

AGENCY USE ONLY

Applicant's name

Chris A. Germano

First name

Middle initial

Last name

Date of catch

04/14/2024

MM / DD / YYYY

Date application received

04/15/2024

MM / DD / YYYY

Division of entry (check one):

☒ MEN

☐ WOMEN

Species common name

Genus and species

Almaco Jack

Sciaenops ocellatus

Current record weight:

27

Pounds

8

Ounces

Entry weight:

42

Pounds

15.36

Ounces

Weight needed:

28

Pounds

0

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

Fish. Lic & SIP confirmed by LE 4/15/24 - TJJ

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:

Chris A Germano
First name Middle initial Last name

MM / DD / YYYY
1985
MM / DD / YYYY

Permanent address:

St. Simons Island Glyn GA 31522
Street Apartment/Unit City County State ZIP

Phone number:

Email address:

912 MM / DD / YYYY
Including area code

MM / DD / YYYY @gmail.com

Fishing license information:

Division of entry (check one):

Fishing club affiliation (if any):

MM / DD / YYYY
Georgia fishing license number

☒ MEN

☐ WOMEN

Saltwater Information Program (SIP) Permit expiration date: 09 06 2026

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

4/14/2026

Place of catch (be specific):

Method of catch:

R4

Bottom Fishing
Trolling, casting, fly fishing, et cetera

Weight:

Length (in inches):

Girth (in inches):

42.96
Pounds

Ounces

1191 mm
Total length


1022 mm
Fork length


700 mm
Distance around the thickest part of body

III. EQUIPMENT

Rod:

Crowder 0080
Make and length

Line:

80lb Braid
Make and test

Terminal rig description:

Single Circle hook on 150lb leader
Number of hooks, type, arrangement

Reel:

Shimano Tiagra 80
Make

Name of lure or type of bait

Live Bait (Blue runner)

IV. VESSEL (IF APPLICABLE)

Vessel name:

Vessel captain:

Chris Germona
First and last name

Captain's permanent address:

Same as angler
Street Apartment/Unit

City County State ZIP

Captain's phone number:

912 [REDACTED]
Including area code

Captain's signature:

X Chris Germona

V. SCALES

Weighmaster's name

Donna McDowell
First and last name

Scale owner:

PNR
Name of business, fishing club, etc cetera

Physical address of scale:

CRH
Street Unit

City County State ZIP

Agency of scale certification:

May 2025 GPOA
i.e. Georgia Dept. of Agriculture

Date of last scale certification

May 2025
MM / YYYY

Weighmaster's phone number:

912 264 7218
Including area code

Weighmaster's signature:

X Donna McDowell

VI. EYEWITNESS TO CATCH

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

Jacob Aiken
First and last name

Phone number:

912 [REDACTED]
Including area code

Signature of eye witness to catch:

X Verified by phone [Signature]

VII. EYEWITNESS TO WEIGHING

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

Tyler Jones/DNR
First and last name

Phone number:

912 264 7218
Including area code

Signature of eye witness to weighing:

X [Signature]

VIII. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

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

~~10 min~~ 10 min fight bottom fishing with bent butt
conventional rod/reel.

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 [Signature]

Date of signature:

04/15/2026
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











Capacity 200 lb X 0.01 lb

DEFENDER 3000XTREMEW

42.95 lb

→0←



CALIBRATION
MODE

PCS

NET

TARE

On/Zero
Off

Yes

Print
Units

No

Function
Mode

Back

Tare
Menu

Exit



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WALTER RABON
COMMISSIONER

DOUG HAYMANS
DIRECTOR

Aug. 24, 2026

Mr. Chris A. Germano
[REDACTED]

St. Simons Island, GA 31525

Dear Mr. Germano:

I am writing to personally congratulate you on your new Georgia men's state record of an Almaco Jack (*Seriola rivoliana*), caught April 4, 2026, while fishing near Navy Tower R4 offshore. 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.

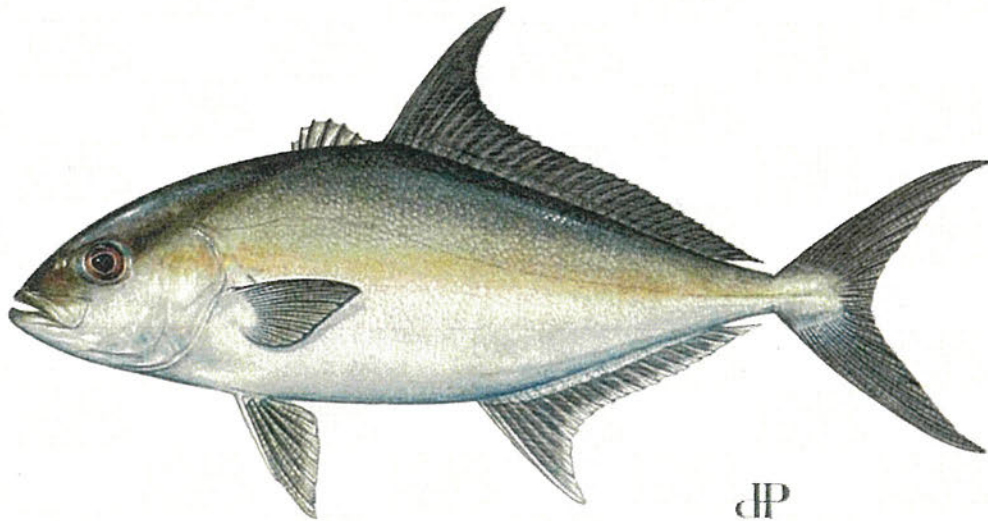
Your name will be added to the official record on our website at CoastalGaDNR.org and will appear in the next edition of the Georgia Sport Fishing Regulations guide, assuming a new record is not set before publication.

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



STATE RECORD

Georgia Saltwater Game Fish Records Program

The Georgia Department of Natural Resources hereby recognizes that

CHRIS A. GERMANO

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

42 POUNDS, 15.36 OUNCES
19.49 kilograms

April 4, 2026
Date of Catch

Witness, this day, August 24, 2026,



GOVERNOR
State of Georgia

COMMISSIONER
Department of Natural Resources

DIRECTOR
Coastal Resources Division