

AGENCY USE ONLY

Applicant's name

James W. Thompson
First name Middle initial Last name

Date of catch

07/28/2024
MM / DD / YYYY

Date application received

07/29/2024
MM / DD / YYYY

Division of entry (check one):

MEN WOMEN

Species common name

Almaco jack

Genus and species

Seriola rivoliana

Current record weight:

23 15.04
Pounds Ounces






Entry weight:

27 8
Pounds Ounces

Weight needed:

24 7
Pounds Ounces

REVIEW COMMITTEE

	Approve NEW Record	Approve TIE Record	Disapprove Record	Approve Outstanding Catch	Disapprove Outstanding Catch
Tyler Jones Program Coordinator					
Paul Medders Program Advisor					
Jared Flowers Research and Surveys					
Carolyn Belcher Chief of Marine Fisheries					
Doug Haymans Division Director					

Notes

Species ID by Eddie Leonard.



DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
COASTAL RESOURCES DIVISION
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GEORGIA SALTWATER GAME FISH RECORDS PROGRAM

APPLICATION FOR STATE RECORD

Prior to completing this application, please read the Georgia Saltwater Game Fish Records Program rules and regulations at CoastalGaDNR.org/SaltwaterRecords. This application must be accompanied by photographs as specified in the Program's rules and regulations. Incomplete applications may be rejected or take longer to process. By completing this application, you agree to allow the Georgia Department of Natural Resources to release to the public photos and relevant information regarding a new record, tie record, or outstanding catch.

I. ANGLER IDENTITY

Angler name (as you would wish it to appear on your state record certificate):

Date of Birth:

James W Thompson

04/11/2003

First name

Middle initial

Last name

MM / DD / YYYY

Permanent address:

Street

Apartment/Unit

St. Simons Island

Glynn

GA

31522

City

County

State

ZIP

Phone number:

Email address:

Including area code

Fishing license information:

Division of entry (check one):

Fishing club affiliation (if any):

Georgia fishing license number

MEN

WOMEN

Saltwater Information Program (SIP) Permit expiration date:

07/28/2025

MM / DD / YYYY (Note: A valid SIP permit is required by law, O.C.G.A. 27-2-20.1)

Note: You do not need a fishing license or SIP permit if you are covered under a Georgia Charter/Guide License. To be eligible, you must have been on a paid charter trip when you caught your fish, and the guide must be appropriately licensed. Be sure to include the charter guide's information in Section "IV. Vessel".

II. CATCH INFORMATION

Species (common name):

Date of catch:

Almaco Jack

28 July 24

Place of catch (be specific):

Method of catch:

R4

Hook+line

Trolling, casting, fly fishing, et cetera

Weight:

Length (in inches):

Girth (in inches):

27

8

920

618

Pounds

Ounces

Total length

Fork length

Distance around the thickest part of body



III. EQUIPMENT

Rod: Shimano trevala
Make and length

Reel: Shimano Ocean Jigger
Make

Line: 3018 braid
Make and test

Name of lure or type of bait: Live Pogy

Terminal rig description: 3 way live bait rig 12 oz weight
Number of hooks, type, arrangement

IV. VESSEL (IF APPLICABLE)

Vessel name:

Vessel captain: Maddox Stroud
First and last name

Captain's permanent address:

Street: St. Simons Island Glynn GA 31522
City County State ZIP

Captain's phone number:

Captain's signature: X

V. SCALES

Weighmaster's name: Tyler Jones
First and last name

Scale owner: GA DNR
Name of business, fishing club, etc cetera

Physical address of scale: GA DNR CRH
Street Unit City County State ZIP

Agency of scale certification: DoF Ag.
i.e. Georgia Dept. of Agriculture Date of last scale certification MM / YYYY

Weighmaster's phone number: 912 264 7218
Including area code

Weighmaster's signature: X

VI. EYEWITNESS TO CATCH

Name of eye witness to catch (other than angler or captain):

Mason McGraw
First and last name

Phone number:

[Redacted]
Including area code

Signature of eye witness to catch:

X [Redacted Signature]

VII. EYEWITNESS TO WEIGHING

Name of eye witness to weighing (other than weighmaster):

Eddie Leonard
First and last name

Phone number:

912 264 7218
Including area code

Signature of eye witness to weighing:

X [Redacted Signature]

VIII. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Fighting time, equipment used, additional witnesses, et cetera:

[Blank lines for comments]

IX. ANGLER AFFIDAVIT

I, the undersigned applicant, hereby take oath and attest that the fish described in this application was hooked, fought, and brought to gaff by me without assistance from anyone, except as specifically provided in the rules and regulations of the Georgia Saltwater Game Fish Program, and it was caught in accordance with the Program's rules and regulations. I further declare that all information in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of angler applicant:

X [Redacted Signature]

Date of signature:

07/29/2024
MM / DD / YYYY

Applicants who lack a valid Georgia fishing license, active Saltwater Information Program Permit, or other necessary permits will be disqualified. The Georgia Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Division will check permits as part of this application.

When this application is completely filled out and signed, mail it with the necessary photos to:

Saltwater Game Fish Records Program
Coastal Resources Division
Georgia Department of Natural Resources
One Conservation Way
Brunswick, GA 31250

or email the complete application and photographs to tyler.jones@dnr.ga.gov

CUT ALONG DOTTED LINE

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

JAMES THOMPSON



DOB: [REDACTED] GENDER: ST SIMONS ISLAND, GA
MALE

DNR CUSTOMER #: [REDACTED] Order #: Agent #:
REPRINT

TEMP AUTHORIZATION #: Issued:

HUNTER EDUCATION #: [REDACTED] ID Type:
GA DRIVERS LICENSE

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FOLD

License	Valid
Resident SIP Permit	07/28/2024-07/28/2025
Resident Sportsman's	09/03/2023-09/03/2024

2829

FOLD

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Thank you for purchasing a license!

For information on hunting, fishing and other outdoor recreation visit georgiawildlife.com

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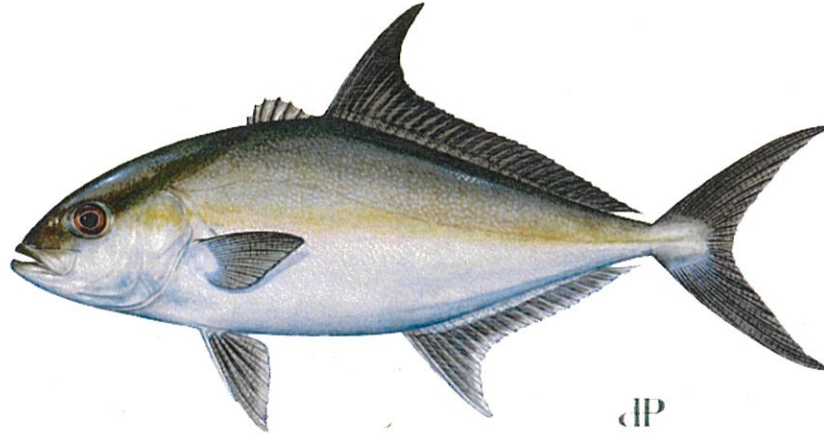
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Search



Jack, Almaco



DP

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Men's Current Record

Name of Angler: Jason H. Rich

Hometown: McRae, Ga.

Weight: 23 lb. 15.04 oz.

Total Length: 39.2 inches (fork length)

Date of Catch: May 2, 2024

Bait or Lure Used: Noman 802 vertical jig

Vessel: "Slay Ride," Capt. Jason Rich

Location of Catch: Between South Ledge and Navy Tower R3

Name of Weigh Station: Georgia DNR Coastal Regional Headquarters, Brunswick, Ga.

Previous



[View original record](#)

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[View previous record \(March 2024-May 2024\)](#)

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[View previous record \(Oct. 2023-March 2024\)](#)

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Capacity: 200 lb X 0.01 lb

DEFENDER™ 3000XTREMEW

27.50 lb



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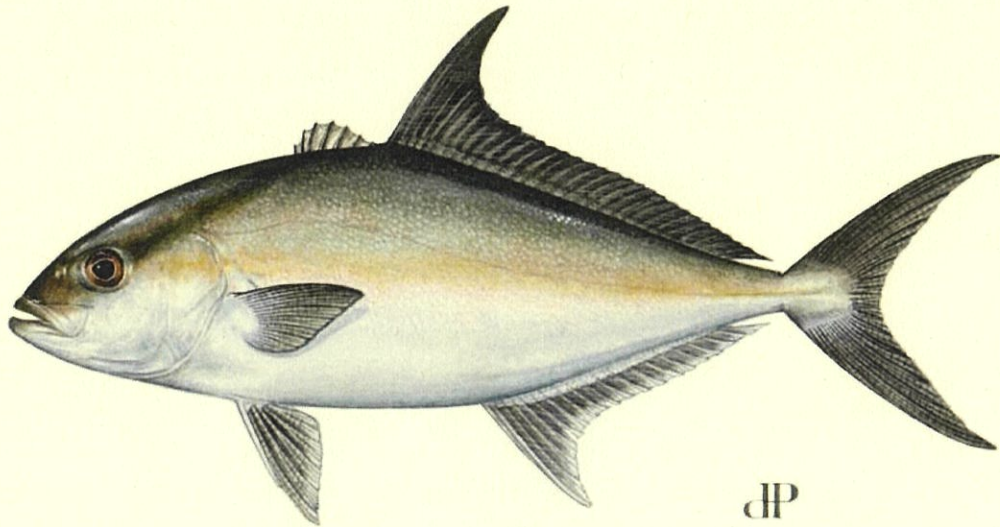
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STATE RECORD

Georgia Saltwater Game Fish Records Program

The Georgia Department of Natural Resources hereby recognizes that

JAMES W. THOMPSON

has been awarded the men's state angling record for a catch of the heaviest Almaco Jack (*Seriola rivoliana*) under the rules of the Georgia Saltwater Game Fish Records Program and in accordance with its regulations.

ALMACO JACK
Seriola rivoliana

27 POUNDS, 8 OUNCES
12.47 kilograms

JULY 28, 2024
Date of Catch

Witness, this day, July 30, 2024,



GOVERNOR
State of Georgia

COMMISSIONER
Department of Natural Resources

DIRECTOR
Coastal Resources Division



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DOUG HAYMANS
DIRECTOR

July 30, 2024

Mr. James W. Thompson

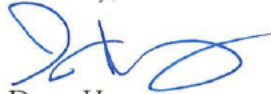

Dear Mr. Thompson:

I am writing to personally congratulate you on your new Georgia men's state record of a almaco jack (*Seriola rivoliana*), caught July 28, 2024, while fishing near Navy Tower R4. Enclosed is a certificate that serves to recognize not only the size of the catch, but your skill as an angler and the sportsmanship displayed in landing a record-setting game fish.

Your name will be added to the official record on our website at CoastalGaDNR.org and will appear in the next edition of the Georgia Sport Fishing Regulations guide, assuming a new record is not set before publication.

Again, congratulations on your achievement, and thank you for your participation in Georgia's Saltwater Game Fish Record program.

Sincerely,



Doug Haymans
Director
Coastal Resources Division
Georgia Department of Natural Resources

Enclosures: Records Review Committee package (copy), Georgia Saltwater Gamefish Record certificate



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DIRECTOR

July 30, 2024

Mr. Jason H. Rich
[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Rich:

I am writing to inform you that the Georgia Saltwater Game Fish Record you hold for almaco jack (*Seriola rivoliana*) from May 2024 was recently broken by Mr. James W. Thompson of St. Simons Island, Ga. Mr. Thompson landed a 27-pound, 8-ounce almaco jack on July 28, 2024, while fishing offshore near Navy Tower R4.

This new record in no way diminishes the excellence of your previous catch. Each record remains a unique and exciting experience for each angler.

Thank you for your participation in the Georgia Saltwater Game Fish Record program. We look forward to hearing from you again in the future. If you have any questions, please contact the records program coordinator, Tyler Jones, at tyler.jones@dnr.ga.gov or by calling 912-264-7218.

Sincerely,

Doug Haymans

Director

Coastal Resources Division

Georgia Department of Natural Resources