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MDMR certifies seven state records

BILOXI, Miss. – The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources certified seven state fishing records this month.

Youth records using conventional tackle were set by Blake Bosarge, 12, of Gautier for Gag (*Mycteroperca microlepis*) with a fish weighing 45 pounds, 1.6 ounces, and Samuel Wright, 7, of Cullman, Ala., for Gafftopsail Catfish (*Bagre marinus*), with a fish weighing 5 pounds, 12.8 ounces.

Donnie Jackson, Jr., of Metairie, La., set the state record for Swordfish (*Xiphias gladius*) using conventional tackle with a fish weighing 309 pounds, 14.4 ounces. The previous record was 242 pounds, 8.64 ounces set in 2017.

Also using conventional tackle, state records were set for Gulf Flounder (*Paralichthys albaguttata*) by Donald Bosarge II, of Gautier with a fish weighing 1 pound, 11.52 ounces, and Gag (*Mycteroperca microlepis*) by Travis Gessley of Forest Hill, Md., with a fish weighing 67 pounds, 6.4 ounces.

Saltwater fish records set using a spear in the all tackle category are Dyllan Camplejohn, of Ocean Springs, for Almaco Jack (*Seriola rivoliana*) with a fish weighing 36 pounds, 3.2 ounces, and Stanford Georgen of Florence for Red Lionfish (*Pterois volitans*) with a fish weighing 2 pounds, 5.4 ounces.

Photo courtesy MS Department of Marine Resources

- 1. Blake Bosarge with Gag (youth)**
- 2. Samuel Wright with Gaftopsail Catfish (youth)**
- 3. Donnie Jackson, Jr. with Swordfish**
- 4. Donald Bosarge II with Gulf Flounder**
- 5. Travis Gessley with Gag**
- 6. Dyllan Camplejohn with Almaco Jack**
- 7. Stanford Georgen with Red Lionfish**

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