023     |
| *10. | 6.40   | Charles J Andre Jr    | Flower Gardens     | May 2023       |

## Species: HIND, RED (Epinephelus Guttatus) New species introduction 2021

| Rank | Weight | Angler                | Where Caught   | Date Caught |
|------|--------|-----------------------|----------------|-------------|
| *1.  | 6.50   | Thomas Stevens        | Garden Banks   | August 2021 |
| *2.  | 6.18   | Joseph Crookshank III | Gulf of Mexico | August 2024 |
| *3.  | 5.60   | Jason Doerle          | Garden Banks   | April 2024  |

## Species: HIND, ROCK (Epinephelus adscensionis)

| Rank | Weight | Angler                | Where Caught          | Date Caught |
|------|--------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| *1.  | 8.74   | Prentiss Perkins, DDS | Vermilion Blk. 200    | May 2001    |
| *2.  | 4.45   | Bennie R. Hux         | Blk. 92 off S. Pass   | May 1999    |
| *3.  | 3.50   | Paul Hebert           | S. Timbalier Blk. 130 | July 2005   |
| *4.  | 3.38   | John Saucier          | Garden Banks          | May 2017    |

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|      |      |                   |                    |              |
|------|------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| *5.  | 3.16 | Georgie DeRoche   | Grand Is. Blk. 47  | August 2005  |
| *6.  | 3.10 | Mitchell R Rogers | WD 75              | July 2018    |
| *7.  | 2.88 | Joseph Hughes     | Ship Shoal         | August 2023  |
| *8.  | 2.81 | Mike Bourgeois    | S. Timbalier Blks. | October 2007 |
| *9.  | 2.75 | Landon Olivier    | Gulf of Mexico     | Sept 2009    |
| *10. | 2.68 | Baden Simpson     | Gulf of Mexico     | Sept 2009    |

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### Species: HIND, SPECKLED (*Epinephelus Drummondhayi*) New Species introduction 2010

| Rank | Weight | Angler            | Where Caught       | Date Caught   |
|------|--------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| *1.  | 32.0   | Blake Matherne    | S. Pass Blk.       | January. 2010 |
| *2   | 28.1   | Ronnie Jo Collins | S Timbalier Blks   | July 2017     |
| *3.  | 26.20  | Ashley Joffrion   | Mississippi Canyon | August 2020   |
| *4.  | 14.0   | Alex Maciasz      | Gulf of Mexico     | July 2017     |
| *5.  | 17.8   | Brent Barker      | Gulf of Mexico     | May 24, 2013  |
| *6.  | 9.44   | Austin Van Horn   | Mississippi Canyon | August 2015   |
| *7.  | 8.72   | Tyler Mistich     | Mississippi Canyon | June 2017     |
| *8.  | 8.00   | Jason Doerle      | Garden Banks       | April 2024    |

### Species: JACK, ALMACO (*Seriola rivoliana*)

| Rank | Weight | Angler              | Where Caught         | Date Caught  |
|------|--------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------|
| *1.  | 50.62  | Joe Hanson, II      | South Pass Blk. 62   | July 2005    |
| *2.  | 40.69  | Timothy J. Kera     | South Pass Blk. 93   | June 2005    |
| *3.  | 40.00  | Stephen B Manuel    | Gulf of Mexico       | June 2021    |
| *4.  | 38.02  | Lance David Walker  | South Pass           | August. 2000 |
| *5.  | 37.50  | Nathan Paul Pekar   | Grand Isle           | June 2013    |
| *6.  | 36.63  | Joe Mack Newnham    | SS 332               | May 2014     |
| *7.  | 36.20  | Dr. Russell O'Steen | Ewing Banks Blk. 910 | May 2001     |
| *8.  | 36.13  | Troy Clairain       | W. Delta Blk. 152    | June 1999    |
| *9.  | 35.75  | Lance Hidalgo       | W. Delta Blks.       | Nov 2005     |
| *10. | 31.67  | David LeBlanc       | Garden Banks Blk. 76 | August. 2001 |

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## Species: JACK CREVALLE (*Caranx hippos*)

| Rank | Weight | Angler                                                              | Where Caught             | Date Caught   |
|------|--------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|
| 1.   | 57.88  | Leon D. Richard<br>(IGFA World Record) (1997 LOWA Fish of the Year) | SW Pass                  | August. 1997  |
| 2.   | 54.25  | Bill Dahringer                                                      | W. Delta Blk. 73         | August. 1982  |
| 3.   | 52.69  | Robert Schultz, Sr.                                                 | Empire, La.              | Sept 1985     |
| 4.   | 52.50  | Robert C. Buck, Sr.                                                 | W. Bay                   | October. 1984 |
| 5.   | 52.0   | S. McLaughlin                                                       | W. Delta Blk, 93 Rig 73A | August. 1989  |
| 6.   | 51.88  | Mark Belcher                                                        | W. Delta Blk. 93         | Sept 1989     |
| 7.   | 51.50  | Glenn P. Templet                                                    | Grand Isle, LA           | June 1982     |
| 8.   | 51.25  | Daniel C. Ross                                                      |                          | August. 1984  |
| 9.   | 50.13  | Robert Schultz, Sr.                                                 | Empire, LA               | July 1986     |
| 10.  | 47.50  | Thomas C. Rhodes                                                    | W. Bay                   | January. 1981 |

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## Species: JACK, HORSE-EYE (*Caranx August*)

| Rank | Weight | Angler                     | Where Caught          | Date Caught  |
|------|--------|----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| 1.   | 27.50  | Rayburn Smith              | Ship Shoal Blk. 291   | August. 2004 |
| *1.  | 27.50  | Chuck McCabe               | Ship Shoal Blk. 300   | July 2003    |
| *3.  | 27.38  | Ricky Barras               | Ship Shoal Blk. 300   | July 2003    |
| *4.  | 26.38  | Mark Bruce                 | S. Timbalier Blk. 300 | July 2002    |
| *5.  | 26.25  | Austin W. Johnson          | Grand Isle Blk. 203   | July 2002    |
| *6.  | 25.50  | January. Smith             | Ship Shoal Blk. 292   | July 2003    |
| *7.  | 25.46  | Robert P. Allemand         | S. Timbalier Blk. 324 | May 1996     |
| *8.  | 25.25  | Kenneth “Kenu” Romero, Jr. | Ship Shoal Blk. 300   | May 2001     |
| *9.  | 24.88  | Jimmy “TC” Canter          | Eugene IIs.Blk. 300   | August. 1996 |
| *10. | 24.0   | Daniel Scott               | Ship Shoal Blk. 293   | August. 1999 |

## Species: KINGFISH, GULF (Channel Mullet) (*Menticirrhus Littoralis*) New species introduction 2014

| Rank | Weight | Angler             | Where Caught    | Date Caught |
|------|--------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| *1   | 2.18   | Sidney M Robert Jr | Grand Isle Surf | August 2021 |
| *2.  | 1.64   | Joseph Cantino     | Curlew Islands  | June 2024   |
| *3.  | 1.49   | Clint Elliott      | Grand Isle Surf | July 2014   |
| *4.  | 1.39   | Antonio Mammelli   | Grand Isle Surf | June 2024   |
| *4.  | 1.36   | Steve Sabido       | Grand Isle Surf | June 2020   |

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Species: KINGFISH, SOUTHERN (Channel Mullet)  
(*Menticirrhus americanus*)  
New species introduction 2018

| Rank | Weight | Angler              | Where Caught    | Date Caught |
|------|--------|---------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| *1.  | 1.34   | Jesse H Shaffer III | China Pass      | July 2014   |
| *2.  | 0.51   | Pamela S Keller     | Grand Isle Surf | August 2018 |

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## Species: LADYFISH (*Elops saurus*)

| Rank | Weight | Angler                 | Where Caught         | Date Caught |
|------|--------|------------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| *1.  | 4.82   | Royden J Lynch Jr      | South Pass           | Sept 2015   |
| *2.  | 4.64   | Jim Sisco              | Lake Pontchartrain   | August 2006 |
| *3.  | 3.50   | T. Bret Lofton         | S. Timbalier Blk. 52 | Sept 2004   |
| *4.  | 3.25   | Samuel Garrett Moseley | Pointe-a-la-Hache    | July 2005   |
| *5.  | 3.20   | Tony Giammolva, Jr.    | Lake Pontchartrain   | August 2002 |
| *6.  | 2.86   | Eric Hamberger         | Lake Catherine       | August 2021 |
| *7.  | 2.84   | Kevin Natali           | W. Cameron Blk. 171  | August 2001 |
| *8.  | 2.81   | Mark Thompson          | W. Cameron Blks.     | June 2000   |
| *9.  | 2.73   | John Albanese          | Lake Pontchartrain   | Sept 2006   |
| *10. | 2.48   | Paul M. Luce           | Rocks - Empire, LA   | June 2000   |

## Species: LITTLE TUNNY (*Euthynnus alletteratus*)

| Rank | Weight | Angler           | Where Caught       | Date Caught |
|------|--------|------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| *1.  | 16.20  | John Waggenspack | S Timbalier Blk 49 | May 2019    |
| *2.  | 15.53  | Robert Lambert   | Lena               | June 2013   |

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### Species: MACKEREL, KING (*Scomberomorus carvalla*)

| Rank | Weight | Angler                 | Where Caught | Date Caught  |
|------|--------|------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1.   | 82.0   | W.D. Lamb              |              | Sept 1980    |
| 2.   | 78.25  | Debra R. Sebastian     |              | Nov 1981     |
| 3.   | 76.75  | Robert T. Barnes       |              | Sept 1979    |
| 4.   | 75.25  | Terry Levy             |              | Sept 1979    |
| 5.   | 75.0   | Dwight G. Bardwell     |              | Nov 1981     |
| 6.   | 74.38  | January. A. Bolin, Jr. |              | Nov 1981     |
| 7.   | 74.25  | James A. Crumly        |              | Sept 1960    |
| 8.   | 74.0   | David C. Bouza         |              | Sept 1979    |
| 9.   | 74.0   | John Robinson, III     |              | October 1981 |
| 10.  | 73.50  | Donny Classert         |              | Nov 1979     |

### Species: MACKEREL, SPANISH (*Scomberomorus maculates*)

| Rank | Weight | Angler              | Where Caught | Date Caught  |
|------|--------|---------------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1.   | 10.56  | Mike LeBlanc        |              | August 1972  |
| 2.   | 9.50   | Rodney C. Robert    |              | June 1980    |
| 3.   | 9.06   | James P. Antill     |              | August 1971  |
| 4.   | 9.0    | W.J. "Bill" Bowen   |              | October 1978 |
| 5.   | 8.56   | Warren Fisher, Jr.  |              | October 1974 |
| 6.   | 8.44   | David J. Danos      |              | August 1976  |
| 7.   | 8.25   | A.D'Antonio         |              | July 1970    |
| 8.   | 8.13   | Mrs. Earlise Lefort |              | July 1975    |
| 9.   | 8.06   | Pat Matherne        |              | August 1973  |
| 10.  | 8.0    | Earl E. Wall        |              | August 1973  |



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## Species: MARLIN, BLUE (*Makaira nigricans*)

| Rank | Weight  | Angler              | Where Caught              | Date Caught  |
|------|---------|---------------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| 1.   | 1018.50 | Linda Koerner       |                           | July 1977    |
| *2.  | 958.62  | Cliff Stanich       | Green Canyon Blk. 205     | Sept 2003    |
| *3.  | 744.0   | Ryan Robichaux      | S. of Ewing Bank          | June 2012    |
| 4.   | 738.0   | Archie Lowery       |                           | July 1980    |
| *5.  | 712.25  | Brian Barnhill      | Green Canyon Blk. 18      | June 1997    |
| 6.   | 699.0   | Berry Grubbs        |                           | Sept 1978    |
| 7.   | 695.50  | Robert Hatcher, Jr. |                           | July 1980    |
| *8.  | 688.0   | Mathew D. Coy       | SE of South Pass          | May 1995     |
| 9.   | 686.0   | Alvin DuVernay, Jr. |                           | August. 1969 |
| *10. | 685.0   | Mike Ippolito       | 55 miles S. of South Pass | June 1999    |

## Species: MARLIN, WHITE (*Tetrapturus albidus*)

| Rank | Weight | Angler               | Where Caught | Date Caught  |
|------|--------|----------------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1.   | 134.0  | Dennis L. Good       |              | July 1976    |
| 2.   | 110.50 | G. Schnellling, III  |              | May 1968     |
| 3.   | 109.69 | Carl E. Hursman      |              | June 1984    |
| 4.   | 103.25 | Sidney Gonsoulin     |              | August. 1973 |
| 5.   | 103.19 | Mrs. Al R. Childress |              | May 1967     |
| 6.   | 102.38 | Chalin O. Perez, Jr. |              | July 1977    |
| 7.   | 102.0  | Paul C. Boyer        |              | June 1979    |
| 8.   | 101.0  | Alfred Hitter, Jr.   |              | June 1979    |
| 9.   | 100.50 | Paul Pumilia         |              | June 1983    |
| 10.  | 100.0  | William Manning      |              | July 1966    |

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## Species: PERMIT (Trachinotus Falcatus) New species introduction 2018

| Rank | Weight | Angler          | Where Caught   | Date Caught |
|------|--------|-----------------|----------------|-------------|
| *1.  | 5.00   | Jordan Folse    | Gulf of Mexico | June 2020   |
| *2.  | 4.81   | Aaron Pierce    | East Timbalier | July 2018   |
| *3.  | 4.28   | Shane T Curole  | East Timbalier | July 2020   |
| *4.  | 0.95   | Bradford Walker | West Timbalier | May 2023    |
| *5.  | 0.92   | Lyle Johnson    | Calumet Island | June 2023   |

## Species: PINFISH (Lagodon Rhomboides) New species introduction 2021

| Rank | Weight | Angler            | Where Caught    | Date Caught    |
|------|--------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| *1.  | 1.33   | Ray Huntz         | Gulf of Mexico  | June 2023      |
| *2.  | 1.25   | Grant Stansel     | Kelso Bayou     | September 2022 |
| *3.  | 1.20   | Kenneth Sisung Jr | EW 305 Platform | June 2021      |

## Species: POMPANO, FLORIDA (Trachinotus carolinus)

| Rank | Weight | Angler            | Where Caught | Date Caught  |
|------|--------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1.   | 8.50   | Buddy Pons        |              | Sept 1969    |
| 2.   | 7.69   | Louis Thornton    |              | Nov 1986     |
| 3.   | 7.50   | Buddy Pons        |              | Sept 1979    |
| 4.   | 6.88   | Leon Kolmaister   |              | Nov 1979     |
| 5.   | 6.81   | Hugh R. Babylon   |              | Sept 1970    |
| 6.   | 6.63   | Clement Andolline |              | Sept 1970    |
| 7.   | 6.50   | U.S. Allan        |              | January 1971 |

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|     |      |                   |           |
|-----|------|-------------------|-----------|
| 8.  | 6.38 | Lynn Matthews     | Sept 1979 |
| 9.  | 6.25 | Felix C. Byxbe    | Sept 1970 |
| 10. | 6.25 | Lamar J. Callaway | Nov 1971  |

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### Species: POMPANO, AFRICAN (*Alectic ciliaris*)

| Rank | Weight | Angler            | Where Caught          | Date Caught   |
|------|--------|-------------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| *1.  | 40.60  | Michael Phillips  | S. Timbalier Blk. 139 | June 2003     |
| 2.   | 36.25  | Jack Lawton       |                       | July 1980     |
| 3.   | 36.0   | Sonny Hackett     |                       | October. 1983 |
| 4.   | 35.69  | John E. Seago     |                       | July 1988     |
| *5.  | 35.13  | Denise Spurlock   |                       | July 1993     |
| *6.  | 31.25  | David Lam         | W. Lump               | March 2016    |
| 7.   | 31.13  | Huey L. Lynch     |                       | August. 1979  |
| 8.   | 30.50  | H.W. "Bill" Busch |                       | Sept 1979     |
| 9.   | 27.88  | Kevin Comeaux     |                       | July 1986     |
| 10.  | 27.38  | Dr. Frank Savoy   |                       | May 1980      |

### Species: PORGY, KNOBBED (*Calamus Nodosus*) New species introduction 2021

| Rank | Weight | Angler              | Where Caught | Date Caught   |
|------|--------|---------------------|--------------|---------------|
| *1.  | 4.73   | Dr Richard Clement  | Green Canyon | February 2021 |
| *2.  | 4.64   | Ronnie Bouquet      | Green Canyon | February 2021 |
| *3.  | 4.31   | Dr John P McCrossen | Green Canyon | February 2021 |

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## Species: RAINBOW RUNNER (*Elagatis bipinnulata*)

| Rank | Weight | Angler              | Where Caught            | Date Caught  |
|------|--------|---------------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| *1.  | 26.0   | Bryce Cook          | Devil's Tower Platform  | April 2008   |
| *2.  | 23.85  | James "Pat" Paul    | Gulf Explorer Rig       | Nov 2006     |
| *3.  | 22.15  | Jody P. Juneau      | Eugene Is. Blk. 300     | June 2001    |
| *4.  | 20.90  | Jacques Gaudet      | Green Canyon Blk. 518   | July 2004    |
| *5.  | 20.19  | Michael S. Walsh    | Green Canyon/Tolirt Rig | July 1996    |
| *6.  | 18.63  | Joel Nelson         | Green Canyon Blks.      | July 1996    |
| *7.  | 17.13  | Dusty J Hulin       | Brutus Rig              | July 2016    |
| *8.  | 18.0   | Clarence Foret, Jr. | Ewing Banks 873         | July 2005    |
| *9.  | 17.10  | Jesse Bordelon      | Green Canyon Blk. 560   | August. 2004 |
| *10. | 16.49  | Frank Davis         |                         | June 1994    |

## Species: REDFISH (Red Drum) (*Sciaenops ocellatus*)

| Rank | Weight | Angler             | Where Caught          | Date Caught |
|------|--------|--------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| *1.  | 61.0   | David Weber        |                       | June 1992   |
| 2.   | 56.50  | O.L. Comish        |                       | June 1963   |
| *3.  | 53.57  | Michael Donner     | Empire                | Sept 2009   |
| *4.  | 52.62  | Michael Gauthreaux | Little Pass/Timb. Is. | August 2005 |
| 5.   | 52.13  | Ira J. Breaux      |                       | August 1977 |
| *6.  | 52.0   | Kevin Stevens      | SW Pass               | March 2002  |
| *6.  | 52.0   | Richard Welch      | Venice, LA            | May 2001    |
| 8.   | 51.50  | Philip A. Robinson |                       | June 1967   |
| 9.   | 51.25  | Robert E. Bailey   |                       | Feb. 1982   |
| *10. | 48.19  | Terry St. Cyr.     | 4 Bayou Pass          | July 1999   |

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## Species: SAILFISH (*Istiophorus platypterus*)

| Rank | Weight | Angler               | Where Caught | Date Caught   |
|------|--------|----------------------|--------------|---------------|
| 1.   | 96.0   | John Lauricella      |              | October. 1953 |
| 2.   | 90.50  | R. Wikenhauser       |              | June 1979     |
| 3.   | 85.75  | Cheyenne Williams    |              | June 1981     |
| 4.   | 85.0   | Arnold A. Domin      |              | July 1965     |
| 5.   | 84.25  | Grant Rodriguez, Jr. |              | May 1975      |
| 6.   | 83.25  | W.M. O'Neil, Jr.     |              | June 1974     |
| 7.   | 82.13  | Frank Tuzauer        |              | June 1971     |
| 8.   | 80.0   | Dennis L. Good       |              | October. 1967 |
| 9.   | 78.56  | Dr. Jerry R. Smith   |              | June 1968     |
| 10.  | 78.0   | Don Locasio          |              | July 1971     |

## Species: SCAMP (*Mycteroperca Phenax*)

| Rank | Weight | Angler              | Where Caught        | Date Caught  |
|------|--------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| *1.  | 33.75  | Keith Gulino        | 30 m. S of S. Pass  | June 2003    |
| *2.  | 30.15  | Alan Balladares     | South Pass          | July 2009    |
| *3.  | 30.0   | Capt. "Cuda" Scheer | Ship Shoal Blk. 300 | July 2003    |
| *4.  | 28.31  | Todd A Tinkler      | Venice              | May 2002     |
| *5.  | 26.85  | Grant Perkins       | W. Delta Blks.      | August. 2006 |
| *6.  | 26.80  | Dr James Guenther   | Venice              | August 2023  |
| *7.  | 25.98  | Chris Nail          | Main Pass           | July 2023    |
| *8.  | 25.95  | Shawn Gourley       | South Pass          | May 2002     |
| *9.  | 25.95  | Parker Matis        | Gulf of Mexico      | July 2023    |
| *10. | 25.60  | Anthony Zuppardo    | Main Pass           | July 2001    |

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**Species: SHARK, BLACKTIP**  
**(Carcharhinus limbatus)**  
**New species introduction 1998**

| Rank | Weight | Angler | Where Caught | Date Caught |
|------|--------|--------|--------------|-------------|
|------|--------|--------|--------------|-------------|

**Species: SHARK, MAKO**  
**(Isurus oxyrinchus)**

| Rank                       | Weight   | Angler               | Where Caught            | Date Caught   |
|----------------------------|----------|----------------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| *1.                        | 1,149.50 | Bill Walters         | 70m S. of Fourchon, La. | Feb. 2009     |
| 2009 LOWA Fish of the Year |          |                      |                         |               |
| *2.                        | 765.0    | Lane Foil            | Midnight Lumps          | January. 2006 |
| *3.                        | 624.25   | John "JJ" Tabor      |                         | Feb. 2008     |
| 4.                         | 412.0    | Carroll Goulas       | 40 m. SW of S. Pass     | July 1980     |
| 5.                         | 400.0    | Jules Guglielmo, Sr. |                         | July 1972     |
| 6.                         | 365.50   | Marvin G. Heebe      |                         | May 1976      |
| *7.                        | 365.0    | Shane Pescay         | 50m S of Port Eads      | August. 1997  |
| 8.                         | 358.50   | O.R. Payne           |                         | July 1973     |
| 9.                         | 315.50   | Carl Sibley          |                         | May 1983      |
| *10.                       | 306.08   | Ed Frekey            | Mississippi Canyon      | Sept 2005     |

**Species: SHARK, SPINNER**  
**(Carcharhinus brevipinna)**  
**New species introduction 1999**

| Rank | Weight | Angler           | Where Caught   | Date Caught |
|------|--------|------------------|----------------|-------------|
| *1.  | 162.0  | Dr. Nat Mercante | Midnight Lumps | April 1999  |

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## Species: SHEEPSHEAD (Archosargus probatocephalus)

| Rank | Weight | Angler              | Where Caught       | Date Caught   |
|------|--------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| 1.   | 21.25  | Wayne J. Desselle   |                    | April 1982    |
| 2.   | 14.75  | John N. Bourg       |                    | May 1970      |
| 3.   | 14.25  | Eugene Lefort, Jr.  |                    | March 1971    |
| *4.  | 12.81  | January. Catchot    | Irish Bayou        | August. 1998  |
| *5.  | 12.56  | Jeremy M. Amato     | MRGO               | March 2000    |
| 6.   | 12.25  | J. Summergill, Jr.  |                    | July 1972     |
| 7.   | 12.13  | Dudley J. Bourg     |                    | October. 1970 |
| 8.   | 11.88  | Mrs. B. Matherne    |                    | Feb. 1974     |
| *9.  | 11.82  | Christian Orfanello | Lake Pontchartrain | January 2019  |
| 10.  | 11.81  | George P. Bourg     |                    | August. 1972  |

## Species: SNAPPER, BLACKFIN Lutianus Buccanella New species introduction 2023

|     |      |                       |                |               |
|-----|------|-----------------------|----------------|---------------|
| *1. | 8.80 | Charles J Andre Jr    | Flower Gardens | May 2023      |
| *1. | 8.80 | Andrew Godley         | Garden Banks   | July 2023     |
| *2. | 8.80 | Jason Doerle          | Garden Banks   | April 2024    |
| *3. | 7.60 | Andrew Godley         | Garden Banks   | December 2022 |
| *4. | 7.00 | Charles J Andre Jr    | Flower Gardens | May 2023      |
| *5. | 6.71 | Joseph Crookshank III | Garden Banks   | June 2023     |
| *6. | 6.00 | Jason Doerle          | Garden Banks   | May 2023      |
| *7  | 4.40 | Jason Doerle          | Garden Banks   | April 2023    |

## Species: SNAPPER, CUBERA (Lutjanus cyanopterus)

| Rank | Weight | Angler | Where Caught | Date Caught |
|------|--------|--------|--------------|-------------|
|------|--------|--------|--------------|-------------|



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|     |        |                   |                  |           |
|-----|--------|-------------------|------------------|-----------|
| *1. | 124.50 | Marion Rose       | Garden Banks     | June 2007 |
| 2.  | 121.50 | Mike Hebert       |                  | July 1982 |
| 3.  | 113.19 | Dr. Sherwood Gill |                  | July 1988 |
| *4. | 105.75 | Craig Girouard    |                  | July 1993 |
| 5.  | 99.50  | Joe Beaty         |                  | July 1986 |
| 6.  | 97.50  | Louis Mere, Jr.   |                  | July 1986 |
| *7. | 90.13  | Dan Doerle        | Fat Rock Blk. 44 | June 1998 |
| 8.  | 87.0   | Louis Mere, Jr.   |                  | July 1986 |
| 9.  | 83.25  | Don Coker         |                  | July 1988 |
| 10. | 82.0   | Daryl Kingrey     |                  | June 1988 |

### Species: SNAPPER, DOG Lutjanus Jocu New species introduction 2020

|     |       |                           |                    |               |
|-----|-------|---------------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| *1. | 25.80 | Ella Douglas              | Gulf of Mexico     | October 2021  |
| *2. | 18.16 | Taylor W Braud            | Eugene Island      | December 2019 |
| *3. | 16.34 | John Patrick McCrossen Jr | Green Canyon       | December 2019 |
| *4. | 10.38 | Noah Callais              | WD 152             | July 2020     |
| *5. | 9.00  | Darcy Kiffe               | Grand Isle Blk 115 | July 2021     |

### Species: SNAPPER, GRAY (MANGROVE) (Lutjanus griseus)

| Rank                       | Weight | Angler                | Where Caught   | Date Caught |
|----------------------------|--------|-----------------------|----------------|-------------|
| *1.                        | 18.63  | Tim Champagne         | Ship Shoal     | July 2015   |
| 2015 LOWA Fish of the Year |        |                       |                |             |
| *2.                        | 15.00  | Kevin Falgout Jr      | Gulf of Mexico | July 2017   |
| *3.                        | 14.36  | Michael W. Lorio, Sr. | W. Delta Blks. | June 2008   |

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|      |       |                 |                     |            |
|------|-------|-----------------|---------------------|------------|
| *4.  | 14.30 | Mike Mulkey     | W. Delta Blks.      | May 2002   |
| *5.  | 14.19 | Erik Butler     | S. Timbalier Blks.  | March 2002 |
| *6.  | 14.10 | Ronald Marts    | Grand Isle          | May 1999   |
| *7.  | 13.88 | Carroll Granger | Ship Shoal Blk. 209 | May 1997   |
| *9.  | 13.81 | Daniel J. Scott | Ship Shoal Blk. 253 | June 1999  |
| *10. | 13.69 | Brion Harris    | W. Delta Blk. 40    | April 1998 |

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### Species: SNAPPER, LANE (CANDY) (*Lutjanus synagris*)

| Rank | Weight | Angler            | Where Caught          | Date Caught  |
|------|--------|-------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| *1.  | 12.08  | Chad Polk         | Ship Shoal Blks.      | August. 2009 |
| *2.  | 6.62   | Dan Hebert        | Ship Shoal Blks.      | July 2000    |
| *3.  | 6.38   | Chip Crews        | Block 77A             | July 2017    |
| *4.  | 5.66   | Bennett Bourgeois | St Block 151          | July 2023    |
| *5.  | 5.31   | John C. Finley    | W. Bay                | March 2005   |
| *6   | 4.85   | Kelsey Haydel     | Ship Shoal 239A       | June 2019    |
| *7.  | 4.70   | Kent Riche        | W. Delta Blks.        | July 2006    |
| *8.  | 4.62   | Mark McClew       | W. Bay                | Feb. 2006    |
| *9.  | 4.62   | Glenn Donewar     | W. Delta Blk. 65      | May 2004     |
| *10. | 4.54   | Greg Blanchard    | S. Timbalier Blk. 130 | June 2004    |

### Species: SNAPPER, MUTTON (*Lutjanus analis*) New species introduction 2000

| Rank | Weight | Angler                   | Where Caught          | Date Caught   |
|------|--------|--------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| *1.  | 22.31  | Michael Clement          | Green Canyon          | April 2019    |
| *2.  | 17.60  | Jason Marks              | Main Pass             | August. 2002  |
| *3.  | 14.38  | Brian Thibodeaux         | Mississippi Canyon    | October. 2006 |
| *4.  | 12.06  | Montigue Edward Bonneval | Miss. Canyon Blk. 268 | July 2000     |

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**Species: SNAPPER, QUEEN  
(Etelis Oculatus)**

**New species introduction 2023**

|     |       |               |                |           |
|-----|-------|---------------|----------------|-----------|
| *1. | 20.68 | Joe Von Thron | Gulf of Mexico | July 2024 |
| *2. | 17.88 | Ryan Smith    | Green Canyon   | May 2023  |
| *3. | 17.26 | Noah Truong   | Green Canyon   | May 2023  |
| *4. | 16.84 | Gregory Smith | Green Canyon   | May 2023  |

## LOUISIANA STATE FISH RECORDS

### Species: SNAPPER, RED (*Lutjanus ampechanus*)

| Rank | Weight | Angler                                                                  | Where Caught          | Date Caught  |
|------|--------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| *1.  | 50.25  | Capt. "Doc" Kennedy<br>(IGFA World Record) (1996 LOWA Fish of the Year) | S. Timbalier Blk. 185 | June 1996    |
| *2.  | 39.63  | James F. Tomeny                                                         |                       | June 1994    |
| *3.  | 39.30  | Paul Snow, III                                                          | S. Timbalier Blks.    | June 2004    |
| 4.   | 39.13  | Mrs. Jessie B. Lane                                                     |                       | May 1975     |
| *5.  | 39.0   | Rennie W. Carter                                                        | S. Timbalier Blk. 185 | July 1998    |
| 6.   | 38.19  | Allen M. Kahoe                                                          |                       | June 1977    |
| 7.   | 37.63  | C. Lee Mason                                                            |                       | August. 1981 |
| *8.  | 37.25  | John Langlois                                                           |                       | May 2006     |
| *9.  | 36.56  | John C. Langlois, Jr.                                                   |                       | June 1992    |
| 10.  | 36.0   | Charlie Begnaud                                                         |                       | April 1982   |

### Species: SNAPPER, SILK (*Lutianus Vivanus*) New species introduction 2022

| Rank | Weight | Angler           | Where Caught | Date Caught    |
|------|--------|------------------|--------------|----------------|
| *1.  | 7.16   | George H Wilhoit | East Lump    | September 2022 |

### Species: SNAPPER, VERMILLION (*Rhomboplites aurorubens*)

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| Rank | Weight | Angler            | Where Caught          | Date Caught  |
|------|--------|-------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| *1.  | 6.19   | Douglas Fussell   | South of Grand Isle   | June 1999    |
| *2.  | 6.06   | Don Berrigan      | Grand Isle Blk. 82    | July 1997    |
| *3   | 6.02   | David Welsh       | South Pass            | June 2014    |
| *4.  | 5.81   | Carlos M. Finalet | South of Grand Isle   | June 1999    |
| *5.  | 5.78   | Brian Oberlies    | W. Delta Blk. 133     | August. 2000 |
| *6   | 5.75   | Anthony Naquin    | Mississippi Canyon    | June 2014    |
| *7.  | 5.70   | Craig Matherne    | Miss. Canyon Blk. 152 | July 2004    |
| *8.  | 5.31   | Tate J. Orgeron   | SW Barataria Pass     | July 1997    |
| *9.  | 5.19   | Dennis Mann       | South of Grand Isle   | June 1997    |
| *10. | 5.06   | Todd Rubemeyer    | Rig 117               | April 2002   |

### Species: SNAPPER, YELLOWTAIL (*Ocyurus chrysurus*) New Species introduction 1999

| Rank | Weight | Angler                                           | Where Caught           | Date Caught  |
|------|--------|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------|
| *1.  | 10.20  | Michael J. Ledet                                 | Eugene Is. Blk. 295    | August. 2001 |
|      |        | (IGFA World Record) (2001 LOWA Fish of the Year) |                        |              |
| *2.  | 9.25   | Phil Pearson                                     |                        | June 2003    |
| *3.  | 8.16   | Dr John P McCrossen                              | Green Canyon           | June 2019    |
| *4.  | 7.99   | Amanda Menard                                    | S Timbalier 308        | June 2013    |
| *5.  | 7.70   | John Poiencot                                    | Ship Shoal 1349        | July 2023    |
| *6.  | 7.56   | Lannie Beteau                                    | Vermillion 289         | July 2013    |
| *7.  | 7.50   | Susan Gros                                       | Ship Shoal Blk. 225    | July 2001    |
| *8.  | 7.39   | Brady Lee Drury                                  | Ship Shoal Block 394   | March 2019   |
| *9   | 7.30   | “Hance” Haeuser                                  | S Timbalier 150        | June 2018    |
| *10. | 7.28   | Colby Mayeaux                                    | S Marsh Island blk 160 | July 2024    |

## LOUISIANA STATE FISH RECORDS

### Species: SPADEFISH, ATLANTIC (*Chaetodipterus faber*)

| Rank | Weight | Angler            | Where Caught | Date Caught |
|------|--------|-------------------|--------------|-------------|
| 1.   | 10.31  | Chad L. Vallee    |              | August 1989 |
| 2.   | 9.25   | Benny Avera       |              | Sept 1969   |
| 3.   | 8.88   | Audie Bodin       |              | Sept 1987   |
| 4.   | 8.50   | S. Thibodeaux     |              | April 1972  |
| 5.   | 8.38   | Wilson Couch      |              | June 1972   |
| 6.   | 8.19   | Charles Sebastian |              | August 1963 |
| 6.   | 8.19   | Audie Bodin       |              | Sept 1987   |
| *8.  | 8.06   | Jimmie Redbum     |              | July 1993   |
| 9.   | 8.0    | Davey A. January. |              | Sept 1983   |
| 10.  | 7.94   | Audie Bodin       |              | Sept 1987   |

### Species: SPEARFISH, LONGBILL (*Tetrapturus pfluegeri*)

| Rank | Weight | Angler               | Where Caught | Date Caught  |
|------|--------|----------------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1.   | 78.0   | Larry Bulot          |              | July 1964    |
| 2.   | 47.50  | Jack Cooper          |              | June 1984    |
| 3.   | 27.94  | Stephanie Slatten    |              | July 1974    |
| 4.   | 21.75  | Pat Manuel           |              | July 1981    |
| 5.   | 20.25  | Mrs. B. Billups, Jr. |              | 1969         |
| 6.   | 19.75  | Robert Sigerson      |              | August. 1987 |
| 7.   | 17.63  | W.A. Summers, Jr.    |              | July 1981    |
| 8.   | 17.38  | Barry Barger         |              | August. 1977 |
| 9.   | 12.25  | W. H. Schnauder      |              | July 1984    |
| 10.  | 7.50   | Kyle T. Marks        |              | June 1977    |

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## Species: SPOT (*Leiostomus xanthurus*)

| Rank | Weight | Angler | Where Caught | Date Caught |
|------|--------|--------|--------------|-------------|
|------|--------|--------|--------------|-------------|

## Species: STINGRAY, SOUTHERN (*Dasystis Americana*)

| Rank | Weight | Angler              | Where Caught    | Date Caught   |
|------|--------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| *1.  | 192.25 | John Acosta         | Calliou Boca    | June 2018     |
| *2.  | 185.8  | “Be Be” McElroy     | Lake Peltó      | July 2013     |
| *3.  | 152.0  | Eugene Bourg        | Lake Peltó      | July 2013     |
| *4.  | 152.40 | Victor J McElroy    | Lake Peltó      | May 2014      |
| *5   | 148.00 | Christian Martin    | Grand Isle Surf | July 14, 2018 |
| *6.  | 144.09 | “Be Be” McElroy     | Lake Peltó      | May 2016      |
| *7.  | 141.31 | Hunter Andras       | Oyster Bayou    | Sept 2004     |
| *8.  | 136.78 | “Be Be” McElroy     | Lake Peltó      | August 2017   |
| *9.  | 133.31 | Todd Charles Pinell | Cocodrie, LA    | June 1, 2013  |
| *10. | 132.00 | Joseph C Fox        | Cat Island Pass | June 2015     |



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## Species: TARPON (*Megalops atlanticus*)

| Rank                       | Weight | Angler            | Where Caught     | Date Caught   |
|----------------------------|--------|-------------------|------------------|---------------|
| 1.                         | 246.63 | David Prevost     | W. Delta Blk.    | October. 2015 |
| 2015 LOWA Fish of the Year |        |                   |                  |               |
| 2.                         | 230.0  | Thomas Gibson     | W. Delta Blk.    | August. 1993  |
| *3.                        | 229.0  | Clint Buquet, Sr. | South Pass       | Sept 2011     |
| *4.                        | 228.81 | Lance Schouest Sr | Grand Bayou      | Sept 2013     |
| *5.                        | 227.0  | Regan Robichaux   | W. Delta Blk. 58 | Sept 2014     |
| *6.                        | 226.88 | Lance Schouest Jr | Grand Bayou      | Nov 2015      |
| *7.                        | 224.0  | Billy Moore       | W. Delta Blk.    | October. 2011 |
| 8.                         | 222.75 | Pat Parra         | W. Delta Blk. 58 | June 1979     |
| 9.                         | 221.50 | Jessica Barkhurst | W. Delta Blk.    | August. 1993  |
| *10.                       | 220.50 | Josh Tanner       | Southwest Pass   | August. 1997  |

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**Species: TRIGGERFISH, GRAY**

**(*Balistes capriscus*)**

**New Species introduction 2005**

| <b>Rank</b> | <b>Weight</b> | <b>Angler</b>        | <b>Where Caught</b>  | <b>Date Caught</b> |
|-------------|---------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| *1.         | 13.35         | Ricky Clement        | Green Canyon         | May 2022           |
| *2.         | 12.45         | Sam Griffie          | Block CG19           | November 2020      |
| *3          | 12.40         | Chad Bonvillain      | Ship Shoal           | May 2015           |
| *4.         | 11.35         | Jean Savoie          | Green Canyon Blk. 19 | August 2007        |
| *5.         | 9.35          | Scotty Broussard     | Vermilion Blk. 412   | May 2009           |
| *6.         | 9.0           | Brad Fields          | Misissippi Canyon    | June 2008          |
| *7.         | 8.50          | Stan Ishee           | W. Delta Blks.       | April 2011         |
| *8.         | 8.35          | Edward Frekey        | Green Canyon Blk. 19 | August 2007        |
| *9.         | 8.31          | Matthew Touchette    | SMI Blk. 18          | May 2016           |
| *10.        | 7.88          | Jessica Lynn Scallan | W. Delta Blk. 117    | June 2007          |

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## Species: TRIPLETAIL (*Lobotes surinamensis*)

| Rank | Weight | Angler           | Where Caught   | Date Caught    |
|------|--------|------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1.   | 39.50  | Mrs. Jimmy Toups |                | July 1959      |
| *2.  | 39.31  | Joshua Jorgensen | Venice, La     | October 2019   |
| 3.   | 39.00  | Jimmy Frickey    |                | June 1977      |
| *4.  | 36.28  | Will Drost       | Gulf of Mexico | September 2023 |
| *5.  | 35.80  | Ron Price        | West Bay       | Nov 2017       |
| *5.  | 35.80  | Jeff Almand      | West Delta     | June 2022      |
| *6.  | 35.00  | Tom Kallum       | Venice         | September 2019 |
| *7.  | 33.80  | Curtis Franklin  | East Bay       | July 2023      |
| 8.   | 33.75  | Mary G. Blackmon |                | August. 1970   |
| 8.   | 33.75  | Jeff Toups       |                | July 1973      |
| 9.   | 33.00  | Bon Moran        |                | June 1953      |
| 10.  | 32.00  | Jimmy Toups      |                | July 1970      |

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## Species: TROUT, SPECKLED (SPOTTED SEA TROUT) (*Cynoscion nebulosus*)

| Rank                         | Weight | Angler                  | Where Caught          | Date Caught    |
|------------------------------|--------|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 1.                           | 12.38  | Leon Mattes             | Lake Hermitage        | April 1950     |
| *2.                          | 11.99  | Kenneth Kreeger         | Lake Pontchartrain    | January. 1999  |
| (1999 LOWA Fish of the Year) |        |                         |                       |                |
| *3.                          | 11.24  | Jason Troullier         | Rigolets (Lk. Borgne) | Sept 1999      |
| *4.                          | 11.16  | Timothy Mahoney, II     | Calcasieu Lake        | May 2002       |
| *5.                          | 10.81  | Kevin Galley            | Calcasieu Lake        | May 1997       |
| 6.                           | 10.75  | Randolph D. Green       | January. Point        | Aug 1970       |
| *7.                          | 10.70  | Barry Terrell           | Calcasieu Lake        | May 2004       |
| *8.                          | 10.65  | Jason Ellender          | Sabine Lake           | March 23, 2013 |
| *9.                          | 10.63  | John Kaparis            | Breton Sound          | May 1979       |
| *10.                         | 10.50  | Dudley Vandenborre, Jr. | Lake Pontchartrain    | April 2002     |
| *10.                         | 10.50  | Ed Sexton               | Venice                | April 2000     |

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## Species: TROUT, WHITE (*Cynoscion arenarius*)

| Rank | Weight | Angler              | Where Caught | Date Caught   |
|------|--------|---------------------|--------------|---------------|
| 1.   | 11.0   | Donald M. Marion    |              | Sept 1973     |
| 2.   | 10.50  | James Gomez         |              | January. 1973 |
| 3.   | 9.81   | F. Von Behren, II   |              | January. 1976 |
| 4.   | 9.13   | Claude McCall       |              | Feb. 1978     |
| 5.   | 8.75   | Richard January.    |              | Feb. 1975     |
| 6.   | 8.50   | Martin Viner        |              | May 1977      |
| 7.   | 8.25   | Dale Schlottman     |              | August. 1975  |
| 8.   | 8.0    | Mickey Montalbano   |              | Feb. 1981     |
| 9.   | 7.63   | Frank V. Endom, Jr. |              | Feb. 1975     |
| 10.  | 7.25   | Jimmy Hill          |              | March 1975    |

## Species: TUNA, BIG-EYE (*Thunnus obesus*) New species introduction 2006

| Rank | Weight | Angler            | Where Caught       | Date Caught |
|------|--------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| *1.  | 213.50 | Brian Neil        | Mississippi Canyon | Sept 2018   |
| *2.  | 197.25 | George A. Graham  | 60m SE Venice      | Nov 2009    |
| *3.  | 179.44 | Dominique Chagnon | Mississippi Canyon | June 2012   |
| *4.  | 69.25  | Neil Puttbrese    | 60m S Venice       | March 2011  |

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## Species: TUNA, BLACKFIN (*Thunnus atlanticus*)

| Rank | Weight | Angler              | Where Caught       | Date Caught   |
|------|--------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| *1   | 41.00  | David Loewen        | SP-62              | January. 2017 |
| *2.  | 37.60  | James Hawkins       | Midnight Lump      | Feb. 2001     |
| *3.  | 36.10  | Robert Carrier, Jr. | Midnight Lump      | March 2007    |
| *4.  | 35.70  | Frank Harmon        | Grand Is. 76 Field | May 2012      |
| *5.  | 35.50  | Lance David Walker  | 20 m S of SW Pass  | Feb. 2001     |
| 6.   | 34.25  | Thomas Harrell      |                    | May 1989      |
| *7.  | 33.75  | Kathlene Cane       | Grand Is. Blk. 79  | May 1993      |
| *8.  | 33.67  | Mike Lama           | Midnight Lump      | January. 2005 |
| *9.  | 33.50  | Patrick Savoy, M.D. | Green Canyon       | August. 2002  |
| *10. | 33.30  | Brad Tuminello      | Ewing Block        | April 2015    |

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## Species: TUNA, BLUEFIN (Thunnus thynnus)

| Rank                         | Weight  | Angler           | Where Caught          | Date Caught |
|------------------------------|---------|------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| *1.                          | 1,152.0 | Ron Roland       | 30 m S of South Pass` | May 2003    |
| (2003 LOWA Fish of the Year) |         |                  |                       |             |
| 2.                           | 891.0   | Darlene Fisher   |                       | May 1981    |
| 3.                           | 859.0   | Jack A. Brown    |                       | June 1971   |
| 4.                           | 834.0   | Arnold Boudreaux |                       | May 1977    |
| *5.                          | 833.00  | Kaleb Richardson | Green Canyon          | April 2017  |
| 6.                           | 831.75  | Roy V. Eskine    |                       | May 1972    |
| 7.                           | 826.0   | Dr. John Melton  |                       | June 1978   |
| 8.                           | 803.0   | Roy O'Neal       |                       | June 1984   |
| 9.                           | 780.50  | Pierre Villere   |                       | May 1977    |
| *10.                         | 751.50  | Greg Meyer       |                       | June 2000   |

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## Species: TUNA, SKIPJACK (*Katsuwonus pelamis*)

| Rank | Weight | Angler                  | Where Caught               | Date Caught   |
|------|--------|-------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| *1.  | 31.19  | Terry Hunter            | Green Canyon Blks.         | July 2007     |
| *2.  | 30.0   | Grant Hewitt            | Mississippi Canyon         | March 2002    |
| *3.  | 27.92  | Matt Fry                | Mississippi Canyon         | August. 2011  |
| *4.  | 27.50  | Stephan Delk            | Green Canyon Blks.         | March 2002    |
| *5.  | 26.25  | Clarence Foret          | Green Canyon Rigs          | July 2014     |
| *6.  | 25.62  | Russell O'Steen         | Green Canyon Blk. 237      | July 2001     |
| *7.  | 24.88  | John Brady, III         | 62 m S Barataria Pass      | October. 1996 |
| *8.  | 24.13  | John Bosco              | Green Canyon Rigs          | July 2014     |
| *9.  | 22.45  | Tyler Rush              | Rig: Ocean August. Floater | June 2003     |
| *10. | 22.15  | Mitchell "Keith" Monroe |                            | August. 2003  |



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## Species: TUNA, YELLOWFIN (*Thunnus albacores*)

| Rank                         | Weight | Angler            | Where Caught       | Date Caught   |
|------------------------------|--------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| *1.                          | 251.0  | Elliot Sale       | W. Delta Blk. 122  | October. 2012 |
| (2012 LOWA Fish of the Year) |        |                   |                    |               |
| *2.                          | 246.40 | Robert Kilroy     | Main Pass 306      | February 2022 |
| *2.                          | 240.19 | Anthony Taormina  | Midnight Lump      | March 2005    |
| *3.                          | 239.0  | Kyle Boyd         | Grand Isle Blk 116 | June 2016     |
| *4.                          | 235.0  | Tom W. Moughon    | Midnight Lump      | March 2004    |
| *5.                          | 233.25 | Dr. Scott Pecue   | Midnight Lump      | August 2007   |
| *6.                          | 232.25 | William Dean      | Grand Is. Blk. 82  | March 2002    |
| (2002 LOWA Fish of the Year) |        |                   |                    |               |
| *7.                          | 231.00 | Chuck Cole        | Venice, La         | March 2020    |
| *8.                          | 230.00 | Rhett J. Vicknair | Grand Is. Blks.    | April 2006    |
| *9.                          | 229.55 | Scott Gaskins     | Midnight Lump      | February 2007 |
| *10.                         | 229.25 | Jon Chapek        | Midnight Lump      | February 2006 |

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## Species: WAHOO (*Acanthocybium solanderi*)

| Rank | Weight | Angler                | Where Caught      | Date Caught    |
|------|--------|-----------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 1.   | 139.25 | Myron J Fischer       | W. Delta Blk. 153 | April 1976     |
| 2.   | 124.50 | Salvadore Perino, Jr. |                   | May 1974       |
| *3.  | 120.37 | David Wolfson         | Midnight Lump     | January. 2005  |
| *4.  | 113.60 | David Delones         | Venice, LA        | February 2013  |
| 5.   | 110.25 | Erin Burks            |                   | May 1976       |
| 6.   | 110.0  | Mrs. Homer Moore, Jr  |                   | 1964           |
| *7.  | 109.00 | George Kendrick       | Gulf of Mexico    | March 2019     |
| 8.   | 108.50 | Harry Hebert          |                   | July 1988      |
| 9.   | 108.25 | Edison Chouest        |                   | May 1977       |
| *10. | 107.25 | Gideon G. LeBreton    | Midnight Lump     | September 2001 |

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**Species: BASS, LARGEMOUTH**  
**(*Micropterus salmoides*)**

| <b>Rank</b> | <b>Weight</b> | <b>Angler</b>           | <b>Where Caught</b>    | <b>Date Caught</b> |
|-------------|---------------|-------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| 1.          | 8.75          | Vernon H. Sonnier       |                        | March 1979         |
| 2.          | 8.50          | Nesbitt H. Hargood, III |                        | April 1971         |
| 3.          | 7.38          | Dr. James W. Lorio      |                        | Dec. 1975          |
| 5.          | 7.0           | Rene J. Russo           |                        | April 1976         |
| 6.          | 6.69          | Gordon L. King, Sr.     |                        | October. 1965      |
| *7.         | 6.50          | Norman Davidson, Jr.    | Lacassine Nat W Refuge | Sept 1998          |
| 7.          | 6.50          | J.S. Drew               |                        | June 1962          |
| 9.          | 6.38          | Leonard Kleinpeter      |                        | March 1982         |
| 10.         | 6.25          | William I. Lake, Jr.    |                        | March 1981         |

**Species: BASS, SPOTTED (Kentucky)**  
**(*Micropterus punctulatus*)**

| <b>Rank</b> | <b>Weight</b> | <b>Angler</b>   | <b>Where Caught</b> | <b>Date Caught</b> |
|-------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| *1.         | 2.34          | Blake Leblanc   | Comite River        | August. 2009       |
| *2.         | 2.25          | Pete Cooper Jr. |                     | June 1992          |

**Species: BASS, HYBRID STRIPED**  
**(*Morone saxatilis* x *chrysops*)**

| <b>Rank</b> | <b>Weight</b> | <b>Angler</b>   | <b>Where Caught</b> | <b>Date Caught</b> |
|-------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| *1.         | 6.71          | Gary W Peterson | Lake Concordia      | April 2015         |
| *2          | 5.97          | Mark W Hester   | Lake Concordia      | April 2015         |
| *2.         | 5.13          | Robert Wells    |                     | Nov 1994           |
| 3.          | 4.31          | Randy Lewis     |                     | October. 1994      |

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## Species: BASS, WHITE (*Morone chrysops*)

| Rank | Weight | Angler         | Where Caught | Date Caught |
|------|--------|----------------|--------------|-------------|
| *1.  | 3.98   | Charles Miller | Pearl River  | Dec. 2018   |
| *2.  | 2.94   | Randy Lewis    |              | Sept 1994   |

## Species: BLUEGILL (*Lepomis macrochirus*)

| Rank | Weight | Angler          | Where Caught | Date Caught   |
|------|--------|-----------------|--------------|---------------|
| *1.  | 1.64   | Tony Boatwright | Kincaid Lake | October. 1999 |

## Bowfin (Choupique) *Amia Calva*

| Rank | Weight | Angler       | Where Caught        | Date Caught |
|------|--------|--------------|---------------------|-------------|
| *1   | 6.66   | Dustin Semar | Cameron Prairie WMA | Sept 2018   |
| *2.  | 4.07   | Ben Roussel  | Keller's Lake       | April 2014  |

## Species: BUFFALO, BIGMOUTH (*Ictiobus cyprinellus*) New species introduction 2001

| Rank | Weight | Angler  | Where Caught   | Date Caught |
|------|--------|---------|----------------|-------------|
| *1.  | 4.29   | Jay Boe | Fountain Bayou | June 2001   |

## Species: BUFFALO, SMALLMOUTH (*Ictiobus bubalus*) New species introduction 2005

| Rank | Weight | Angler       | Where Caught | Date Caught |
|------|--------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| *1   | 12.06  | Robert Wells |              | Sept 1994   |

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## Species: CATFISH, BLUE (*Ictalurus furcatus*)

| Rank | Weight | Angler       | Where Caught | Date Caught |
|------|--------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| *1.  | 23.25  | Robert Wells |              | Nov 1994    |

## Species: CATFISH, FLATHEAD (*Pylodictis olivaris*)

| Rank | Weight | Angler | Where Caught | Date Caught |
|------|--------|--------|--------------|-------------|
|------|--------|--------|--------------|-------------|

## Species: CRAPPIE, BLACK (*Pomoxis nigromaculatus*)

| Rank | Weight | Angler          | Where Caught | Date Caught   |
|------|--------|-----------------|--------------|---------------|
| *1   | 2.23   | Tony Boatwright | Kincaid Lake | February 2000 |
| *2.  | 2.06   | Glen Cormier    | Kincaid Lake | February 2021 |
| *3.  | 1.76   | Robert Wells    | Bayou Cherie | January. 2005 |
| *4.  | 1.50   | Kevin Cormier   | False River  | February 2000 |
| *5.  | 1.46   | Glen Cormier    | Old River    | Sept 1997     |

## Species: CRAPPIE, WHITE (*Pomoxis annularis*)

| Rank | Weight | Angler        | Where Caught     | Date Caught |
|------|--------|---------------|------------------|-------------|
| *1   | 1.84   | Gary Peterson | Poverty Point    | March 2019  |
| *2.  | 1.74   | Bill Stall    | Cypress Lake Dam | May 1999    |

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### Species: DRUM, Freshwater (*Aplodinotus grunniens*)

| Rank | Weight | Angler            | Where Caught | Date Caught |
|------|--------|-------------------|--------------|-------------|
| *1.  | 6.67   | Robert G. Cormier |              | April 1994  |

### GAR, ALLIGATOR (*Lepisosteus oculatus*) New Species 2014

| Rank | Weight | Angler         | Where Caught     | Date Caught   |
|------|--------|----------------|------------------|---------------|
| *1.  | 46.04  | Victor Tedesco | Fifi Island G.I. | July 2015     |
| *2.  | 29.96  | Victor Tedesco | Forbidden Hole   | January. 2018 |

(IGFA World Record)

### Species: GAR, SPOTTED (*Lepisosteus oculatus*)

| Rank | Weight | Angler          | Where Caught       | Date Caught |
|------|--------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------|
| *1.  | 6.18   | Charlie August. | Ponchitolawa Bayou | July 2002   |
| *2.  | 2.32   | Jay Boe         | Harvey Canal       | June 2000   |

### Species: PICKEREL, CHAIN (*Esox niger*)

| Rank | Weight | Angler        | Where Caught   | Date Caught      |
|------|--------|---------------|----------------|------------------|
| *1   | 1.64   | Jim E Johnson | Cocodrie Lake  | Octoberober 2019 |
| *2.  | 1.27   | Ardes Johnson | Hardwater Lake | April 2002       |

### Species: PICKEREL, REDFIN *Esox americanus americanus* Restored category 2019

| Rank | Weight | Angler | Where Caught | Date Caught |
|------|--------|--------|--------------|-------------|
|------|--------|--------|--------------|-------------|

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Species: REDEAR SUNFISH (CHINQUAPIN, SHELLCRACKER)  
(*Lepomis microlophus*)

| Rank | Weight | Angler                   | Where Caught | Date Caught |
|------|--------|--------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| *1.  | 1.00   | John Pitre               | Kincaid Lake | June 2022   |
| *2.  | 0.88   | Joseph N. Bourgeois, III | Bayou Black  | April 2005  |

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**Species: AMBERJACK, GREATER**  
**(*Seriola dumerili*)**

| <b>Rank</b> | <b>Weight</b> | <b>Angler</b>    | <b>Where Caught</b>   | <b>Date Caught</b> |
|-------------|---------------|------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| *1.         | 43.13         | Tony Fontenot    | South Timbalier Blks. | April 2004         |
| *2.         | 38.06         | Dr. Lee Grafton  | South Timbalier Blks. | April 2004         |
| *3.         | 25.45         | Frank Genusa Jr. | Midnight Lump         | April 2004         |
| *4.         | 23.25         | Roger del Rio    | Main Pass Blk. 313    | March 2003         |
| *5.         | 17.20         | Gary Parrish     | Main Pass Blk. 313B   | March 2003         |

**Species: BARRACUDA, GREAT**  
**(*Sphyaena barracuda*)**

| <b>Rank</b> | <b>Weight</b> | <b>Angler</b>    | <b>Where Caught</b>    | <b>Date Caught</b> |
|-------------|---------------|------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| *1.         | 18.38         | Harry Hebert     | Green Canyon Blk. 184  | July 2003          |
| *2.         | 7.98          | Harry Hebert     | East Flower Gardens    | July 2004          |
| *3.         | 6.38          | Joseph J. Cerise | Gulf of Mexico (URSA.) | August. 2002       |

**Species: BERMUDA CHUB**  
**(*Kyphosus sectatrix*)**

| <b>Rank</b> | <b>Weight</b> | <b>Angler</b>  | <b>Where Caught</b> | <b>Date Caught</b> |
|-------------|---------------|----------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| *1.         | 4.31          | Theda Little   | Mississippi Canyon  | June 2001          |
| *2.         | 3.0           | Jack R. Little | Mississippi Canyon  | June 2001          |
| *3.         | 2.33          | Ransome Little | Mississippi Canyon  | June 2001          |
| *4.         | 2.28          | Susan K. Gros  | West Delta Blk. 152 | August. 2000       |
| *5.         | 2.19          | Jack R. Little | Mississippi Canyon  | June 2001          |
| *6.         | 2.18          | Susan K. Gros  | West Delta Blk. 152 | August. 2000       |



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**Species: BLUE RUNNER (*Caranx crysos*)**

**New species introduction 2001**

| <b>Rank</b> | <b>Weight</b> | <b>Angler</b>  | <b>Where Caught</b> | <b>Date Caught</b> |
|-------------|---------------|----------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| *1.         | 2.01          | David Melton   | Gulf of Mexico      | July 2024          |
| *2.         | 2.00          | Jack R. Little | Mississippi Canyon  | June 2001          |
| *3.         | 1.52          | David Melton   | Gulf of Mexico      | July 2024          |

**Species: BLACKJACK  
(*Caranx lugubris*)**

| <b>Rank</b> | <b>Weight</b> | <b>Angler</b>  | <b>Where Caught</b> | <b>Date Caught</b> |
|-------------|---------------|----------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| *1          | 0.84          | Donald Douglas |                     | June 1995          |

**Species: BLUEFISH  
(*Pomatomus saltatrix*)**

| <b>Rank</b> | <b>Weight</b> | <b>Angler</b>             | <b>Where Caught</b>   | <b>Date Caught</b> |
|-------------|---------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 1.          | 3.60          | Chip Metz, M.D.           | Southwest Pass/Venice | Nov 2000           |
| 2.          | 3.25          | Victor Tedesco, III, M.D. | Southwest Pass        | August. 2002       |
| 3.          | 3.20          | David Coignet             | Southwest Pass/Venice | October. 2000      |
| 4.          | 3.13          | Victor Tedesco, III, M.D. | Grand Isle            | Sept 1999          |
| 5.          | 3.06          | Larry Twiner              | Grand Isle            | Sept 1999          |

**Species: CATFISH, GAFFTOPSAIL  
(*Bagre marinus*)**

| <b>Rank</b>                  | <b>Weight</b> | <b>Angler</b>              | <b>Where Caught</b>    | <b>Date Caught</b> |
|------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| *1.                          | 6.24          | Victor E. Tedesco, III, MD | Grand Isle, LA         | May 8, 2013        |
| (2013 LOWA Fish of the year) |               |                            |                        |                    |
| *2.                          | 6.0           | David Coignet              | Southwest Pass/Venice  | October. 2000      |
| *3.                          | 5.20          | Chip Metz, M.D.            | Southwest Pass/Venice  | Nov 2000           |
| *4.                          | 5.11          | Larry Twiner               | Four Bayous/Grand Isle | October. 2000      |

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## Species: COBIA (*Rachycentron canadum*)

| Rank                         | Weight | Angler                    | Where Caught            | Date Caught   |
|------------------------------|--------|---------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| *1.                          | 57.50  | Rob Blaine                | W. Delta Blk. 40        | July 2000     |
| *2.                          | 53.56  | Robert Lummis, Jr.        | Off of Grand Isle       | April 2000    |
| *3.                          | 46.0   | Bubby Rodriguez           | W. Delta Blk. 58        | July 1998     |
| *4.                          | 45.35  | Pete V. Cooper Jr.        | W. Delta Blk. 49        | October. 2001 |
| *5.                          | 41.50  | Pete V. Cooper Jr.        |                         | Sept 1994     |
| (1994 LOWA Fish of the Year) |        |                           |                         |               |
| *6.                          | 32.31  | Victor Tedesco, III, M.D. | Off of Grand Isle       | August. 2000  |
| *7.                          | 24.60  | Kevin Natali              | Calacasieu Pass/Buoy#22 | Sept 2003     |
| *8.                          | 23.13  | Chip Metz, M.D.           | West Delta Blks.        | August. 2008  |
| *9.                          | 21.50  | Leanne Heaton             | West Delta Blks.        | April 1996    |
| *10.                         | 20.19  | Chip Metz, M.D.           | August. Delta Blks      | August. 2008  |

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## Species: CREVALLE, JACK (*Caranx hippos*)

| Rank                         | Weight | Angler                    | Where Caught              | Date Caught |
|------------------------------|--------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-------------|
| *1.                          | 30.56  | Theda Little              | Port Fourchon, LA         | April 2002  |
| (2002 LOWA Fish of the Year) |        |                           |                           |             |
| *2.                          | 29.75  | Nick Lease                | Blk. 21                   | June 1998   |
| *3.                          | 28.75  | Olen C. Bryant, Jr.       | Bay Long Pass, Pt. Sulfur | March 2006  |
| *4.                          | 28.20  | Kevin Natali              | Calcasieu Pass/Buoy #6    | July 2003   |
| *5.                          | 27.0   | David Coignet             | Grand Isle                | April 2003  |
| *6.                          | 25.50  | Victor Tedesco, III, M.D. | Grand Isle                | August 2005 |
| *7.                          | 25.10  | Alwyn Justrabo, Jr.       | Grand Bayou               | March 2003  |
| *8.                          | 24.25  | Victor Tedesco, III, M.D. | Mississippi Canyon        | June 2001   |
| *9.                          | 24.12  | Victor Tedesco, III, M.D. | Grand Isle                | April 2003  |
| *10.                         | 23.25  | David Coignet             | Grand Isle                | April 2003  |

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## Species: DRUM, BLACK (*Pogonias cromis*)

| Rank | Weight | Angler                       | Where Caught             | Date Caught  |
|------|--------|------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| *1.  | 54.55  | Tom Stevenson                | Hopedale, LA             | Feb. 2006    |
|      |        | (2006 LOWA Fish of the Year) |                          |              |
| *2.  | 51.38  | F.H. 'Chip' Metz             | Grand Isle, LA           | June 2003    |
| *3.  | 49.0   | Stephen Robert               | Bayou Dularge            | April 2004   |
| *4.  | 45.0   | Mark Markmann                | Megans Flat              | June 2006    |
|      |        | (IGFA World Record)          |                          |              |
| *5.  | 42.63  | Susan K. Gros                | Little Lake, Lafitte, LA | July 1999    |
|      |        | (IGFA World Record)          |                          |              |
| *6.  | 39.38  | David Coignet                | Grand Isle Marsh         | May 2003     |
| *7.  | 38.50  | "Clancy" DuBos, III          | Marsch Port Sulphur      | July 2008    |
| *8.  | 38.25  | Mark Markmann                | Hannahs Flat/Pt Sulphur, | July 2005    |
|      |        | (IGFA World Record)          |                          |              |
| *9.  | 38.0   | Ron Begnaud                  | Calcasieu Estuary        | August. 2003 |
| *10. | 38.0   | Capt. Rich Waldner           | Shell Island Breaks      | Feb. 2003    |

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## Species: DOLPHIN (*Coryphaena hippurus*)

| Rank | Weight | Angler                    | Where Caught            | Date Caught |
|------|--------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| *1.  | 29.37  | Victor Tedesco, III, M.D. |                         | May 1993    |
| *2.  | 27.0   | Theda Little              | Mississippi Canyon      | July 2004   |
| *3.  | 25.45  | Jeffery D. Pierce         | Ocean Am Floater Rig    | July 2003   |
| *4.  | 21.0   | Gary E. Parrish, Jr.      | West Delta Blk. 144     | June 2003   |
| *5.  | 18.25  | David Coignet             | Mississippi Canyon      | June 2001   |
| *6.  | 13.50  | Scott Avanzino            | 70 m S of South Pass    | May 1999    |
| *7.  | 10.20  | Kevin Natali              | Calcasieu Pass/Buoy #14 | July 2003   |
| *8.  | 4.31   | Scott Henry               |                         | July 1994   |
| *9.  | 2.23   | David Melton              | Gulf of Mexico          | July 2024   |

## Species: FLOUNDER, SOUTHERN (*Paralichthys lethostigma*)

| Rank | Weight | Angler                    | Where Caught       | Date Caught  |
|------|--------|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| *1.  | 7.21   | Dr. James J. LaNasa       |                    | Dec. 1994    |
| *2.  | 5.73   | Tom Fouquet               | Lake Borgne        | May 1998     |
| *3.  | 4.09   | Chip Metz                 | Four League Bay    | August. 2012 |
| *4.  | 3.79   | Peter Cooper Jr           | Rockefeller Refuge | May 2016     |
| *5.  | 3.08   | Dennis Vidrine            | Rockefeller Refuge | Nov 2008     |
| *6.  | 2.67   | Bennet deBoisblanc        |                    | July 1993    |
| *7.  | 2.52   | Victor Tedesco, III, M.D. | Grand Isle         | May 1998     |
| *8.  | 2.44   | Larry Twiner              | Grand Isle         | Sept 2000    |
| *9.  | 2.31   | Charles Manuel            | Vermilion Bay      | Sept 2009    |
| *10. | 2.22   | Stephen M. Robert         | Lake Mechant       | April 2008   |

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## Species: LADYFISH (*Elops saurus*)

| Rank | Weight | Angler                    | Where Caught   | Date Caught |
|------|--------|---------------------------|----------------|-------------|
| *1.  | 3.50   | David Coignet             | Southwest Pass | Sept 2002   |
| *2.  | 2.31   | Victor Tedesco, III, M.D. | Grand Isle     | Sept 2000   |
| *3.  | 2.25   | Victor Tedesco, III, M.D. | Grand Isle     | Sept 2000   |
| *5.  | 2.12   | Kurt Loup                 | Fourchon Surf  | August 1996 |
| *6.  | 2.06   | David Coignet             | W. Delta Blk.  | July 2001   |
| *7.  | 1.94   | Victor Tedesco, III, M.D. | Grand Isle     | Sept 1999   |
| *7.  | 1.94   | Larry Twiner              | Grand Isle     | Sept 2000   |

## Species: LITTLE TUNNY (*Euthynnus alletteratus*)

| Rank | Weight | Angler                    | Where Caught            | Date Caught |
|------|--------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| 1.   | 16.90  | Kevin Natali              | West Cameron Blk.       | June 2004   |
| 2.   | 14.25  | Victor Tedesco, III, M.D. | Mississippi Canyon      | June 2001   |
| 3.   | 13.59  | Victor Tedesco, III, M.D. | Southwest Pass          | Sept 1997   |
| 4.   | 12.25  | David Coignet             | Mississippi Canyon      | June 2001   |
| 5.   | 11.38  | Victor Tedesco, III, M.D. | Mississippi Canyon      | June 2001   |
| 6.   | 10.38  | Chip Young                |                         | June 1993   |
| 7.   | 10.30  | Kevin Natali              | Calcasieu Pass/Buoy #14 | July 2004   |
| 8.   | 9.72   | Bubby Douglas             | Gulf of Mexico          | June 1997   |
| 9.   | 9.69   | David Coignet             | Mississippi Canyon      | June 2001   |
| 10.  | 9.38   | Capt. Will Drost          | W. Cameron Blk. 253A    | June 1997   |

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### Species: MACKEREL, SPANISH (*Scomberomorus maculatus*)

| Rank | Weight | Angler                    | Where Caught            | Date Caught   |
|------|--------|---------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| *1.  | 7.40   | David L. Coignet          | Southwest Pass/Venice   | October. 2000 |
| *2.  | 6.25   | Larry Twiner              | Grand Isle              | Sept 1999     |
| *3.  | 4.94   | David L. Coignet          | West Delta Blks.        | August. 2002  |
| *4.  | 4.31   | Victor Tedesco, III, M.D. | Boom August.            | July 2001     |
| *5.  | 4.15   | Kevin Natali              | Calcasieu Pass Buoy #14 | July 2004     |
| *6.  | 3.95   | Kevin Natali              | Calcasieu Pass Buoy #14 | July 2004     |
| *7.  | 3.88   | David L. Coignet          | Grand Isle              | August. 2000  |
| *8.  | 3.81   | Dennis Vidrine            |                         | July 1994     |
| *9.  | 3.75   | Larry Twiner              | Grand Isle              | Sept 1999     |
| *10. | 3.69   | Victor Tedesco, III, M.D. | Grand Isle              | Sept 1999     |

### Species: MACKEREL, KING (*Scomberomorus cavalla*)

| Rank | Weight | Angler                    | Where Caught         | Date Caught |
|------|--------|---------------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| *1.  | 36.0   | Pete Cooper Jr.           | Southwest Pass       | Dec. 1995   |
| *2.  | 13.65  | Kevin Natali              | W. Cameron Blk. 181  | July 2004   |
| *3.  | 11.69  | Capt. Will Drost          | W. Cameron Blk. 253A | June 1997   |
| *4.  | 10.98  | Dennis Vidrine            |                      | July 1994   |
| *5.  | 9.0    | Victor Tedesco, III, M.D. | Southwest Pass       | Sept 1997   |



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### Species: POMPANO, FLORIDA (*Trachinotus carolinus*)

| Rank | Weight | Angler                    | Where Caught       | Date Caught  |
|------|--------|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| *1   | 3.01   | Nicholas Vlahos           | Breton Sound       | October 2021 |
| *2.  | 2.62   | Victor Tedesco, III, M.D. | Sandy Point Rigs   | July 2004    |
| *3.  | 2.17   | Roger del Rio             | Bay Marchand ST-12 | April 2003   |
| *4.  | 1.94   | David L. Coignet          | Grand Isle         | August 2000  |
| *5.  | 1.31   | David L. Coignet          | Ship Shoal August. | Sept 2001    |

### Species: RAINBOW RUNNER (*Elagatis bipinnulata*)

| Rank                | Weight | Angler           | Where Caught           | Date Caught  |
|---------------------|--------|------------------|------------------------|--------------|
| *1.                 | 9.67   | Susan K. Gros    | Mars Platform          | July 1999    |
| (IGFA World Record) |        |                  |                        |              |
| *2.                 | 5.06   | Joseph J. Cerise | Gulf. of Mexico (URSA) | August. 2002 |

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### Species: REDFISH (Red Drum) (*Sciaenops ocellatus*)

| Rank | Weight | Angler                       | Where Caught             | Date Caught   |
|------|--------|------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|
| *1.  | 41.62  | Conway X. Bowman             | Hopedale, LA             | January. 2004 |
|      |        | (IGFA World Record)          |                          |               |
| *2.  | 38.10  | Kevin Natali                 | Lake Calcasieu           | March 2005    |
|      |        | (2005 LOWA Fish of the Year) |                          |               |
| *3.  | 36.0   | Pete V. Cooper Jr.           | E. Jetty Southwest Pass  | Nov 1997      |
| *4.  | 33.67  | James Smith, Jr.             | Hopedale                 | Nov 2006      |
|      |        | (IGFA World Record)          |                          |               |
| *5.  | 32.20  | Victor Tedesco, III, M.D.    | Grand Terre Island       | August. 2016  |
| *6.  | 31.13  | Leland Ledet                 | Lake Pelto               | Feb. 2003     |
| *7.  | 30.88  | David Coignet                | Four Bayous/Grand Isle   | April 2003    |
| *8.  | 30.69  | Rudolph Hall, Jr.            | Grand Gosier Is.         | March 1998    |
| *9.  | 30.25  | Lance Ledet                  | Pelican Bayou/Terrebonne | Nov 2000      |
| *10. | 30.0   | Alwyn J. Justrabo, Jr.       | Port Sulphur             | Nov 2003      |

### Species: SHARK, BLACKTIP (*Carcharhinus limbatus*) New species introduction 1998

| Rank | Weight | Angler           | Where Caught | Date Caught  |
|------|--------|------------------|--------------|--------------|
| *1.  | 11.88  | David L. Coignet | Grand Isle   | August. 2000 |

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## Species: SHEEPSHEAD (Archosargus probatocephalus)

| Rank                         | Weight | Angler                     | Where Caught         | Date Caught   |
|------------------------------|--------|----------------------------|----------------------|---------------|
| *1                           | 9.66   | Michael Lee Clark          | MRGO                 | January. 2017 |
| *2.                          | 9.25   | Charles M Johnson Jr       | Lake Eloi            | January. 2014 |
| *3.                          | 8.17   | Bennett P. deBoisblanc     | Lake Athanasio       | March 2010    |
| (2010 LOWA Fish of the Year) |        |                            |                      |               |
| *4.                          | 7.82   | Tony Kirk                  | Hopedale             | January. 2006 |
| *5.                          | 7.75   | Paul Wagner                | Bay Eloi             | July 2004     |
| *6.                          | 6.0    | Mark Skinner               | back bay Elmer's Is. | May 1998      |
| *7.                          | 5.94   | Robert. J. Korose          | Grand Isle, Bouy 13  | July 2006     |
| *8.                          | 5.32   | Victor E. Tedesco, III, MD | Grand Isle, LA       | May 8, 2013   |
| *9.                          | 4.78   | Glen "Catch" Cormier       | Lake Palourde        | June 1997     |
| *10.                         | 4.50   | Victor Tedesco, III, M.D.  | Mendicant Island     | March 2003    |

## Species: SNAPPER, GREY (MANGROVE) (Lutjanus griseus)

| Rank | Weight | Angler            | Where Caught     | Date Caught |
|------|--------|-------------------|------------------|-------------|
| *1.  | 9.59   | Jeffrey D. Pierce | Ship Shoal Rigs  | May 2004    |
| *2.  | 9.30   | Susan Gros        | South Timbalier  | July 2002   |
| *3.  | 9.19   | Jeffrey D. Pierce | Ship Shoal Rigs  | May 2004    |
| *4.  | 7.56   | Jeffrey D. Pierce | Ship Shoal Rigs. | May 2004    |
| *5.  | 6.88   | Susan Gros        | South Timbalier  | July 2002   |
| *6.  | 6.0    | Kevin Greve       | South Timbalier  | July 2002   |
| *7.  | 2.31   | David Coignet     | West Delta Blk.  | July 2001   |
| *8.  | 0.96   | David Melton      | Gulf of Mexico   | July 2024   |

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### Species: SNAPPER, RED (*Lutjanus campechanus*)

| Rank                | Weight | Angler                    | Where Caught            | Date Caught  |
|---------------------|--------|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| *1.                 | 22.0   | Susan Gros                | Ship Shoal Blk. 204     | May 2004     |
| *2.                 | 14.31  | David B O'Brien           | Bongo Wreck             | October 2023 |
| *3.                 | 11.25  | Arthur C. Seale, DVM      | 4m S Rockefeller Refuge | March 1996   |
| *4.                 | 9.46   | Bob Wells                 | S. Timbalier Blk. 81A   | Nov. 2010    |
| *5.                 | 7.50   | Will Drost                | W. Cameron Blk. 212     | Feb. 1997    |
| *6.                 | 7.0    | Susan Gros                | Ship Shoal Blk. 99      | Sept 2001    |
| (IGFA World Record) |        |                           |                         |              |
| *7.                 | 6.15   | David Coignet             | Ship Shoal Rigs.        | Sept 2001    |
| *8.                 | 5.81   | Victor Tedesco, III, M.D. | S. Timbalier Blk. 112   | Feb. 1999    |
| *9.                 | 4.94   | Will Drost                | W. Cameron Blk. 212     | Feb. 1997    |
| *10.                | 4.0    | Susan K. Gros             | West Delta Blk. 79-F    | August. 2000 |

### Species: SOUTHERN KINGFISH (*Mentiairrhys americanus*)

| Rank | Weight | Angler                    | Where Caught          | Date Caught |
|------|--------|---------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| *1.  | 1.13   | Victor Tedesco, III, M.D. | Grand Isle - 4 Bayous | April 2002  |

### Species: SPADEFISH (*Chaetodipterus faber*)

| Rank | Weight | Angler        | Where Caught | Date Caught  |
|------|--------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| *1.  | 5.50   | Scott Henry   |              | July 1994    |
| *2.  | 2.69   | David Coignet | W. Delta     | August. 2002 |

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## Species: TARPON (*Megalops atlanticus*)

| Rank                         | Weight | Angler                    | Where Caught | Date Caught  |
|------------------------------|--------|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| *1.                          | 130.0  | Robert T. Cunningham, Jr. | S.W. Pass    | August. 2003 |
| (2003 LOWA Fish of the Year) |        |                           |              |              |

## Species: TROUT, SPECKLED (SPOTTED SEA TROUT) (*Cynoscion nebulosus*)

| Rank | Weight | Angler              | Where Caught   | Date Caught   |
|------|--------|---------------------|----------------|---------------|
| *1.  | 9.31   | Capt. Jeff Poe      | Calcasieu Lake | Sept 1996     |
| *2.  | 8.62   | David Coignet       | Grand Isle     | Sept 2003     |
| *3.  | 8.40   | Billy J. Payton     | Calcasieu Lake | March 2005    |
| *4.  | 7.60   | W.H. ASkip@ Cox, II | Venice         | Nov 2003      |
| *5.  | 7.50   | David Coignet       | Catfish Lake   | October. 1999 |
| *6.  | 7.25   | Chris Dinwiddie     | South Pass     | May 2001      |
| *7.  | 6.91   | John K. Mayne       | Big Lake       | April 2008    |
| *8.  | 6.88   | David Coignet       | Grand Isle     | Feb. 1999     |
| *9.  | 6.75   | David Coignet       | Catfish Lake   | Feb. 2002     |
| *9.  | 6.75   | Mark D. Wentz, III  | Calcasieu Lake | March 2005    |

## Species: TROUT, WHITE (*Cynoscion arenarius*)

| Rank | Weight | Angler        | Where Caught | Date Caught   |
|------|--------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| *1.  | 0.58   | Stuart Breaux | Grand Isle   | October. 2009 |

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### Species: TRIPLETAIL (*Lobotes surinamensis*)

| Rank                         | Weight | Angler               | Where Caught     | Date Caught  |
|------------------------------|--------|----------------------|------------------|--------------|
| *1.                          | 21.48  | Stephen Armstrong    | Lake Borgne      | August. 2011 |
| *2.                          | 17.36  | Greg Goodman         | Lake Borgne      | August. 2011 |
| *3.                          | 14.22  | David Ferguson       | Lake Borgne      | August. 2011 |
| *4.                          | 14.15  | Lee Newman, Jr.      | Lake Borgne      | July 2011    |
| *5.                          | 13.55  | Capt. Eric Dumas Jr. | Lake Borgne      | Sept 2009    |
| (2009 LOWA Fish of the Year) |        |                      |                  |              |
| *6.                          | 11.44  | Gray Parker          | Lake Borgne      | Sept 2009    |
| *7.                          | 11.30  | Pete V. Cooper Jr.   | W. Delta Blk. 48 | Sept 1997    |
| *8.                          | 10.35  | Capt. Van Joffrion   | Lake Borgne      | August. 2002 |
| *9.                          | 9.31   | Ted Bercier          |                  | August. 1996 |
| *10.                         | 6.59   | Steve Sackett        | Lake Borgne      | June 2016    |

### Species: TUNA, BLACKFIN (*Thunnus atlanticus*)

| Rank | Weight | Angler                    | Where Caught  | Date Caught   |
|------|--------|---------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| *1.  | 27.0   | Scott Harness             | Midnight Lump | March 1999    |
| *2.  | 25.05  | Loren N. Vorlicky         | Midnight Lump | January. 1998 |
| *3.  | 22.19  | Joseph Cerise             | Midnight Lump | Feb. 2002     |
| *4.  | 20.56  | Victor Tedesco, III, M.D. | Midnight Lump | January. 2004 |
| *5.  | 20.0   | David Coignet             | Midnight Lump | January. 2004 |
| *5.  | 20.0   | Scott Harness             | Midnight Lump | January. 1998 |
| *7.  | 15.50  | David Coignet             | Midnight Lump | January. 2004 |

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### Species: TUNA, YELLOWFIN (Thunnus Albacares)

| Rank | Weight | Angler                       | Where Caught      | Date Caught  |
|------|--------|------------------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| *1.  | 74.0   | Richard I. Evans             | Midnight Lump     | Feb. 2000    |
|      |        | (2000 LOWA Fish of the Year) |                   |              |
| *2.  | 70.35  | Jeffrey D. Pierce            | Ram Powell Rig    | August. 2004 |
| *3.  | 67.0   | Jack Denis, Jr.              | Midnight Lump     | Feb. 1998    |
| *4.  | 55.45  | Rudolph A. Hall              | Midnight Lump     | Feb. 2001    |
| *5.  | 44.95  | Roger del Rio                | MC 582            | April 2004   |
| *6.  | 22.50  | Pete V. Cooper Jr.           | W. Delta Blk. 143 | May 1996     |

### Species: WAHOO (Acanthocybium solanderi)

| Rank | Weight | Angler        | Where Caught          | Date Caught |
|------|--------|---------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| *1.  | 1.95   | Roger Del Rio | Gulf of Mexico MC 243 | Nov 2003    |

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### Species: BASS, LARGEMOUTH (*Micropterus salmoides*)

| Rank | Weight | Angler                | Where Caught             | Date Caught  |
|------|--------|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| *1.  | 13.50  | Mark Leicher          | Waldheim, LA pond        | March 1999   |
| *2.  | 12.98  | Robert Habisreitering | Crane Lake, Bush LA      | Feb. 2001    |
| *3.  | 12.81  | Timmy Jay Kleinpeter  |                          | Feb. 1995    |
| *4.  | 12.03  | Mike Belanger         |                          | March 1995   |
| *5.  | 11.71  | W. Allen Saba         |                          | Feb. 1996    |
| *6.  | 11.66  | Reed Vial             | Baton Rouge Private Pond | March 2006   |
| *7.  | 10.87  | Mark M. Howard        | L. of Greenleaves Pond   | July 2000    |
| *8.  | 9.43   | Roger Conner          |                          | August. 1994 |

### Species: BLUEGILL (*Lepomis macrochirus*)

| Rank | Weight | Angler       | Where Caught      | Date Caught    |
|------|--------|--------------|-------------------|----------------|
| *1   | 2.24   | Tim Trahan   | Private Pond      | May 2022       |
| *2.  | 2.05   | Trevor Fry   | The Lakes         | February 2023  |
| *3.  | 1.81   | Jack Fry     | The Lakes         | March 2024     |
| *4.  | 1.72   | Dwaine Payne | Whippoorwill Subd | August. 2016   |
| *5.  | 1.59   | Trevor Fry   | The Lakes         | May2022        |
| *6.  | 1.50   | Trevor Fry   | The Lakes         | October 2020   |
| *6.  | 1.50   | Jack Fry     | The Lakes         | March 2023     |
| *6.  | 1.50   | Jack Fry     | The Lakes         | March 2023     |
| *7   | 1.42   | Jack Fry     | The Lakes         | September 2022 |
| *8.  | 1.40   | Jack Fry     | The Lakes         | May 2022       |
| *9.  | 1.38   | Trevor Fry   | The Lakes         | August 2022    |



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Luke Fry

The Lakes

October 2023

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### Species: CRAPPIE, BLACK (*Pomoxis nigromaculatus*)

| Rank | Weight | Angler           | Where Caught            | Date Caught   |
|------|--------|------------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| *1.  | 3.12   | Louis Brupbacher | Greenwood Lake/W.Fel.   | June 2015     |
| *2.  | 2.70   | Louis Brupbacher | Greenwood Lake          | October. 2010 |
| *3.  | 2.32   | Blaise Segura    | Private Pond New Iberia | Feb 2018      |

### Species: CRAPPIE, WHITE (*Pomoxis annularis*)

| Rank | Weight | Angler            | Where Caught            | Date Caught  |
|------|--------|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| *1.  | 3.74   | Louis Brupbacher  | Greenwood Lake/W.Fel.   | August. 2010 |
| *2.  | 3.68   | Peggy Harmon      | Private Pond, Hornbeck  | May 2005     |
| *3.  | 3.45   | Cowboy Kress      | La Pay E. Bas, Eunice   | March 2008   |
| *4.  | 3.17   | Steven Rowell     | Fieldcrest pond/Youngsv | . Feb. 2011  |
| *5.  | 2.78   | Christina August. | Callens Pond            | March 2002   |
| *6.  | 2.65   | Keith Schwab      | Private Lake            | March 2003   |

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## Species: STRIPED MULLET (Mugil Cephalus)

|     |      |              |                   |                |
|-----|------|--------------|-------------------|----------------|
| *1. | 3.74 | Graham Dore' | Vermillion Parish | September 2021 |
|-----|------|--------------|-------------------|----------------|

## Species: REDEAR SUNFISH (Lepomis microlophus)

| Rank | Weight | Angler                 | Where Caught               | Date Caught |
|------|--------|------------------------|----------------------------|-------------|
| *1.  | 2.31   | Lee J. Trahan          |                            | March 1995  |
| *2.  | 1.88   | James Page             | Deer Park                  | July 1996   |
| *3.  | 1.69   | Fred G. Hannie Sr.     | Private Pond, L. Charles   | July 1997   |
| *4.  | 1.57   | Joseph Lee Davis       | Private Pond, Leesville    | July 2003   |
| *5.  | 1.49   | Jeffry Brice Nickel    | Private Pond, Crowley      | May 2005    |
| *6.  | 1.05   | Logan Alexander Knight | Private Pond, Grant Parish | April 2002  |

## POND DIVISION FLY ROD

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## Species: BLUEGILL (Lepomis macrochirus)

|      |      |            |           |                |
|------|------|------------|-----------|----------------|
| *1.  | 2.14 | Trevor Fry | The Lakes | October 2022   |
| *2.  | 1.56 | Trevor Fry | The Lakes | March 2024     |
| *3.  | 1.47 | Luke Fry   | The Lakes | March 2024     |
| *4.  | 1.38 | Trevor Fry | The Lakes | October 2022   |
| *5.  | 1.37 | Trevor Fry | The Lakes | October 2022   |
| *6.  | 1.24 | Luke Fry   | The Lakes | July 2023      |
| *7.  | 1.16 | Trevor Fry | The Lakes | March 2024     |
| *8.  | 1.05 | Jack Fry   | The Lakes | July 2023      |
| *9.  | 1.05 | Jack Fry   | The Lakes | September 2023 |
| *10. | 1.03 | Luke Fry   | The Lakes | October 2022   |

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