

Young Huntsville angler catches first state-record yellow perch

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) congratulates Isaac Bohm, 13, of Huntsville, on catching the first state-record yellow perch taken by alternative methods. Bohm caught the fish at a private pond in Randolph County May 11 using a trotline. Weighing in at 10-ounces, it is the first yellow perch that has met the minimum weight requirement set by MDC's Master Angler Award. The yellow perch's weight was verified on a certified scale in Moberly.

When there are open state records, MDC refers to the minimum requirements set by its Master Angler Award. For more information, visit <https://bit.ly/2JGC8jz>.

"I was very excited when I learned that it'd be a state record because that's been my goal," said Bohm. "I caught a yellow perch last year, but I was just a fraction of an ounce off the state's minimum requirement."

Bohm said this catch is fueling him to obtain more state-record titles.

"I'm definitely going to keep trying to catch more state-record fish," Bohm declared. "I think I'm going to mount it and probably keep it as my trophy."

Missouri state-record fish are recognized in two categories: pole-and-line and alternative methods. Alternative methods include: throwlines, trotlines, limb lines, bank lines, jug lines, spearfishing, snagging, snaring, gigging, grabbing, archery, and atlatl. For more details on state-record fish, visit the MDC website at <http://bit.ly/2efq1vl>.