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State Record Atlantic Bluefin

An 832.6 lb. Atlantic Bluefin caught on 1-10-26 by Mike Rogerson of Virginia Beach, Va has been certified as the new Virginia State record for the species by the Virginia Saltwater Fishing Tournament. The Bluefin displayed an overall length of 108 inches, a girth of 78 inches and a fork length of 34 inches.

Mr. Rogerson was fishing aboard the High Hopes guided by veteran captain David Wright. The fish was caught off the Eastern Shore of Virginia on a mid-morning ballyhoo bite. Catch was made using Penn gear. The fish was brought into and officially weighed at the Virginia Beach Fishing Center and certified by Virginia Saltwater Fishing Tournament Director Matt Hargis.

Blue Fin are currently migrating south with several catches being reported recently as a large number are currently in Virginia waters. Congratulations to all involved on this great catch.

Thank you
Matt Hargis

