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CMR certifies state fishing record; king mackerel season closes

BILOXI, Miss. – Steven Frye of Ocean Springs has broken the conventional tackle state fishing record for the Longspine porgy (*Stenotomus caprinus*), the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources announced Thursday.

Frye caught the fish on Oct. 1, and it weighed 14.72 ounces. The previous record was 9.92 ounces and was set in 2004.

The Commission on Marine Resources certified the record at its October meeting.

Officials with MDMR also announced Thursday that commercial King Mackerel season is now closed. NOAA closed the western zone of the Gulf of Mexico on Oct. 17, 2014, which includes federal waters from the U.S./Mexico border to the Alabama/Florida boundary.

Officials with MDMR also closed adjoining state waters at the same time. The closure for state and federal waters will remain in effect until June 30, 2015.

Photo courtesy of MDMR

Photo caption: Steven Frye

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