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The history of giant muskies and state and world records have come under some skepticism in recent years. Angling historian Larry Ramsell has investigated many of the giant muskies - in particular those caught by Art Lawton and Len Hartman in the St Lawrence River back in the 60s. Some of these world record or state record fish were frauds. To this day, there's debate over exactly which fish should be the all tackle world record.

One fish there isn't debate over is the Pa state record muskie. This monster fish was caught in Conneaut Lake in 1924 and was a staggering 59" and weighed 54lbs 3oz. Truly a giant (only a handful of muskies in the upper 50" range are caught annually throughout the US and Canada).

I've been reading a lot of classic Fox and Marinaro this winter and stumbled across this photo of the PA muskie. The photo clearly reveals what a huge fish this was. Will this record ever be broken?

I don't know. There are some big muskies out there. Perhaps a fish or two bigger than this are cruising Kinzua's depths or maybe even the Allegheny or Susquehanna River.

While I'd love to see a bigger fish.....looking at this picture, it wouldn't surprise me if this record stands a good many more years.

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Fox, Charles. *The Book of Lures*, Freshet Press. 1975

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