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MDMR certifies fish records for September

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

Using a spear, Bryan Ratliff of Biloxi set the record for Black Triggerfish (*Melichthys niger*) with a fish weighing 2 pounds, 9.136 ounces and Sean Cook of D'Iberville set the record for Atlantic Blue Tang (*Acanthurus coeruleus*) with a fish weighing 1 pound, 3.2 ounces. Using an electric reel, Wesley Butler of Laurel set the record for Yellowedge Grouper (*Epinephelus flavolimbatus*) with a fish weighing 41 pounds, 12.8 ounces.

Photos courtesy MS Department of Marine Resources

- 1. Bryan Ratliff with Black Triggerfish**
- 2. Sean Cook with Atlantic Blue Tang**
- 3. Wesley Butler with Yellowedge Grouper**

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