



# New Zealand Bowhunters Society

## Big Game Claim Form

# FISH

Use this form for all Big Game Fish and Fish Record Book applications, only claims on the official form will be accepted. Claims must be received by the Game Recording Officer **within 30 days** of the kill. All forms must have at least one witness and a photograph is mandatory for record book applications. See rules of fair chase on back of form.

Type of Fish: \_\_\_\_\_

Hunting Locality: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Shot: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ kg

Stingrays Width: \_\_\_\_\_ cm Body Length: \_\_\_\_\_ cm Tail: \_\_\_\_\_ cm

Other Fish Length to 'V' of tail: \_\_\_\_\_ cm Maximum Girth: \_\_\_\_\_ cm

Where were you fishing from? a Wharf  a Boat  from Land  Wading   
Other  (state) \_\_\_\_\_

Method of Bowfishing used: Bow Reel  Float  Hand held line  No line   
Retriever  Other  (state) \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Arrow used: Solid Fibreglass  Aluminium  Other  (state) \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Fish head used: \_\_\_\_\_

Bow Type: Compound  Recurve  Longbow

Bow Make and Model: \_\_\_\_\_

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**APPLICANT:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ I signify that this fish was taken according to the rules of fair chase on the back of this form

**WITNESS 1:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**WITNESS 2 (or sponsor for junior members):**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**OFFICE USE ONLY** Date Received \_\_\_\_\_ Date Ratified by Committee \_\_\_\_\_

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## Rules of Fair Chase – Big Game Fish

Fish cannot be restricted by nets or traps, either natural or man-made.

Fish may be gaffed or drowned to affect its landing or dispatch.

Fish must be unprotected by law and in legal waters.

Fish must not be taken with the assistance of explosives, power heads, firearms or harpoons.

Arrows must not exceed one metre in total shaft length.

Fish must not be shot with the use of projected artificial light.

Witnesses must witness weighing of the fish plus verify measurements on the claim form and must be satisfied that tapes and scales used are accurate.

Witnesses must also check that equipment and method used is consistent in every respect to the specifications on the claim form.

Fish must not be taken under any other condition considered by the Committee as unsportsmanlike.

New Zealand Fisheries regulations apply at all times.

Code of Ethics and Game Award rules apply at all times.

Note that the above fair chase rules apply to big game fish. Where small game fish such as snapper, carp etc are being claimed as fish record book entries the rules of fair chase for small game apply.

## Fish Record Book

To be eligible for the fish record book all fish must be claimed on a big game fish claim form (including small game fish) with all details filled in and at least one witness.

The Fish Record Book will contain details of the top ten trophies of the following species:

Shark – Big Game only (each species)

Kingfish

Black Ray (Short and Longtailed combined)

Eagleray

Snapper

Grass Carp

Koi Carp

Eel (this section is now closed)

The ranking will be by live weight (ie ungutted). This weight and other measurements (as per big game fish claim form) must be accurate and must be witnessed.

Photographs of the fish are compulsory. These must be supplied before the trophy is eligible for the fish record book.

The fish record book will be updated each year immediately after the NZBS annual tournament; changes are to be notified to the next committee meeting.

## Send all claim forms to:

NZBS Game Recording Officer, Dave Gousmett, PO Box 11277, Ellerslie, Auckland 1542

or email them through our website: <http://www.nzbowhunters.co.nz>