

2020 Year-Long Catch, Photo, Release (CPR) Contest

To promote good conservation practices while practicing proper Catch and Release techniques plus having some fun, the ACFA is offering a Year-Long Catch, Photograph and Release (CPR) Contest.

1. ****The Categories for the 2020 CPR Contest have been expanded to include the following Six (6) Species:**
 - a. Speckled Trout (15" minimum TL)
 - b. Redfish (16" minimum TL)
 - c. Black Drum (16" minimum TL)
 - d. Blackfish (18" minimum TL)
 - e. Flounder (14" minimum TL)
 - f. Sheepshead (12" minimum FL)
 - i. **For use in the document, the following will apply:
FL = Fork Length TL = Total Length**
2. The Contest duration is the same as that used for the ACFA BFC Contest (12:00 am November 15 until the following 12:00 pm midnight November 14)
3. You may submit your CPR Entry directly to the ACFA Statistician using one of the following methods:
 - a. Text to: (251) 232-1904
 - b. Email: thorntonr17@yahoo.com
 - c. U.S. Mail:
**ACFA CPR Contest
c/o Robert Thornton
7404 Carol Acres Ln
Mobile, Al 36619**
4. When submitting a CPR entry, all BFC Rules will apply as well as the following:
 - a. **MUST** use a 2020 CPR Card (or submit the same information);
 - b. **MUST** be submitted within 30 days from "Date of Catch";
 - c. **MUST** include photographs either digital, print or video, showing the entire fish thus allowing the Statistician to:
 - i. Verify the length of the fish while lying flat, in a natural position, centered over the ruler with mouth closed and nose of fish against the ruler stop;
 - ii. Verify the angler (either member or dependent) along with their catch;
 - iii. Verify the successful release of the LIVE fish, while utilizing proper handling and release techniques;
 1. A certain amount of leeway may be required for those anglers fishing solo, however, the procurement of a photo of sufficient quality to allow verification of the items in CPR Rule 4.c.i-iii is a necessity.
 - iv. It is the angler's responsibility to follow the spirit of a successful release.
 - d. **** Optional: If you tag a fish prior to its release, or catch a previously tagged fish, you MUST include the Tag number along with its Source in the space provided on the CPR Card, in order to be credited;**
 - e. Every reasonable effort will be made to verify all entries;
 - f. All entries must be legible and contain the same information as that required on the 2020 ACFA CPR Card:
 - i. **Note that Sheepshead are to be measured using its FL (Fork Length)**
 - ii. **Measurements for all other species are TL (Total Length);**
5. All anglers submitting a BFC entry are encouraged to verify receipt of their catch with the ACFA Statistician;

6. The ACFA Statistician is the sole judge in this contest;
7. In case of a tie, the earliest entry and time will take precedence over the later entry;
8. Entries not meeting **ALL** the criteria above may be questioned, changed, or rejected by the contest judge (ACFA Statistician) at his/her discretion, that is:
 - a. Photo does:
 - i. NOT allow verification of length, cut-off (cropped), poor quality (blurry)
 - ii. NOT show the entire length of fish to allow an accurate reading of the length to the nearest 1/8 or 1/4 inch;
 - iii. NOT exhibit proper handling **and/or** release techniques.
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10. Results will be posted in the Monthly ACFA Newsletter and on the ACFA Website along with all standings and Statistics @:
<https://www.acfafish.com/stats-and-records>
11. **NOTE:** Each qualifying angler (paid members, their spouse, child or grandchild) under age 16 as of Feb 1st, is allowed a maximum of **Two (2)** fish in each CPR Category (species).
12. Points will be awarded for the top Ten (10) places in each species category as follows:

Place	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10 th
Points	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

13. The top Three (3) places for each of the **Six (6)** Species, will be recognized with a plaque at the December Awards Banquet.
 - a. Anglers in both the Adult & Junior Divisions with the highest overall number of CPR Points will be declared the CPR Champion for that year.
 - b. Additional recognition plaques and prizes will be awarded to those anglers who, during the course of this contest, Tag & Report their CPR Fish.**
 - i. What that reward will be is dependent on the participation seen from this option (including Junior anglers).**