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CMR certifies six state records

BILOXI, Miss. – The state Commission on Marine Resources certified six state fishing records at this month's meeting.

Samuel Grayson, 13, of Mobile, Ala., set the youth state record using conventional tackle for Spotted Seatrout (*Cynoscion nebulosus*) with a fish weighing 5 pounds, 11.78 ounces. Rodie Armes, 10, of Pass Christian set the youth state record for Spot (*Leiostomus xanthurus*), with a fish weighing 4.16 ounces.

Sean Cook of D'iberville set two state records using a spear for Permit (*Trachinotus falcatus*) with a fish weighing 11 pounds, 0.76 ounces and Spanish Hogfish (*Bodianus rufus*) with a fish weighing 2 pounds, 10.72 ounces.

The new state record for Red Grouper (*Epinephelus morio*) was set by Tim Shivers of Ocean Springs with a fish weighing 22 pounds, 2.05 ounces. Donny Armes of Pass Christian set a state record using conventional tackle for Spot (*Leiostomus xanthurus*) with a fish weighing 4.42 ounces.

"This month's fish records span a variety of species, methods of take and ages of fishermen," said Mississippi Department of Marine Resources Executive Director Joe Spraggins. "Our agency enjoys seeing the variety of recreational fishermen enjoying our Mississippi waters. Congratulations to all of our new state record holders."

Photo courtesy MS Department of Marine Resources

- 1. Samuel Grayson with Spotted Seatrout**
- 2. Rodie Armes with Spot**
- 3. Sean Cook with Permit**
- 4. Sean Cook with Spanish Hogfish**
- 5. Tim Shivers with Red Grouper**
- 6. Donny Armes with Spot**

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