MDMR certifies three state records

BILOXI, Miss. – The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources certified three state fishing records for the month of June.

John Wright of Madison, Miss., set the record using conventional tackle for Blackbelly Rosefish (*Helicolenus dactylopterus*) with a fish weighing 2 pounds, 11.2 ounces.

Harley Havard of Lucedale set the all tackle record for Bigeye (*Priacanthus arenatus*) with a fish weighing 2 pounds, 11.52 ounces. Brandon Powell of Vancleave also set an all tackle record for Unicorn Filefish (*Aluterus monoceros*) with a fish weighing 5 pounds, 9.8 ounces.

Photos courtesy MS Department of Marine Resources

1. John Wright with Blackbelly Rosefish
2. Harley Havard with Bigeye
3. Brandon Powell with Unicorn Filefish

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