

Fishin' Vachinis



records all in the family

FROM "GOLDEN BOYS" TO "FISHIN' VACHINI'S": A 20-YEAR FAMILY LIST OF ANGLING WORLD RECORDS

After catching my first golden trout from Bear Creek in 1975, I became fascinated by the coloration of this species, often referred to as "the crown jewel of the trout family." When my 3 sons, then aged 9-12, each caught their initial golden from this same creek, they too became enamored, and we made a few more backpack trips in their pursuit during the early 1980's. Though gaudily attired, the creek residents we caught barely reached 9 inches.

At this point, a former student and avid backpacker George Di Ruscio, who had hiked most portions of the John Muir Trail, informed me that he'd observed much larger specimens in some of the loftier lakes approaching 12,000-foot elevation. In 1985, I accompanied him on a 60-mile loop across some of the more forlorn, John Muir Wilderness stillwaters. Indeed, I witnessed for myself fish approaching 3-pounds-huge for this species. This really lit the flame!

Back home, I meticulously perused the International Game Fish Association (IGFA) and National Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame (HOF), the 2 organizations that sanction angling world records. While the 11 lb.-4 oz. All-Tackle golden appeared out of reach, their line and tippet-class categories astonishingly revealed several beatable weights and numerous vacancies!

Thus, in 1987, targeting several vacancies and armed with a varied selection of lines and tippets, a certified scale and camera gear, son, Jason, and I set out on a records-quest. Traversing snow and talus enshrouded ridgelines between the Bear Creek and French Canyon drainages, I struck it rich on a pair of high elevation lakes, establishing 5 line-and tippet-class standards!

In 1988, 16-year old Jason again joined me on a rigorous return backpack to French Canyon. After losing a near 3-pounder at the net the evening before, I proudly watched him purposefully scramble along the same boulder-strewn outlet channel of Royce Lake #2. Here, moments after netting a 1 lb.-2 oz. specimen to set the 8 lb. tippet mark, his grin lit up the early morning dawn!

Matt (19) joined Jason and me on a 1991 trek to the headwaters of French Canyon. From behind a boulder, we watched Matt skillfully probe a small, aerated pool at the outlet of Steelhead Lake. Soon, his fly rod arced and a 1 lb. carmine bolt thrashed in his net, securing the Unlimited tippet-class and his first world record!

In prime aerobic shape and aided by our Swiss ancestry, the 3 of us sought out demanding, lightly-visited destinations. Indeed, over several memorable off-trail excursions between 1987-94, we collectively established an amazing 29 line and tippet class global standards with both organizations, earning us the self-proclaimed nickname of "Golden Boys!"

Also, during the early 90's, a half-dozen backcountry waters housing exceptional brook trout added another 19 world records to an expanding Golden Boys ledger! Then in 1993, Catch & Release categories were adopted, providing additional record opportunities. Thus with numerous vacancies over several species, son, Chris, and daughter, Angela, embarked on their record book assaults.

During October of 1994, Chris (now 26) and I trudged into Kirman Lake, a stillwater renown for outsized brook trout. Along its reed-lined shoreline, he filled the Catch & Release Unlimited line-class vacancy by finessing a thick, 17-inch char to hand. Shortly after ice-out in 1995, 15-year old Angela and I day-hiked into the Hoover Wilderness bordering Yosemite National Park. Slogging along snow-lined Virginia Creek, she skillfully maneuvered and netted a sleek, 17-inch rainbow trout. The 'bow not only secured the Catch & Release 17-lb. line-class mark but her place among the family of record setters!

This amazing 5-angler feat created the appropriate "Fishin' Vachini's" moniker! Indeed, between 1987-2007, no less than 67 family records were claimed among brook, brown, bull, cutthroat, cut-bow, Dolly Varden, golden and rainbow trout, plus grayling, and Chinook salmon species!

Teaming with my children as they morphed from preteens through adolescence and into adulthood provided a heightened level of satisfaction during our challenging quests for angling notoriety. Although a few of the numerous initial standards we set still stand, most have been eclipsed. The old adage, "Records are meant to be broken," certainly holds true. To me, however, the pride in our combined achievements will always remain. Once a world record holder, always a world record holder!

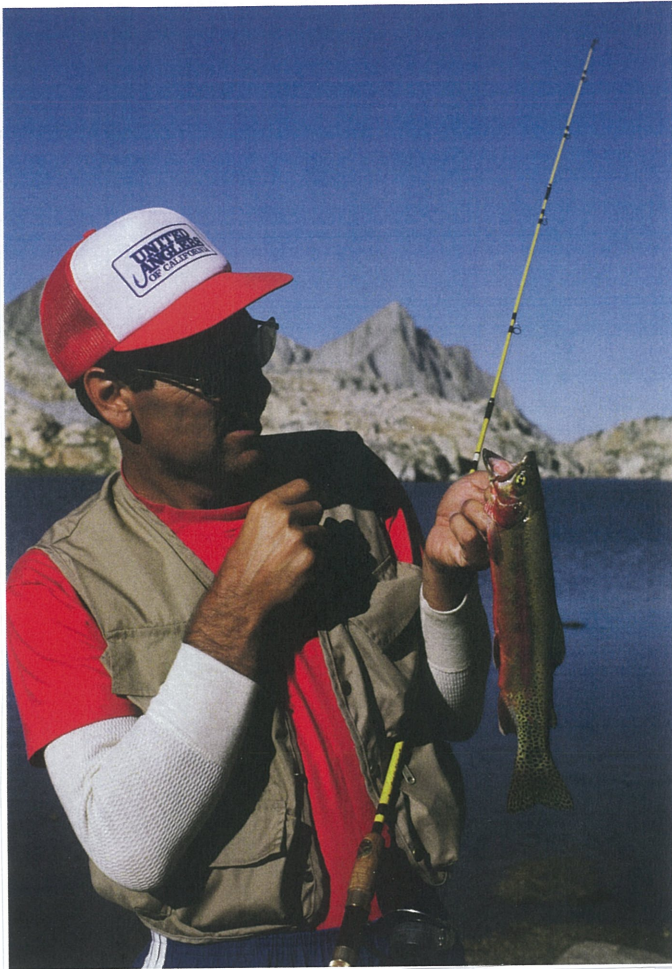
Following is a compilation of the Vachini family records established through the years:



Don's largest golden at 2 lbs.-2 oz. from Brown Bear Lake, set the IGFA's 6 lb. tippet-class mark.



Angela's Virginia Creek rainbow trout established the Catch & Release 17 lb. line class world record.

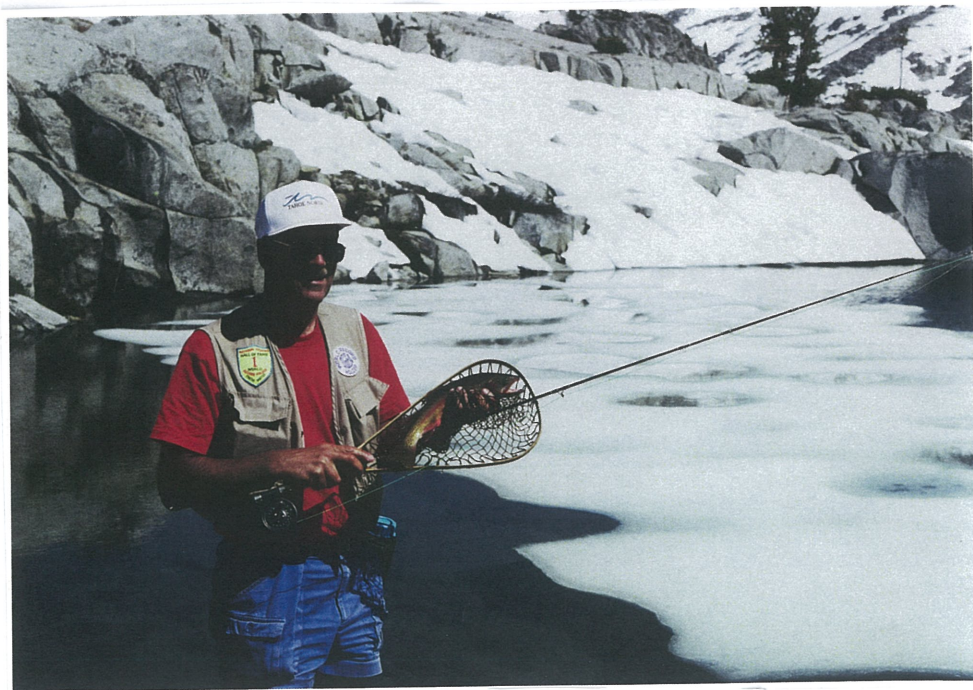


Matt's first world record golden. 1 lb. from Steelhead Lake, Unlimited tippet-class.

James Vachini
1980



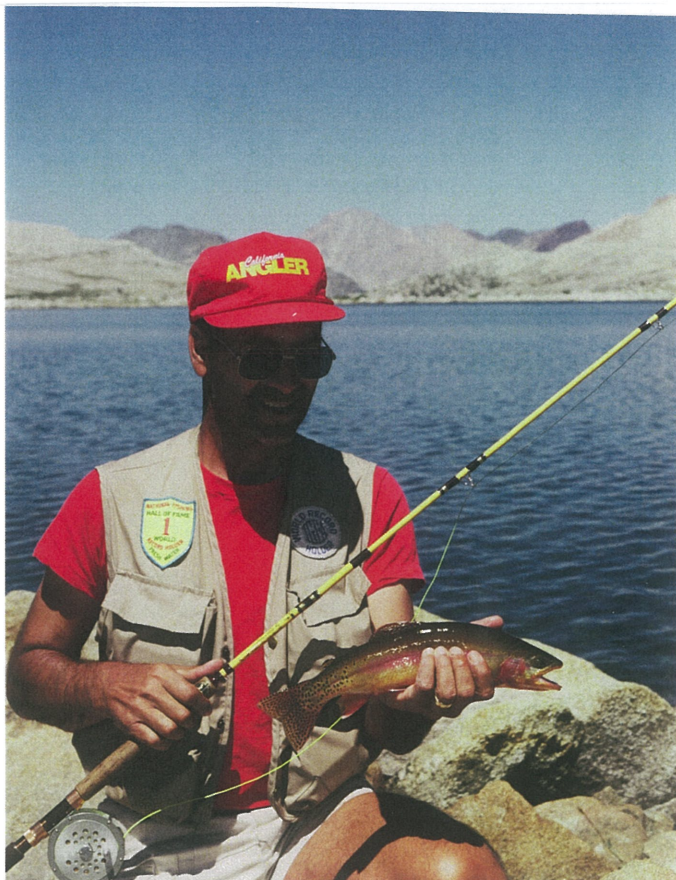
Chris nets a Catch & Release candidate.



Many of the Vachini family record goldens were caught at ice-out.



Jason's 1 lb.-14 oz. golden from Puppet Lake still holds the 8 lb. tippet-class mark.



Don's 2 lb. golden from Puppet Lake still holds the 12 lb. tippet-class.



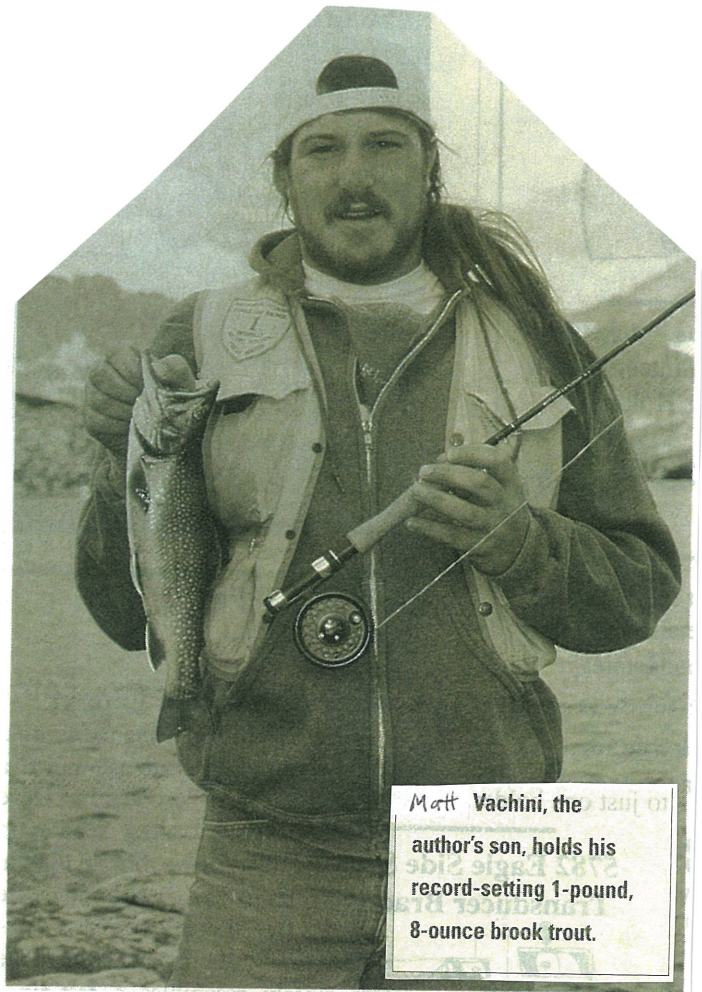
Chris' 17-inch brook trout from Kirman Lake claimed the Catch & Release Unlimited line-class record.



Angela holds her 2 pound rainbow, which claimed the IGFA F-Junior world record.



“The Golden Boys” Matt, Don & Jason. Over a 20-year period, the trio registered 29 line- or tippet-class world record golden trout with either the IGFA or HOF!

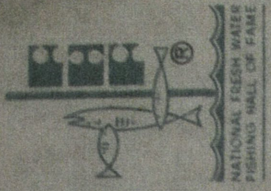


Matt Vachini, the author's son, holds his record-setting 1-pound, 8-ounce brook trout.



The Fishin' Vachinis are (from left) Matt, Chris, Don, Angela and Jason.

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WORLD RECORD
Angling Achievement

National Fresh Water
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WORLD RECOGNITION

Don Vachini
ANGLER

TROUT/Golden	6/22/87
SPECIES	DATE
1	Division #1 - Rod/Reel
LBS.	DIVISION
10	Big Bear Lake / California, USA
OZS.	CAUGHT
<i>Don Vachini</i>	
EXECUTIVE OFFICER	8 lb.
	LINE TEST CLASS

ATTEST BY THE GREAT SEAL



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Don Vachini

ANGLER

6/23/87

DATE

TROUT/Golden

SPECIES

Division #2 - Fly Fishing

DIVISION

2

OZS.

Royce Lake #2 / California, USA

CAUGHT

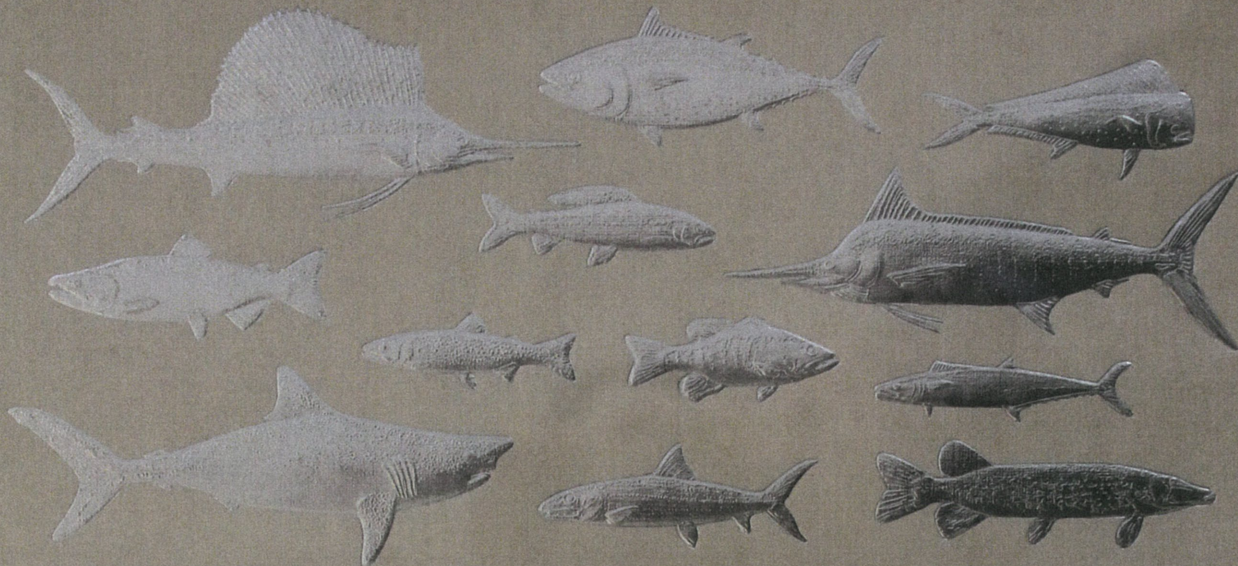
4 lb. Tippet

LINE TEST CLASS

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

ATTEST BY THE GREAT SEAL





WORLD RECORD

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This is to certify that

DON VACHINI

Has been awarded a world angling record for a catch of the heaviest fish of a species in an approved line class category, and that the catch was made in accordance with international angling regulations.

GOLDEN TROUT

1 LB 2 OZ (0.51 KG)

Species

Weight

2 KG (4 LB) TIPPET

JUNE 23, 1987

Record Category

Date of Catch

JOHN MUIR WILDERNESS, CALIFORNIA, USA

Place of Catch

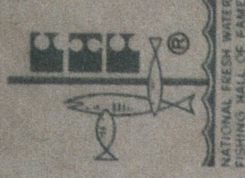
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President



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Don Vachini

ANGLER

TROUT/Golden

SPECIES

1

LBS.

0

OZS.

6/23/87

DATE

Division #2 - Fly Fishing

DIVISION

Royce Lake #2 / California, USA

CAUGHT

6 lb. Tippet

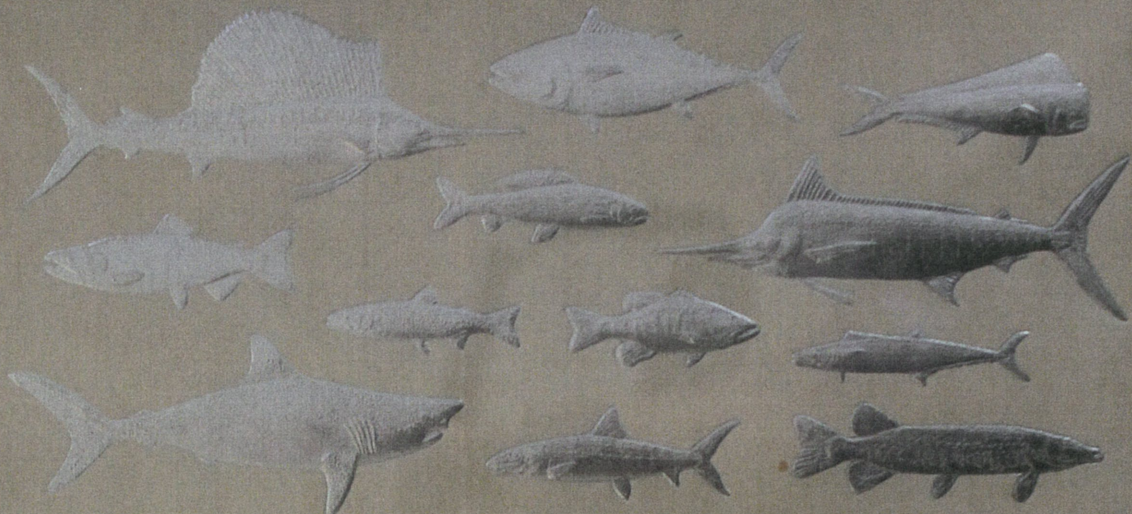
LINE TEST CLASS

Robert Sking

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

ATTEST BY THE GREAT SEAL





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GOLDEN TROUT

1 LB (0.45 KG)

Species

Weight

4 KG (8 LB) TIPPET

JUNE 23, 1987

Record Category

Date of Catch

JOHN MUIR WILDERNESS, CALIFORNIA, USA

Place of Catch

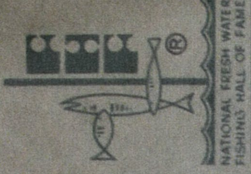
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Don Vachini

ANGLER

6/24/87

DATE

TROUT/Golden

SPECIES

Division #1 - Rod/Reel

DIVISION

8

OZS.

Royce Lake #2 / California, USA

CAUGHT

Unlimited

LINE TEST CLASS

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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Don Vachini

ANGLER

TROUT/Golden

SPECIES

2

OZS.

1

LBS.

8/26/87

DATE

Division #2 - Fly Fishing

DIVISION

Big Bear Lake / California, USA

CAUGHT

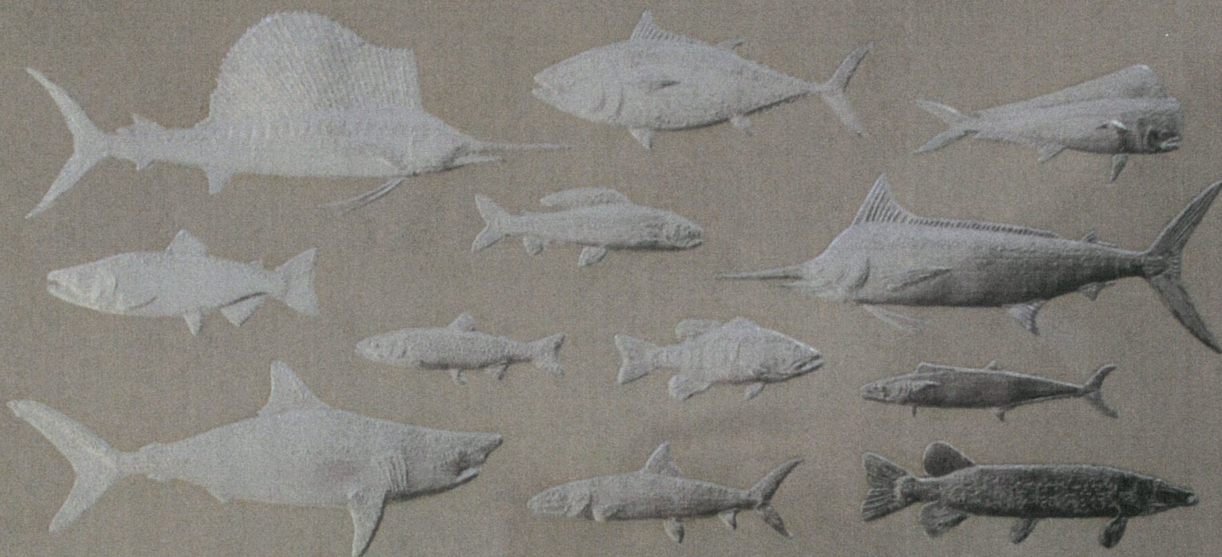
10 lb. Tippet

LINE TEST CLASS

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GOLDEN TROUT

1 LB 2 OZ (0.51 KG)

Species

Weight

TIPPET 6 KG (12 LB)

AUGUST 26, 1987

Record Category

Date of Catch

JOHN MUIR WILDERNESS, CALIFORNIA, USA

Place of Catch

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Michael Leach

Executive Committee Member

Edward J. Barry

President



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Jason Vachini
ANGLER

ATTEST BY THE GREAT SEAL



TROUT/Golden
SPECIES

6/22/88
DATE

1
LBS.

2
OZS.

Division #2 - Fly Fishing
DIVISION

Royce Lake #2 / California, USA
CAUGHT

8 lb. Tippet
LINE TEST CLASS

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Don Vachini

ANGLER

TROUT/Golden
SPECIES

8/24/88

DATE

1
LBS.

Division #2 - Fly Fishing

DIVISION

Big Bear Lake / California, USA

CAUGHT

14 lb. Tippet

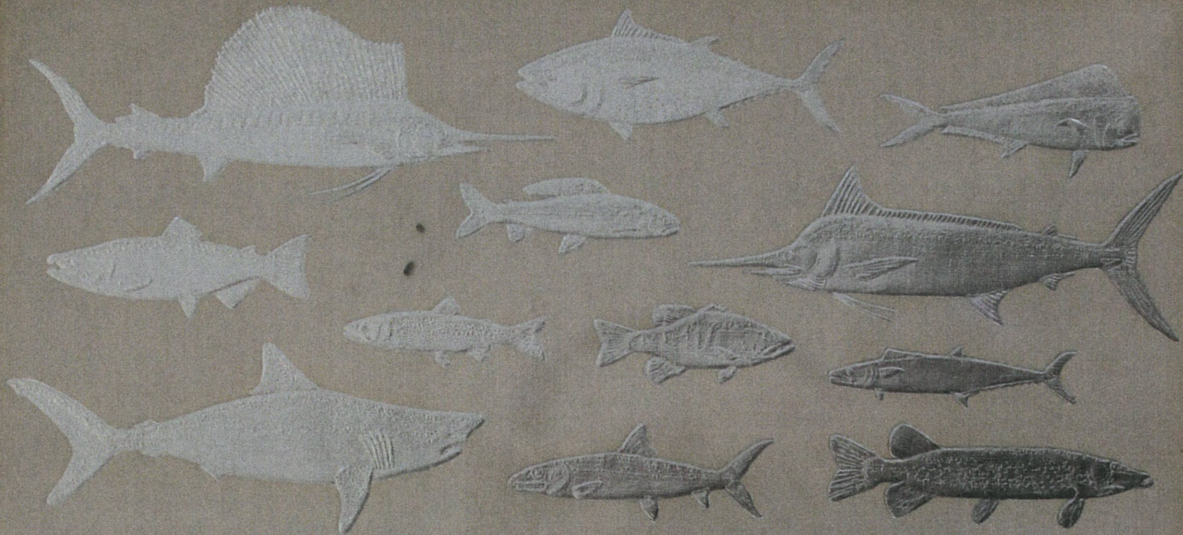
LINE TEST CLASS

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GOLDEN TROUT

1 LB (0.45 KG)

Species

Weight

8 KG (16 LB) TIPPET

AUG. 24, 1988

Record Category

Date of Catch

JOHN MUIR WILDERNESS, CALIFORNIA, USA

Place of Catch

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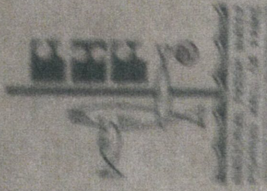
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Don Vachini

ANGLER

TROUT/Golden
SPECIES

1
LBS. 075

7/15/89
DATE

Division #2 - Fly Fishing
DIVISION

Steelhead Lake / CALIFORNIA, USA
CAUGHT

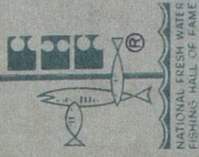
Robert E. King
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

12 lb. Tippet
LINE TEST CLASS

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WORLD RECOGNITION

Jason Vachini

ANGLER

TROUT/Golden
SPECIES

7/15/89

DATE

Division #2 - Fly Fishing

DIVISION

1
LBS.

0
OZS.

Steelhead Lake / CALIFORNIA, USA

CAUGHT

16 lb. Tippet

LINE TEST CLASS

[Signature]
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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WORLD RECOGNITION

Jason Vachini
ANGLER

TROUT/Golden
SPECIES
7/18/89
DATE

1
LBS.
0
OZS.
Division #2 - Fly Fishing
DIVISION

Steelhead Lake / CALIFORNIA, USA
CAUGHT

John R. Tippet
EXECUTIVE OFFICER
Unlimited Tippet
LINE TEST CLASS

ATTEST BY THE GREAT SEAL



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Don Vachini
ANGLER

TROUT/Golden
SPECIES

7/12/90
DATE

1
LBS.

6
OZS.

Division #1 - Rod/Reel
DIVISION

Popo Agie Wilderness / Wyoming, USA
CAUGHT

[Signature]
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

10 lb.
LINE TEST CLASS

ATTEST BY THE GREAT SEAL



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Don Vachini
ANGLER

TROUT/Golden
SPECIES

1
LBS. 12
OZS.

Popo Agie Wilderness / Wyoming, USA
CAUGHT

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

12 1b.
LINE TEST CLASS

7/14/90
DATE

1 Division #1 - Rod/Reel
DIVISION

ATTEST BY THE GREAT SEAL



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Jason Vachini
ANGLER

TROUT/Golden
SPECIES

8/21/90
DATE

1
LBS.

14
OZS.

Division #2 - Fly Fishing
DIVISION

Puppet Lake / California, USA
CAUGHT

[Signature]

8 lb. Tippet
LINE TEST CLASS

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Andy Gough
ANGLER

ATTEST BY THE GREAT SEAL



TROUT/Golden
SPECIES

8/22/90
DATE

1
LBS

Division #2 - Fly Fishing
DIVISION

Puppet Lake / California, USA
CAUGHT

6 lb. Tippet
LINE TEST CLASS

[Signature]
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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Don Vachini
ANGLER

TROUT/Golden SPECIES	8/22/90 DATE
1 LBS.	Division #1 - Rod/Reel DIVISION
13 OZS.	Puppet Lake / California, USA CAUGHT
EXECUTIVE OFFICER	10 lb. LINE TEST CLASS

[Signature]

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ATTEST BY THE GREAT SEAL

Matt Vachini

ANGLER

TROUT/Golden
SPECIES

6/25/91

DATE

1
LBS. 0 (TIE)
OZS.

Division #2 - Fly Fishing
DIVISION

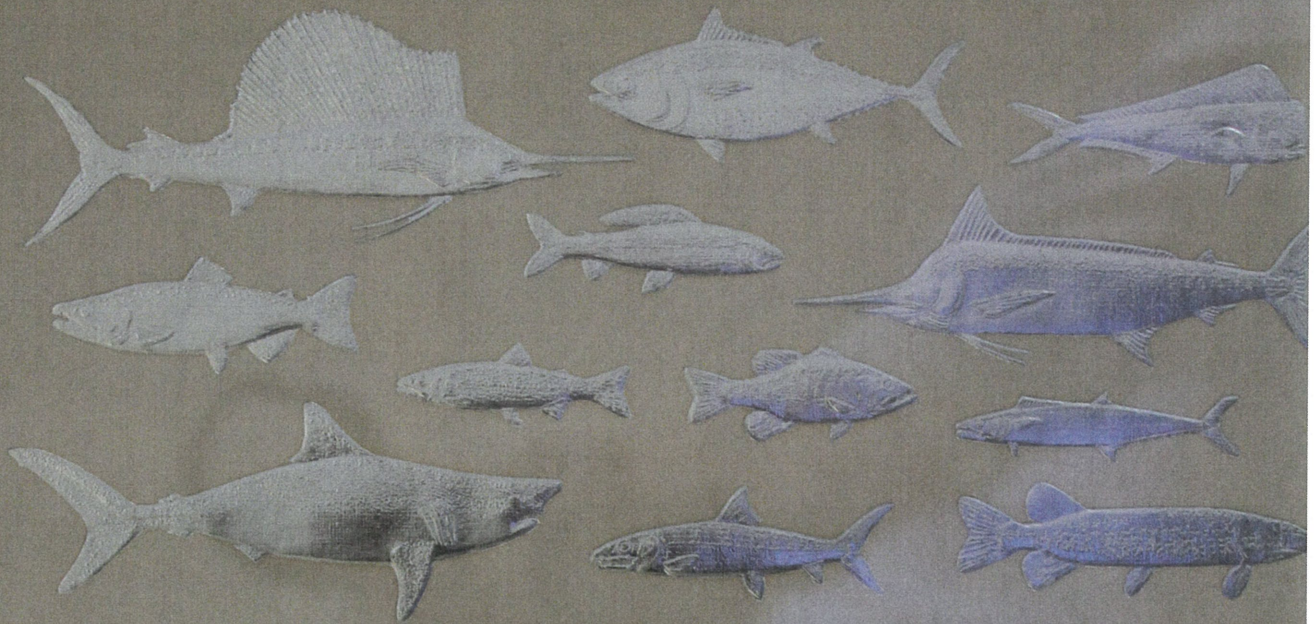
Steelhead Lake / California, USA

CAUGHT

Unlimited Tippet
LINE TEST CLASS

EXECUTIVE OFFICER





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GOLDEN TROUT

1 LB (0.45 KG)

Species

10 KG (20 LB) TIPPET

Weight

JUNE 25, 1991

Record Category

JOHN MUIR WILDERNESS, CALIFORNIA, USA

Date of Catch

Place of Catch

In witness whereof, the undersigned have affixed their signatures.

Executive Committee Member

President



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Angling Achievement

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Don Vachini

ANGLER

TROUT/BROOK
SPECIES

1
LBS. 4
 OZS.

Klamath National Forest / California, USA
CAUGHT

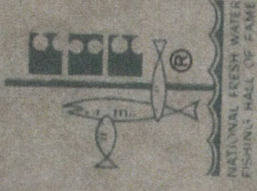
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

11/2/91
DATE

Division #2 - Fly Fishing
DIVISION

12 lb. Tippet
LINE TEST CLASS

ATTEST BY THE GREAT SEAL



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Don Vachini
ANGLER

11/2/91
DATE

TROUT/BROOK
SPECIES

Division #2 - Fly Fishing
DIVISION

1
LBS.

6
OZS.

Klamath National Forest / California, USA
CAUGHT

Unlimited Tippet
LINE TEST CLASS

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ANGLER

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6/12/92
DATE

TROUT/BROOK
SPECIES

Division #2 - Fly Fishing
DIVISION

1
LBS.

2
OZS.

John Muir Wilderness / California, USA
CAUGHT

14 lb. Tippet
LINE TEST CLASS

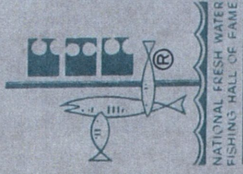
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Matt Vachini

ANGLER

TROUT/Brook
SPECIES

6/15/92

DATE

1
LBS.

6
OZS.

Division #2 - Fly Fishing

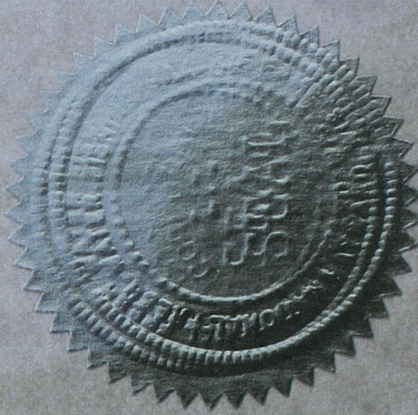
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John Muir Wilderness / California, USA
CAUGHT

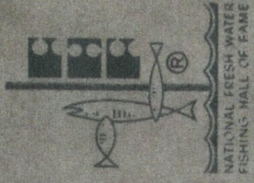
16 lb. Tippet
LINE TEST CLASS

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

ATTEST BY THE GREAT SEAL



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Don Vachini

ANGLER

TROUT/Golden
SPECIES

7/8/92
DATE

Division #2 - Fly Fishing
DIVISION

2
LBS. 0
OZS.

Puppet Lake / California, USA
CAUGHT

12 lb. Tippet
LINE TEST CLASS

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ANGLER

ATTEST BY THE GREAT SEAL



TROUT/Golden
SPECIES

7/11/92
DATE

2
LBS.

0
OZS.

Division #2 - Fly Fishing
DIVISION

Lower Goethe Lake / California, USA
CAUGHT

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10 lb. Tippet
LINE TEST CLASS

EXECUTIVE OFFICER



WORLD RECORD

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JASON VACHINI

Has been awarded a world angling record for a catch of the heaviest fish of a species in an approved line class category, and that the catch was made in accordance with international angling regulations.

GOLDEN TROUT

Species

1 LB 8 OZ

Weight

TIPPET 3 KG (6 LB)

Record Category

JUNE 20, 1994

Date of Catch

3 ISLAND LAKE, JOHN MUIR WILDERNESS, CALIFORNIA, USA

Place of Catch

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George S. Matthews
Executive Committee Member

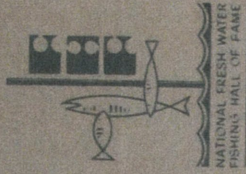
Michael Peck
President



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WORLD RECORD CATCH AND RELEASE Angling Achievement



National Fresh Water
Fishing Hall of Fame[®]

Don Vachini

ANGLER

TROUT/Brook

SPECIES

12

LENGTH IN INCHES

Marie Lake / California, USA

WHERE CAUGHT

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Unlimited Tippet

LINE TEST CLASS

6/28/94

DATE CAUGHT

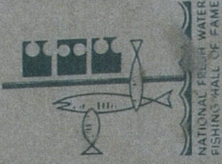
Division #2 - Fly Fishing

METHOD OF CATCH

ATTEST BY THE GREAT SEAL



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**WORLD RECORD
CATCH AND RELEASE
Angling Achievement**

*National Fresh Water
Fishing Hall of Fame®*

Matt Vachini

ANGLER

6/28/94

DATE CAUGHT

Division #2 - Fly Fishing

METHOD OF CATCH

14

LENGTH IN INCHES

Marie Lake / California, USA

WHERE CAUGHT

Unlimited Tippet

LINE TEST CLASS

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

ATTEST BY THE GREAT SEAL



OFFICIAL RECOGNITION CERTIFICATE



WORLD RECORD Angling Achievement

National Fresh Water Fishing Hall of Fame®

WORLD RECOGNITION

Don Vachini

ANGLER

6/30/94

DATE

Division #1 - Rod/Reel

DIVISION

Brown Bear Lake / California, USA

CAUGHT

Unlimited

LINE TEST CLASS

TROUT/Golden

SPECIES

2

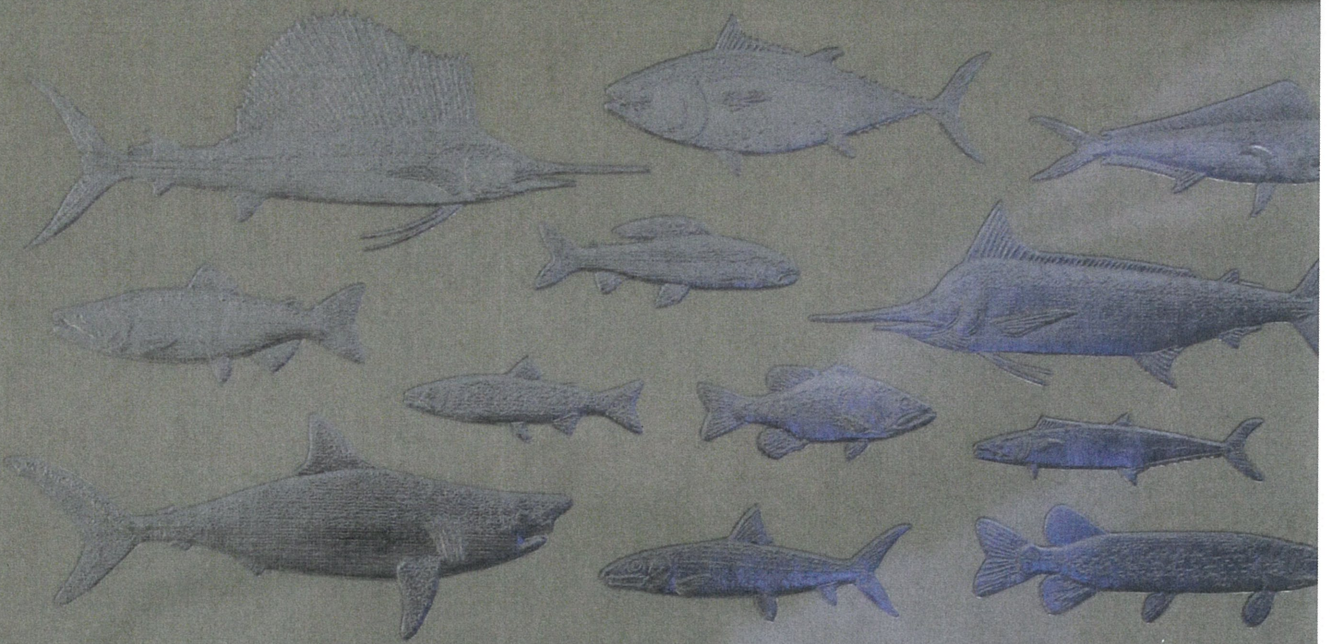
OZS.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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ATTEST BY THE GREAT SEAL





WORLD RECORD

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GOLDEN TROUT

2 LB 2 OZ

Species

Weight

TIPPET 3 KG (6 LB)

JUNE 30, 1994

Record Category

Date of Catch

BROWN BEAR LAKE, JOHN MUIR WILDERNESS, CALIFORNIA, USA

Place of Catch

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TROUT/Golden

SPECIES

7/1/94

DATE

2

LBS.

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OZS.

Division #3 - Pole/Line/No

DIVISION

Reel

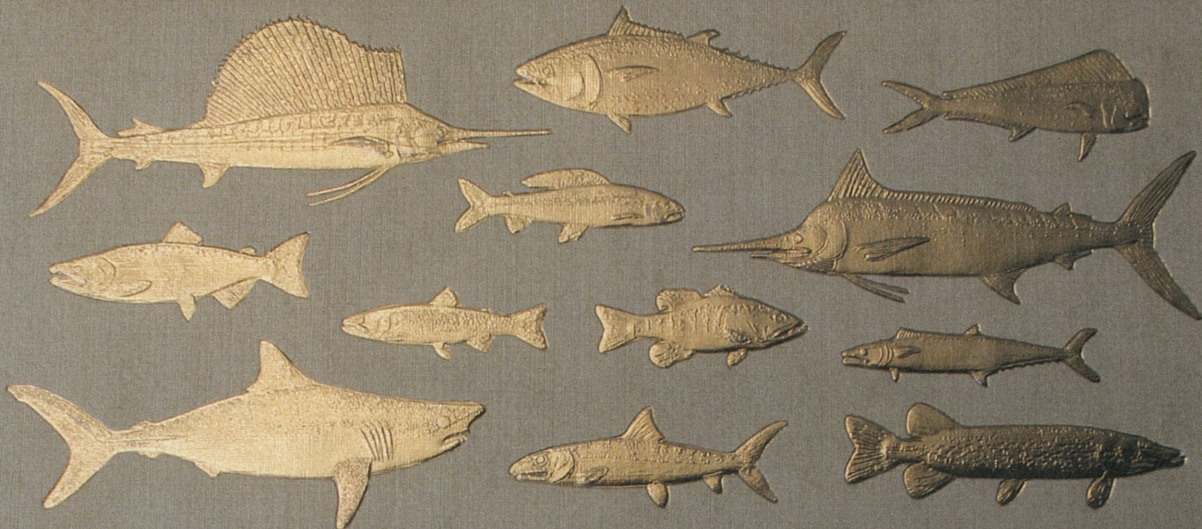
Brown Bear Lake / California, USA

CAUGHT

Ed Fyfe
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Heaviest

LINE TEST CLASS



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GOLDEN TROUT

Species

1 LB 2 OZ

Weight

3 KG (6 LB)

Record Category

AUG. 1, 1994

Date of Catch

TEDDY BEAR LAKE, JOHN MUIR WILDERNESS, CALIFORNIA, USA

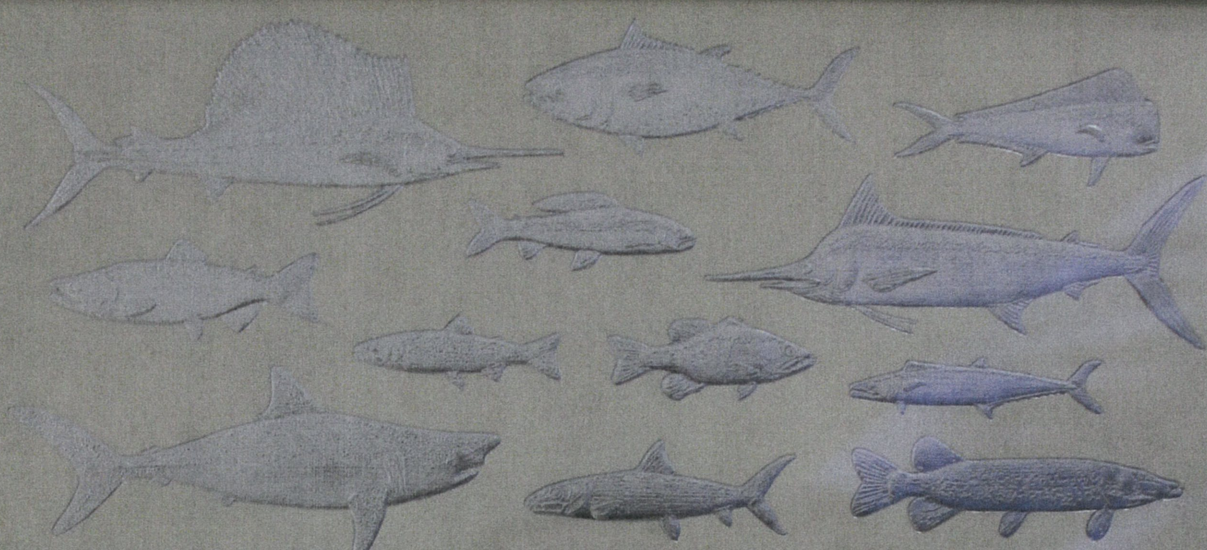
Place of Catch

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GOLDEN TROUT	1 LB 10 OZ
Species	Weight
3 KG (6 LB)	AUG. 3, 1994
Record Category	Date of Catch
BROWN BEAR LAKE, JOHN MUIR WILDERNESS, CALIFORNIA, USA	
Place of Catch	

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Don Vachini

ANGLER

TROUT/BROOK

SPECIES

17

LENGTH IN INCHES

Kirman Lake / California, USA
WHERE CAUGHT

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

10/22/94

DATE CAUGHT

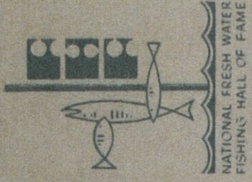
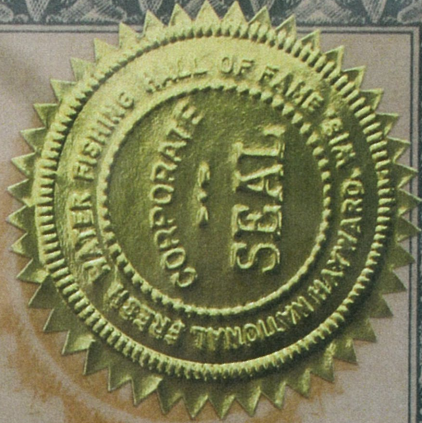
Division #1 - Rod/Reel

METHOD OF CATCH

Unlimited

LINE TEST CLASS

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Chris Vachini

ANGLER

TROUT/Brook

SPECIES

17

LENGTH IN INCHES

Kirman Lake / California, USA

WHERE CAUGHT

Ed Reynolds
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

10/22/94

DATE CAUGHT

Division #1 - Rod/Reel

METHOD OF CATCH

Unlimited

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ANGLER

TROUT/Rainbow (Inland)

SPECIES

17

LENGTH IN INCHES

Virginia Creek / California, USA

WHERE CAUGHT

Ted Rydell
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

7/11/95

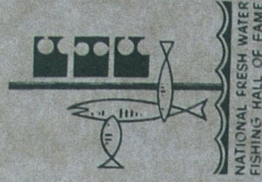
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Division #1 - Rod/Reel

METHOD OF CATCH

25 lb.

LINE TEST CLASS



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ANGLER

TROUT/Rainbow (Inland)

SPECIES

17

LENGTH IN INCHES

Virginia Creek / California, USA

WHERE CAUGHT

Ted Reynolds

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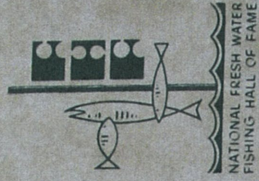
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Division #1 - Rod/Reel

METHOD OF CATCH

Unlimited

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SPECIES

DATE CAUGHT

16

Division #3 - Pole/Line/No

LENGTH IN INCHES

METHOD OF CATCH Reel

Virginia Creek / California, USA

WHERE CAUGHT

Heaviest

LINE TEST CLASS

EXECUTIVE OFFICER



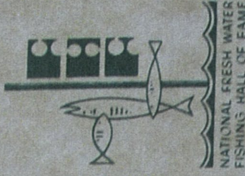
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TROUT/Brook

SPECIES

14

LENGTH IN INCHES

Poore Lake / California, USA

WHERE CAUGHT

Ted Polingger
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

9/9/95

DATE CAUGHT

Division #2 - Fly Fishing

METHOD OF CATCH

16 lb. Tippet

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ANGLER

SALMON/Chinook (Sea-Run)	10/2/95
SPECIES	DATE CAUGHT
38	Division #1 - Rod/Reel
LENGTH IN INCHES	METHOD OF CATCH
Feather River / California, USA	WHERE CAUGHT
<i>Ed Rydz</i>	25 lb.
EXECUTIVE OFFICER	LINE TEST CLASS

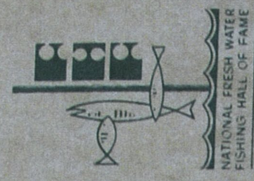
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SALMON/Chinook (Sea-Run)	10/2/95
ANGLER	DATE CAUGHT
SPECIES	Div. #1 - Rod/Reel
LENGTH IN INCHES	METHOD OF CATCH
40	Feather River / California, USA
EXECUTIVE OFFICER	WHERE CAUGHT
<i>Ted Ryals</i>	15 lb.
	LINE TEST CLASS

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TROUT/BROOK

7/27/96

SPECIES

DATE CAUGHT

15 Inches

Division #3 - Pole/Line/No Reel

LENGTH IN INCHES

METHOD OF CATCH

Tomahawk Lake / California, USA

WHERE CAUGHT

Longest (only)

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LINE TEST CLASS

Ted Rydell

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TROUT/Brook

7/27/96

SPECIES

DATE CAUGHT

15 Inches

Division #1 - Rod/Reel

LENGTH IN INCHES

METHOD OF CATCH

Humphrey's Lake / California, USA

WHERE CAUGHT

Ted Dye

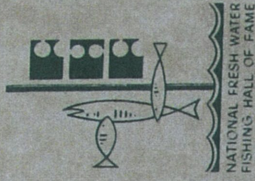
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

16 lb.

LINE TEST CLASS

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ANGLER

TROUT/BROOK

SPECIES

7/28/96

DATE CAUGHT

15 Inches

LENGTH IN INCHES

Division #2 - Fly Fishing

METHOD OF CATCH

Humphrey's Lake / California, USA

WHERE CAUGHT

14 lb. Tippet

LINE TEST CLASS

Ted Tippet

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TROUT/Brook

7/10/97

SPECIES

DATE CAUGHT

15 Inches

Division #1 - Rod/Reel

LENGTH IN INCHES

METHOD OF CATCH

Muriel Lake / California, USA

WHERE CAUGHT

Ted Ryals
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15 lb.

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TROUT/Golden

7/11/97

SPECIES

DATE

1 14

Division #2 - Fly Fishing

LBS.

OZS.

DIVISION

Goethe Lake / California, USA

CAUGHT

Ted Rydell

16 lb. Tippet

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TROUT/Brook

SPECIES

15 Inches

LENGTH IN INCHES

Kirman Lake / California, USA

WHERE CAUGHT

Ted Rippe

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10/3/97

DATE CAUGHT

Division #2 - Fly Fishing

METHOD OF CATCH

12 lb. Tippet

LINE TEST CLASS

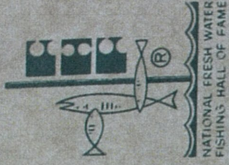
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ANGLER

TROUT/Brown

SPECIES

16 Inches

LENGTH IN INCHES

East Walker River / California, USA

WHERE CAUGHT

Ted Reynolds

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

10/4/97

DATE CAUGHT

Division #2 - Fly Fishing

METHOD OF CATCH

Unlimited Tippet

LINE TEST CLASS

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Jan. 2, 1998

Ms. Angela Vachini
5310 Redwood Hwy So.
Petaluma
California 94952

RE: 2 lb Trout, rainbow
caught on Aug. 19, 1997

Dear Ms. Vachini:

This is to inform you that your catch now holds the
F-Junior class World Record.

We congratulate you on a very fine catch, and a
certificate attesting to your achievement is
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Sincerely,

Michael Leech
President

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TROUT/BROOK

SPECIES

15 Inches

LENGTH IN INCHES

Red Lake / California, USA

WHERE CAUGHT

Ted Reynolds

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10/22/98

DATE CAUGHT

Division #1 - Rod/Reel

METHOD OF CATCH

20 lb.

LINE TEST CLASS

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TROUT/Cutthroat		10/15/99
SPECIES		DATE
2	2	Division #2 - Fly Fishing
LBS.	OZS.	DIVISION
Roosevelt Lake / California, USA		
CAUGHT		
<i>Ted Tippet</i>		Unlimited Tippet
EXECUTIVE OFFICER		LINE TEST CLASS

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TROUT/Cutthroat	10/16/99
SPECIES	DATE CAUGHT
27 Inches	Division #3 - Pole/Line/No Reel
LENGTH IN INCHES	METHOD OF CATCH
<i>Ted Bryant</i>	Roosevelt Lake / California, USA
EXECUTIVE OFFICER	WHERE CAUGHT
	Longest (only)
	LINE TEST CLASS

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10/16/99

DATE

Division #2 - Fly Fishing

DIVISION

Roore Lake / California, USA

CAUGHT

Ted Tippet

Unlimited Tippet

LINE TEST CLASS

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TROUT/Bull

SPECIES

25 Inches

LENGTH IN INCHES

10/27/99

DATE CAUGHT

Division #1 - Rod/Reel

METHOD OF CATCH

N. Skokomish River / Washington, USA
WHERE CAUGHT

All Tackle & Unlimited

LINE TEST CLASS

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Ted Byrnes

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ANGLER

TROUT/Brown

SPECIES

19 Inches

LENGTH IN INCHES

Lake McSwain /

WHERE CAUGHT

California, USA

METHOD OF CATCH

Division #1 - Rod/Reel

8/15/00

DATE CAUGHT

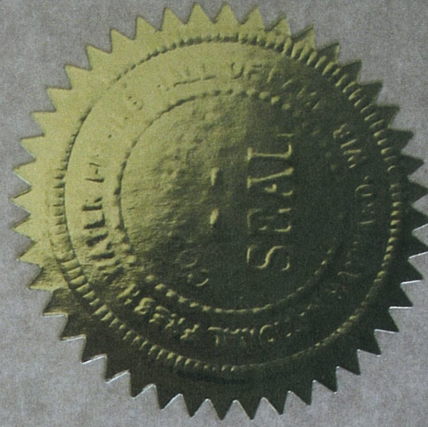
14 lb.

LINE TEST CLASS

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Ted Byrd

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TROUT/Brook

9/9/00

SPECIES

DATE CAUGHT

17 Inches

Division #3 - Pole/Line/No Reel

LENGTH IN INCHES

METHOD OF CATCH

Merced River / California, USA

WHERE CAUGHT

Ted Ryals

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Longest (only)
LINE TEST CLASS

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TROUT/Bull

SPECIES

22 Inches

LENGTH IN INCHES

St. Regis River / Montana, USA

WHERE CAUGHT

Ted B... ..

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

7/31/01

DATE CAUGHT

Division #1 - Rod/Reel

METHOD OF CATCH

15 lb.

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TROUT/Bull

7/31/01

SPECIES

DATE CAUGHT

24 Inches

Division #1 - Rod/Reel

LENGTH IN INCHES

METHOD OF CATCH

St. Regis River / Montana, USA

WHERE CAUGHT

20 lb.

LINE TEST CLASS

Ted Bardsley

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TROUT/Rainbow (Sea-Run)	ANGLER	12/14/02	DATE CAUGHT
18 Inches	SPECIES	Division #2 - Fly Fishing	METHOD OF CATCH
LENGTH IN INCHES	WHERE CAUGHT	Sacramento River / California, USA	LINE TEST CLASS
EXECUTIVE OFFICER		4 lb. Tippet	

Ted Byrnes

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ANGLER

TROUT/Rainbow(Sea-Run)

SPECIES

20 Inches

LENGTH IN INCHES

Sacramento River / California, USA

WHERE CAUGHT

Ted Tippet
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

12/14/02

DATE CAUGHT

Division #2 - Fly Fishing

METHOD OF CATCH

6 lb. Tippet

LINE TEST CLASS

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ANGLER

GRAYLING/Arctic

SPECIES

6/10/03

DATE CAUGHT

18 Inches

LENGTH IN INCHES

Division #1 - Rod/Reel

METHOD OF CATCH

Vanticlease Creek / Alaska, USA

WHERE CAUGHT

Ted Rydels

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Unlimited

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Petaluma, CA 94952

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Also, don't forget to watch for your name and catches in our 2004 World Record Game Fishes book under the Special Clubs section!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Congratulations again on your catches! Keep up the good "trout" fishing! Let me know which club your working on next!

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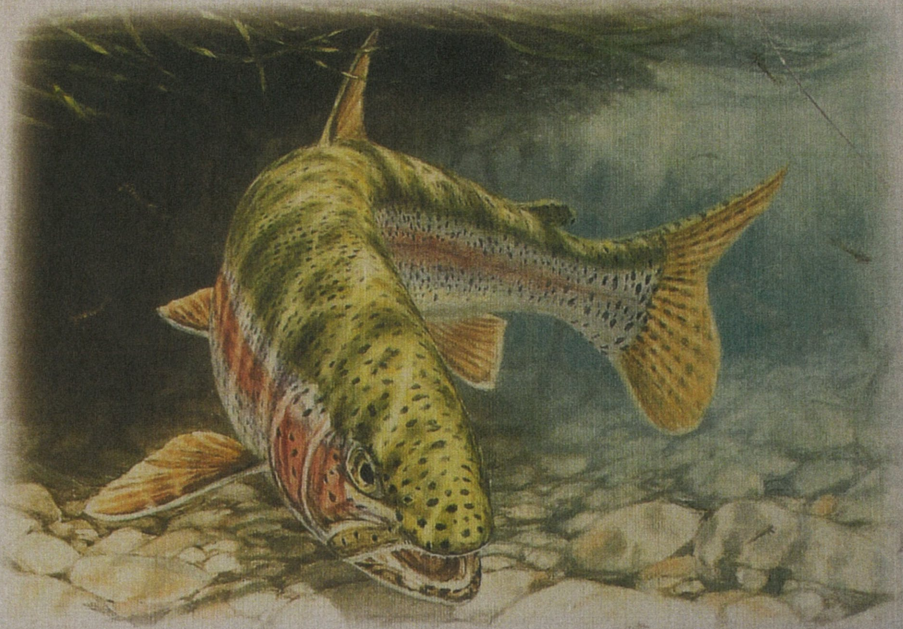
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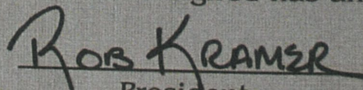
Presents this certificate to

DON VACHINI

for successfully catching the below listed fish within his/her fishing lifetime.

<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE OF CATCH</u>
BROOK	July 7, 1994	Marie Lake, CA
BROWN	Aug. 8, 2000	Lake McSwain, CA
BULL	July 28, 2001	St. Regis River, MO
CUTTHROAT	Oct. 16, 2000	Roosevelt Lake, CA
TIGER		
RAINBOW	May 12, 1991	Sacramento River, CA
GOLDEN	July 7, 1998	Cottonwood Lake 4, CA
LAKE	May 5, 1992	Lake Tahoe, CA

In witness whereof, the undersigned has affixed his signature:


President



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Don Vachini

ANGLER

ATTEST BY THE GREAT SEAL



TROUT/Cutbow, Hybrid

11/9/03

SPECIES

DATE

4

Division #2 - Fly Fishing

LBS.

DIVISION

Lake Amador / California, USA

CAUGHT

Ted Tippet

Unlimited Tippet

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

LINE TEST CLASS

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TROUT/Rainbow, Sea-Run

SPECIES

11/26/03

DATE CAUGHT

21 Inches

LENGTH IN INCHES

Division #2 - Fly Fishing

METHOD OF CATCH

Sacramento River / California, USA

WHERE CAUGHT

Unlimited Tippet

LINE TEST CLASS

Ted B...

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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ANGLER

TROUT/Rainbow, Sea-Run

SPECIES

11/26/03

DATE CAUGHT

19 Inches

LENGTH IN INCHES

Division #2 - Fly Fishing

METHOD OF CATCH

Sacramento River / California, USA

WHERE CAUGHT

17 lb. Tippet

LINE TEST CLASS

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ANGLER

TROUT/Dolly Varden

7/9/04

SPECIES

DATE CAUGHT

11 Inches

Division #3 - Pole/Line/No Reel

LENGTH IN INCHES

METHOD OF CATCH

Douglas Island / Alaska, USA

WHERE CAUGHT

Longest (only)

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LINE TEST CLASS

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TROUT/Dolly Varden	_____	7/9/04
SPECIES	_____	DATE CAUGHT
12 Inches	_____	Division #2 - Fly Fishing
LENGTH IN INCHES	_____	METHOD OF CATCH
Douglas Island / Alaska, USA	_____	WHERE CAUGHT
<i>Ted B...</i>	_____	20 lb. Tippet
EXECUTIVE OFFICER	_____	LINE TEST CLASS

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DATE CAUGHT

Division #1 - Rod/Reel

METHOD OF CATCH

TROUT/Dolly Varden

SPECIES

21 Inches

LENGTH IN INCHES

Douglas Island / Alaska, USA

WHERE CAUGHT

14 lb.

LINE TEST CLASS

Ted Dyke

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TROUT/Dolly Varden

SPECIES

22 Inches

LENGTH IN INCHES

Douglas Island / Alaska, USA

WHERE CAUGHT

Ted Ryals

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7/9/04

DATE CAUGHT

Division #1 - Rod/Reel

METHOD OF CATCH

20 lb.

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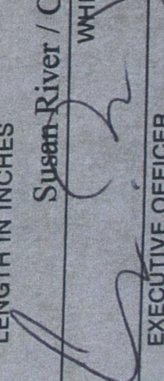
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TROUT/Cutthroat	ANGLER	06/04/2006
SPECIES	DATE CAUGHT	
23 Inches	Division #1 - Fly Fishing	
LENGTH IN INCHES	METHOD OF CATCH	
Susan-River / California, USA	WHERE CAUGHT	17 lb.
	EXECUTIVE OFFICER	LINE TEST CLASS



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TROUT/Brown		ANGLER		10/04/2006	
2		SPECIES		DATE	
LBS.		2		Division #2 - Fly Fishing	
OZS.		East Walker River / California, USA		DIVISION	
EXECUTIVE OFFICER		CAUGHT		Unlimited Tippet.	
				LINE TEST CLASS	

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TROUT/Cutthroat		10/03/2007	
SPECIES		DATE	
1	8	Division #3 - Pole/Line/No Reel	
LBS.	OZS.	DIVISION	
Burney Creek / California, USA		Heaviest (only)	
CAUGHT		LINE TEST CLASS	
EXECUTIVE OFFICER			

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