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MDMR certifies five state records

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

Mason Watts, 12, of Long Beach set the youth record for Red Snapper (*Litjanus campechanus*) with a fish weighing 19 pounds, 1 ounce. Watts caught the fish using conventional tackle.

A state record using conventional tackle was set for Bull Shark (*Carcharhinus leucas*) by David Rogers of Coden, Ala., with a shark weighing 377 pounds, 4 ounces. The previous record was 354 pounds, 4 ounces set in July 2017. A record using conventional tackle was also set for the Keeltail Pomfret (*Taractes rubescens*) by Jimmy Boleware of Gautier with a fish weighing 16 pounds, 8 ounces.

Doug Borries of Ocean Springs set two records by fly fishing. The first was for Shark Sucker (*Echeneis naucrates*) with a fish weighing 3 pounds, 4.8 ounces and the second was for Little Tunny (*Euthynnus alletteratus*) with a fish weighing 14 pounds, 2.4 ounces.

Photo courtesy MS Department of Marine Resources

- 1. Mason Watts with Red Snapper**
- 2. David Rogers with Bull Shark**
- 3. Jimmy Boleware with Keeltail Pomfret**
- 4. Doug Borries with Shark Sucker**
- 5. Doug Borries with Little Tunny**

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