

Georgia Department of Natural Resources

1200 Glynn Avenue, Brunswick, Georgia 31523-9990

J. Leonard Ledbetter, Commissioner

Duane Harris, Director

Coastal Resources Division

912/264-7218

24 July 1986

Mr. Thomas C. Hester

[REDACTED]
Savannah, Georgia 31406

Dear Mr. Hester:

I wish to personally congratulate you on your outstanding catch, which has been accepted as a Georgia Saltwater Gamefish Record. Enclosed is a certificate that serves not only to recognize the size of the catch, but also the angler's skill and the sportsmanship displayed in the landing of a gamefish record.

Again, congratulations on your achievement, and thank you for your participation in Georgia's Saltwater Gamefish Records Program.

Sincerely,



Duane Harris, Director
Coastal Resources

DH/lw

Enclosure

cc: Captain Frank Meek - NITA M

GEORGIA SALTWATER GAMEFISH
RECORDS APPLICATION FORM
FOR RECORDING RECORD
GAMEFISH CATCHES

Read all angling rules and Georgia Saltwater Gamefish Record requirements before completing and signing this application. This application must be accompanied by photographs as specified in the State record requirements.

DIVISION Women's Men's

SPECIES

Common name: White Martin

WEIGHT

lbs., oz.: 49 3/4 #

LENGTH (See measurements diagrams)

inches: x to x 65" xx to xx 86"

GIRTH (See measurement diagrams)

inches: 27"

DATE OF CATCH: 6-21-86

PLACE OF CATCH: Gulf stream off SAU GA

100-105° off W² @ 75 miles

METHOD OF CATCH (trolling, casting, fly fishing, etc.):

trolling

ANGLER (print name as you wish it to appear on record

certificate): Thomas C Hester

Permanent address (include county and address code):

SAVANNAH, GA. 31406

Angler's fishing club affiliation (if any): N/A

EQUIPMENT

Number of hooks: 1

Name of lure, fly or bait: Bait Ballyho

BOAT (if used)

Name: NITA M

Captain's Name: FRANK MEEK

Signature: Frank R Meek

Address: Savannah Ga. 31410

SCALES

Location: SAVANNAH YACHT CLUB

Date last certified: 1984

Person and/or agency that certified scales: _____

Weighmaster: State of GA

Signature: Tommy Willis

Address: _____

WITNESSES

Witness to weighing (other than angler, captain or weigh-

master): Paul A. Little

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: (fighting time, equipment used, additional witnesses, etc.) _____

AFFIDAVIT

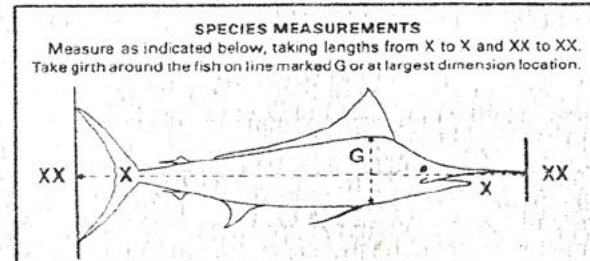
I, the undersigned, hereby take oath and attest that the fish described in this application was hooked, fought, and brought to gaff by me without assistance from anyone, except as specifically provided in the regulations; and that it was caught in accordance with Georgia Saltwater Gamefish Records angling rules. I further declare that all information in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of angler: Thomas C Hester

Date: 6-21-86, 1986

When completely filled out and signed, mail this application with photos by quickest means to:

Saltwater Gamefish Records
Coastal Resources Division
Georgia Department of Natural Resources
1200 Glynn Avenue
Brunswick, Georgia 31523
Phone (912) 264-7330 or 264-7218



GEORGIA SALTWATER GAMEFISH RECORDS PROGRAM RECORDS REVIEW COMMITTEE

Date: July 17, 1986

Please find attached for your review, comment, and approval/disapproval an application for consideration as a Georgia Saltwater Gamefish Record, Outstanding Catch, or both (indicate one).

SPECIFICATIONS Entry form + photos attached.

Identified by Capt. Willis of the EAGLE -
 NOTES: bluewater charter fisherman. Note straight lateral line and pectoral fin (long, rounded), as opposed to a blue marlin. As opposed to a speartfish, obvious reduction in dorsal fin still evident from the photo. ID's attached.

Species: White Marlin
 Division: ___ Women's X Men's
 Current Record: 48 lbs. 11 oz
 Weight Needed 49 lbs 3 oz
 Entry Weight: 49 lbs 12 oz
 Date Received July 17, 1986

REVIEW COMMITTEE

REVIEW COMMITTEE	<u>Approved as New Record</u>	<u>Approved as Tie Record</u>	<u>Disapproved Record (Explain)</u>	<u>Approved as Outstanding Catch</u>	<u>Disapproved as Outstanding Catch</u>	Comments (use back for ad- ditional spac
Duane Harris, Director Coastal Resources	<i>DH</i> 7/21/86					
Susan Shipman, Chief Coastal Fisheries	<i>SS</i> 7/18/86					
<i>Jim Music</i> Approved as New Record	<i>JM</i> 7/21/86					
John Pafford, Leader Recreational Fisheries	<i>JMP</i>					
Henry Ansley, Leader OCS Program	<i>HA</i>					

State of Georgia Saltwater Gamefish Record



Joe Frank Harris
GOVERNOR State of Georgia

J. Leonard Ledbetter
COMMISSIONER Department of Natural Resources

Quinn Harris
DIRECTOR Coastal Resources Division

THOMAS C. HESTER

holds the

Mens Record

for a

WHITE MARLIN

Tetrapturus albidus

Lbs. **49** Oz. **12**

Kg. **22.57**

Date: **JUNE 1986**

