

Anglers of the Year

The idea is to recognize all fish catching achievements and to provide an objective and transparent methodology for determining Angler of the Year. Points will be awarded for fish catching achievements. The angler with the most points earned during the calendar year will be named Angler of the Year. All fish must be caught in North Carolina waters or offshore of North Carolina (e.g., The Point, Diamond Shoals, etc.).

The point system below recognizes all fish catching achievements and assigns relative points for each class of fish catching.

Fish of the month	3 points
Entry for fish of the month	1 point (fish must be at least 75% of citation size)
Tournament Win	3 points for first place, 2 points for second place, 1 point for third place
Citation Fish	4 points (one citation per species per day)
Leader Board Fish	5 points
Slams	1 pt for 3 fish, 2 pts for 4 fish, 3 pts for 5 fish, 4 pts for 6 fish, limit of one slam per category per angler Inshore slam , blue fish, speckled trout, flounder, red drum and striped bass (all must be at least 18") Near shore slam , cobia (legal size), spanish mackerel (minimum 18"), amber jack (minimum 28"), king mackerel (minimum 24"), barracuda (release), false albacore (minimum 24") Bottom fish slam , triggerfish, black sea bass (minimum 18"), tile fish (minimum 22"), grouper (legal size), snapper (legal size) Off shore slam , dolphin (minimum 27"), yellow fin tuna (minimum 27"), bluefin tuna (legal size), wahoo, big eye tuna (minimum 27") Billfish slam , must catch two of the following four billfish: white marlin, blue marlin, sailfish, swordfish (1 pt for 2 fish, 2 pts for 3 fish, 4 pts for all 4)

One fish can be eligible for multiple award points. For example, a tournament winning fish may also qualify as the fish of the month, may also be of citation size, could end up on the leader board, and qualify as part of a slam. However, fish of the month does not qualify for the 1 point entry for fish of the month. You either get 3 points if your fish is fish of the month or 1 point for the entry if the fish is not the fish of the month.

Anglers of the year include Lady Angler of the Year, Men's Angler of the Year and Youth Anglers of the Year (girls and boys).