

**Gold Button Awards Notice** *By Bill Neal, Awards Chairman*

The Board is implementing the revamped Gold Button Awards, effective retroactively for the period beginning December 15, 2004. The revamped Awards program has been described in earlier *Creel Notes* articles. The Conservation Committee has recommended minimum sizes for the fish that are included within the current program. These sizes are listed below. Also provided below is the form of Application to be submitted to the Awards Committee not later than December 31, 2005. Much of the language and style is retained from the prior program, but modified to fit our present circumstances.

The Conservation Committee has recommended that minimum fish lengths be established for each of the categories to reduce the handling of fish that would likely not qualify as the "biggest". Language for this has not yet been drafted.

**"GOLD BUTTON" Award Fish Minimum Sizes in inches.**

Steelhead Trout	31
Rainbow Trout (caught in waters where natural or artificial barriers prevent anadromous fish from reaching these waters)	25
Cut-Throat Trout (West Slope or anadromous)	21
Brown Trout	24
Brook Trout	20
Golden Trout	14
King or Chinook Salmon	38
Silver or Coho Salmon	34
Pink Salmon	28
Chum Salmon	34
Lohanton Cut-Throat Trout	24
Dolly Varden/Bull Trout	28
Arctic Char	28

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**GOLD BUTTON AWARDS APPLICATION**

SPECIES: \_\_\_\_\_

LENGTH: \_\_\_\_\_ inches      FLY (pattern, size): \_\_\_\_\_

DATE CAUGHT: \_\_\_\_\_      TIME OF DAY: \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE CAUGHT: \_\_\_\_\_

CAUGHT BY: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_, Washington.

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(signature)