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### ***CMR Certifies Three State Saltwater Fishing Records***

BILOXI, Miss. – The Commission on Marine Resources (CMR) certified three Mississippi recreational saltwater fishing records during its February meeting.

Chip Temple of Peachtree City, Ga. broke the state conventional tackle record for Bigeye Tuna with a 203-pound, 14-ounce fish on July 11, 2011.

Tim King of Ocean Springs set a new state conventional tackle record for Shortfin Mako with a 550-pound fish on January 8, 2012.

Thomas Dempsey of Mobile, Ala. broke the state fly fishing tackle record for Black Drum with a 58-pound fish on December 24, 2011.

The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources is dedicated to enhancing, protecting and conserving marine interests of the state by managing all marine life, public trust wetlands, adjacent uplands and waterfront areas to provide for the optimal commercial, recreational, educational and economic uses of these resources consistent with environmental concerns and social changes. Visit the DMR online at [www.dmr.ms.gov](http://www.dmr.ms.gov).

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**Photo A cutline: Chris Temple of Peachtree City, Ga. broke the state conventional tackle record for Bigeye Tuna with a 203-pound, 14-ounce fish on July 11, 2011.**



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