

typical fish caught this time last year in the Niagara Gorge.)

"I reported that 54-incher to the DEC, and a biologist called me later to ask if I'd kept it," he said. "I don't keep fish, but after he told me it might have beaten the state record of 47 pounds, 13 ounces, I was sort of sorry."

You can check the rules in the state syllabus and enter your trophy releases for pins, but if you plan on joining the NAFC and trying for their contest, better wait till next year. With 360 fish in his angling log so far, it will be hard to catch Booker, let alone beat him.

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Chuck Booker has had success catching king salmon in the Niagara Gorge.