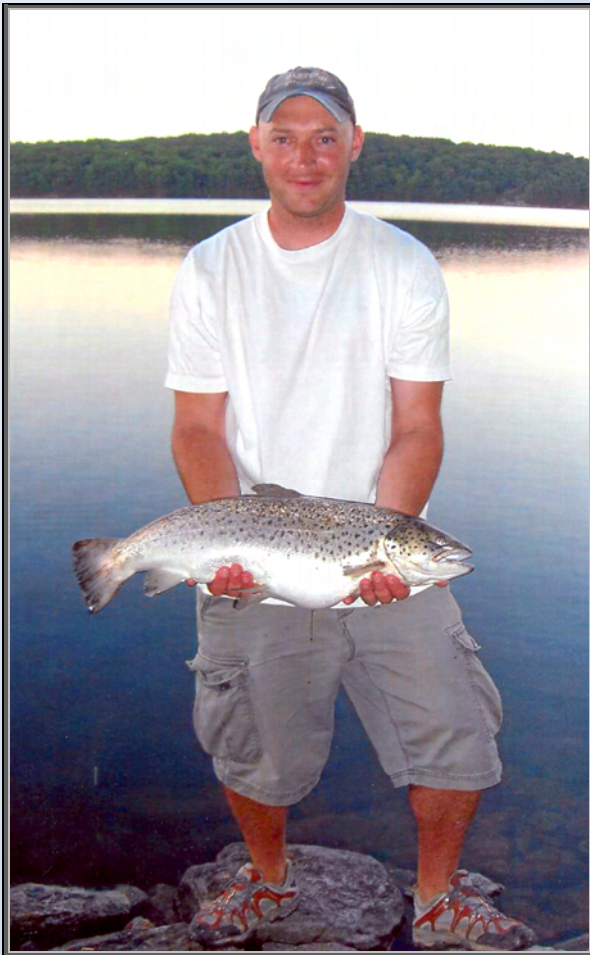




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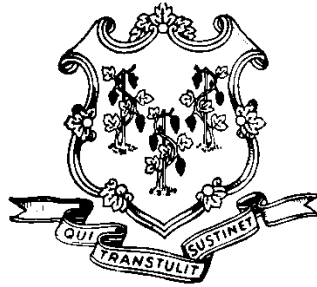
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TROPHY FISHY AWARD PROGRAM

Connecticut's Trophy Fish Award Program was established in 1965, and is intended to recognize and reward angling skill. The program also maintains the listing of Connecticut record fish. The program is **not** a fishing contest. Anglers catching fish meeting minimum size requirements complete and submit an affidavit with an attached photo of their catch. Qualifying anglers are awarded a bronze pin and certificate for each trophy fish properly documented. A silver pin is awarded for the fifth fish of merit and a gold pin for the tenth fish of merit. A "Catch-and-Release" category was added in 2003, and is based on fish length. The original "Harvest" category is based on fish weight.

General Rules for Freshwater Fish (2008):

- Fish must be entered within 30 days of capture.
- Entries must be submitted on the Official Affidavit Form (can be found in the current "CT Angler's Guide").
- A clear photograph of the fish, suitable for identification, must accompany the Affidavit Form.
- Fish must be weighed on scales certified in Connecticut (tackle shops, local markets or delis) or other state certified scales.
- A print out of weight from a certified scale must accompany affidavit.
- Fish must be caught during Connecticut's legal open season.
- Fish must be caught by legal methods and played by only one person (includes ice fishing).
- Fish caught in hatchery ponds are not eligible.

Special Rules for Freshwater Catch-and-Release Category (2008):

- All of the General Rules apply except that the fish do not need to be weighed. A witness must be present when the fish's length is measured. The minimum length is measured from tip of the snout to the end of the tail.
- A Clear photo must accompany the affidavit. This photo must include the angler holding the fish and a measure (yardstick, ruler, or tape measure) positioned to show length of the fish.
- The accompanying photo must be taken at the location where the fish was caught and released.
- Fish cannot be taken from site and then transported back.
- Catch-and-Release fish are not eligible for State records.

AWARD MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

In order to qualify for a Trophy Fish Award in 2008, catches must meet or exceed the following minimum measurements:

<i>Common Name</i>	<i>Minimum Weight</i>	<i>Minimum Length</i> (Catch & Release only*)
American eel	3 pounds	35 inches
American shad	5 pounds	25 inches
Atlantic salmon	15 pounds	31 inches
bluegill	12 ounces	10 inches
brook trout	2 pounds	17 inches
brown bullhead	2 pounds	15 inches
brown trout	5 pounds	22 inches
calico bass (black crappie)	2 pounds	15 inches
common carp	20 pounds	34 inches
chain pickerel	5 pounds	27 inches
channel catfish	4 pounds	22 inches
kokanee	1.75 pounds	16 inches
largemouth bass	6 pounds	22 inches
northern pike	10 pounds	35 inches
pumpkinseed	8 ounces	9 inches
rainbow trout	4 pounds	21 inches
rock bass	12 ounces	11 inches
smallmouth bass	4 pounds	21 inches
walleye	5 pounds	23 inches
white catfish	4 pounds	20 inches
white perch	2 pounds	15 inches
yellow perch	1.5 pounds	15 inches

*Minimum Lengths apply only to the **FRESHWATER CATCH-AND-RELEASE** category. The minimum lengths listed above do not apply to the traditional weighed category.

FRESHWATER AWARDS (*traditional category- based on weight of fish*)

Waterbody	Location	lbs.	ozs.	Inches	Date	Angler	Method
American Eel							
Jobs Pond	Portland	3	0	36	11/12/2008	Hall, Richard H.	B
Atlantic Salmon							
Beach Pond	Voluntown	18	12	39.25	4/20/2008	Mastalerz, Richard	T
Beach Pond	Voluntown	18	8	35	4/19/2008	Deledda, Robert Anthony	S
Brook Trout							
Natchaug River	Chaplin	3	2	20	5/7/2008	Bourgeois, Robert	F
Farmington River	Riverton	2	7	17.5	5/31/2008	Piatek, James	S
Brown Trout							
Salmon River	Colchester	10	8	26	5/7/2008	DeBlasio, William	S
Saugatuck Reservoir	Weston	10	6	26	6/11/2008	Hripak, Daniel	S
Saugatuck Reservoir	Weston	10	6	27	6/17/2008	Woloszyn, Christopher	S
Wononskopomuc Lake	Lakeville	9	11	26	6/5/2008	Carlson, Lanny	S
Salmon River	Colchester	9	2	26	4/19/2008	Laurito, Scott	S
Saugatuck Reservoir	Weston	9	0	24	5/17/2008	Acocella, Joe	S
Crystal Lake	Ellington	7	8	25	4/25/2008	Schmartz III, John M.	T
Saugatuck Reservoir	Redding	7	4	25	6/15/2008	Cummings, Patrick A.	S
Crystal Lake	Ellington	7	1	25.5	3/11/2008	Schneider, Jacob	S
Coventry Lake	Coventry	7	0	24.5	4/20/2008	Saimininkas, John E.	T
East Twin Lake	Salisbury	6	12	28	5/24/2008	Ambro Jr., Joseph	S
Mashapaug Lake	Union	6	12	23	6/21/2008	Blume, Peter	T
East Twin Lake	Salisbury	6	10	24	8/16/2008	Pasko, Kayley	T
Coventry Lake	Coventry	6	4	23.5	1/26/2008	Blanchard Jr., Steven R.	L
Salmon River	Colchester	6	4	23.5	4/19/2008	Savage, Thomas	S
Saugatuck Reservoir	Weston	6	2	22.5	6/18/2008	Hripak, Daniel	S

METHODS: *F -fly fishing, B -bait casting, T -trolling, S -spin fishing, L -live bait, I -ice fishing*

Waterbody	Location	lbs.	ozs.	Inches	Date	Angler	Method
Black Pond	Woodstock	5	14	23	4/19/2008	Aiudi Jr., Dante J.	S
Coginchaug River	Middlefield	5	5	23	4/19/2008	Sargis, Steve	S
Mashapaug Lake	Union	5	4	21	6/21/2008	Blume, David	T
Saugatuck Reservoir	Weston	5	4	21.5	6/18/2008	Hripak, Daniel	S
Bigelow Pond	Union	5	3	24.5	5/7/2008	Johnson, Michelle	L
East Twin Lake	Salisbury	5	3	22.5	4/23/2008	Kilbride, Timothy E.	T
Calico Bass							
Amos Lake	Preston	2	11	18	5/1/2008	Ezell, Melanie	
Lake Saltonstall	East Haven	2	8	17	8/12/2008	Graziani, Ronald	S
Lake McDonough	New Hartford	2	4	16	11/2/2008	Kiegiel, Jozef	L
Lake McDonough	New Hartford	2	2	15.5	11/2/2008	Bee, Erik	L
Rogers Lake	Old Lyme	2	2	15	4/27/2008	Ranelli, Valinn	S
Rogers Lake	Old Lyme	2	1	16.25	4/20/2008	Ranelli, Valinn	S
Private Pond	Fitchville	2	0	16	5/5/2008	Crump, Patrick A.	S
Rogers Lake	Old Lyme	2	0	15	5/28/2008	Ranelli, Valinn	S
Chain Pickerel							
Rogers Lake	Old Lyme	5	5	27.75	3/13/2008	Ranelli, Valinn	S
Long Pond	Ledyard	5	0	26.25	1/29/2008	Nye, Duaine	I
Channel Catfish							
Squantz Pond	New Fairfield	10	8	25	10/4/2008	Hossan, Janine C.	B
Lake Terramuggus	Marlborough	9	13	28	8/26/2008	DeGray, Terry	B
Quinebaug River	Plainfield	5	3	23	7/30/2008	Valenti, Paul	B
Kokanee							
West Hill Pond	New Hartford	2	2	17.25	1/6/2008	D'Angelo, Brandon	I

Waterbody	Location	lbs.	ozs.	Inches	Date	Angler	Method
Largemouth Bass							
Lake McDonough	Barkhamsted	8	0	22.5	6/21/2008	Campi, Michael	T
Bolton Lake	Bolton	6	14	21.5	4/3/2008	DeFelice, Anthony	B
Avery Pond	Preston	6	12	24	10/5/2008	Benoit Sr., Gerald F.	S
Messerschmidt Pond	Deep River	6	6	22	7/18/2008	Papallo, Anthony	B
Bolton Lake	Bolton	6	4	20	4/19/2008	Benoit, Gerald F.	S
Moulmin Pond	Bethel	6	4	22.5	3/30/2008	Gibbs, Dylan	S
Hancock Brook Lake	Plymouth	6	2	21.25	1/9/2008	Carlson, Theodore J.	I
Northern Pike							
Mansfield Hollow Res.	Mansfield	24	6	44	2/29/2008	Carr, Ron	I
Quaddick Reservoir	Thompson	19	12	40.5	3/2/2008	Southwick, Daniel B.	L
Mansfield Hollow Res.	Mansfield	17	5	42.5	8/10/2008	Zamsky, Paul S.	S
Greenville Dam	Greenville	12	4	38.25	5/14/2008	Brown, Daniel	S
Connecticut River	Enfield	10	10	36.12	9/25/2008	Babcock, Francis A.	S
Pumpkinseed							
Salmon River	Moodus	0	9	8.75	6/12/2008	Ranelli, Valinn	S
Rainbow Trout							
Natchaug River	Chaplin	12	3	27	5/31/2008	Allaire, Kevin	F
Pachaug River	Voluntown	12	0	28	4/19/2008	Millar, Joshua C.	S
Shetucket River	Baltic	11	8	28.25	4/27/2008	Soucier, Allyn	S
Natchaug River	Chaplin	11	8	26	4/24/2008	Bixby Jr., William C.	L
Salmon River	Colchester	11	0	28	5/19/2008	Lajoie, Kenneth	S
Salmon River	East Hampton	9	15	28.5	4/19/2008	Milardo, Angelo	L
Salmon River	East Hampton	9	10	24	4/19/2008	Belair, Richard A.	S
Farmington River	Burlington	9	8	26	5/23/2008	Carlson, Clifford J.	S
Shetucket River	Baltic	9	2	26	4/19/2008	Gaucher Jr., Paul A.	S

Waterbody	Location	lbs.	ozs.	Inches	Date	Angler	Method
Willimantic River	Willington	9	0	28	4/19/2008	Sullivan, Gabriel	S
Blackledge River	Marlborough	8	14	26.5	4/19/2008	Kornegay III, Daniel E.S.	L
Salmon River	East Hampton	8	5	25.5	4/20/2008	Jason Auger	S
Natchaug River	Eastford	8	5	17	4/21/2008	Siemer, David C.	F
Naugatuck River	Torrington	8	4	25	5/1/2008	Kantor Jr., Peter	F
Blackledge River	Colchester	8	4	24	5/14/2008	McTeague, Dennis	S
Shetucket River	Baltic	7	15	25	4/19/2008	Gaucher Sr., Paul A.	S
Valley Falls Pond	Vernon	7	14	27.5	4/28/2008	Benoit, Jonathan	S
Natchaug River	Eastford	7	13	28.25	4/23/2008	Perott Jr., Robert P.	S
Salmon River	East Hampton	7	1	22	5/8/2008	Piatek, James	S
Shetucket River	Baltic	7	0	24.25	4/19/2008	Gaucher Sr., Paul A.	S
Salmon River	East Hampton	6	9	24	4/20/2008	Majkowski, Drew	B
Salmon River	Colchester	6	0	24	4/25/2008	Frink, Kyle	F
Amos Lake	Preston	6	0	23	5/17/2008	Drake, Dale	T
Yantic River	Fitchville	5	25	23.5	4/21/2008	Klauer, Peter J.	S
Salmon River	Colchester	5	14	23.12	4/21/2008	Ranelli, Valinn	S
Black Rock Pond	Thomaston	5	12	22.5	4/24/2008	Mourice, Brooke	B
Salmon River	East Hampton	5	7	23	4/22/2008	Milardo, Angelo	S
Saugatuck River	Redding	4	13	23	10/12/2008	Merly, Ronald S.	S
Farmington River	Riverton	4	12	23.5	4/19/2008	Sweeney, Matthew	S
Hallville Pond	Preston	4	12	22	4/19/2008	Drake, Dale	S
Norwalk River	Wilton	4	4	23	6/12/2008	Merly, Ronald J.	S
Wepawaug River	Orange	4	2	21	5/3/2008	Collins Jr., Stephen M.	B
Norwalk River	Wilton	4	0	21	4/19/2008	Krois, Matthew J.	S
Smallmouth Bass							
Crystal Lake	Ellington	4	2	21.5	2/17/2008	Ambro Jr., Joseph	I

Waterbody	Location	lbs.	ozs.	Inches	Date	Angler	Method
Walleye							
Lake Saltonstall	Branford	8	0	27	5/11/2008	Maloney, Stephen	S
Mashapaug Lake	Union	7	3	27.75	10/21/2008	Kijek, Frank	S
Squantz Pond	New Fairfield	6	8	27	5/1/2008	Cummings, John A.	S
Batterson Park Pond	Farmington	5	14	27.25	10/29/2008	Kiegiel, Jozef	B
Squantz Pond	New Fairfield	5	3	24	5/14/2008	Hammer, Jane	L
Yellow Perch							
Mashapaug Lake	Union	1	13	16	2/25/2008	Sedlak, Mark	I

FRESHWATER AWARDS - CATCH-AND-RELEASE *(based on length of fish)*

<i>Waterbody</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Inches</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Angler</i>	<i>Method</i>
Brown Trout					
East Twin Lake	Salisbury	25	9/6/2008	Pasko, Thomas	T
East Twin Lake	Salisbury	24	8/9/2008	Ambro Sr., Joseph	S
West Hill Pond	Barkhamsted	24	10/25/2008	Kanaple, Jesse	B
East Twin Lake	Salisbury	24	7/1/2008	Lambour, Kevin	S
Jobs Pond	Portland	23.75	4/19/2008	Hall, Richard H.	L
Jobs Pond	Portland	23.25	11/2/2008	Hall, Richard H.	L
East Twin Lake	Salisbury	22.75	5/11/2008	Kilbride, Timothy E.	T
East Twin Lake	Salisbury	22.5	5/10/2008	Ambro Jr., Joseph	L
East Twin Lake	Salisbury	22	5/11/2008	Pasko, Thomas	T
Calico Bass					
Private Pond	Fitchville	16	5/5/2008	Crump, Patrick A.	S
Jobs Pond	Portland	15.5	10/2/2008	Hall, Richard H.	L
Jobs Pond	Portland	15.25	10/27/2008	Hall, Richard H.	S
Lake Terramuggus	Marlborough	15.25	7/22/2008	Heller, Sean P.	S
Carp					
Irrigation Pond	South Windsor	38	8/9/2008	Ambro Sr., Joseph	S
Irrigation Pond	South Windsor	36	8/9/2008	Ambro Sr., Joseph	S
Connecticut River	Deep River	34	5/28/2008	Beisser, Brian	B
Chain pickerel					
Wononskopomuc Lake	Salisbury	27	8/31/2008	Stange, Dawn	B
Channel Catfish					
Lake Pocotopaug	East Hampton	35	10/25/2008	Brogan, Michael G.	L
Connecticut River	Wethersfield	30.5	8/15/2008	Schoell, Matt	B

METHODS: F -fly fishing, B -bait casting, T -trotting, S -spin fishing, L -live bait, I -ice fishing

<i>Waterbody</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Inches</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Angler</i>	<i>Method</i>
Connecticut River	Wethersfield	29	10/2/2008	Dulac, Jacques	B
Connecticut River	Wethersfield	28	9/20/2008	Dulac, Jacques	B
Connecticut River	South Windsor	28	7/12/2008	Dulac, Jacques	B
Connecticut River	Wethersfield	28	9/20/2008	Schoell, Matt	B
Connecticut River	Wethersfield	29	9/20/2008	Dulac, Jacques	B
Connecticut River	Enfield	26.75	7/18/2008	Dougherty, Blake B.	B
Connecticut River	Wethersfield	25	10/13/2008	Martel, Brian	B
Quinebaug River	Canterbury	25	8/10/2008	Valenti, Paul	B
Connecticut River	Enfield	24.25	7/24/2008	Dougherty, Blake B.	B
Connecticut River	Windsor	24	5/14/2008	Gables, Ryan	S
Quinebaug River	Plainfield	22	7/31/2008	Valenti, Paul	B
Quinebaug River	Canterbury	22.5	8/7/2008	Valenti, Paul	B
Kokanee					
West Hill Pond	New Hartford	16.5	10/25/2008	Mikulak, Peter	T
Largemouth Bass					
Lake Pocotopaug	East Hampton	25.25	7/10/2008	Kornegay III, Daniel E.S.	L
Uncas Lake	East Lyme	24.87	10/10/2008	Kornegay III, Daniel E.S.	L
Lake Hayward	East Haddam	24.75	7/8/2008	Sobowicz, Joseph	B
Uncas Lake	Lyme	24	7/18/2008	Heller, Sean P.	L
Beach Pond	Voluntown	24	9/18/2008	Martin, Michael E.	L
Mathies Park Pond	Beacon Falls	23	9/7/2008	Gabris, Nicholas	S
Winchester Lake	Winchester	23	2/16/2008	Miller III, Alfred J.	L
Lake Pocotopaug	East Hampton	23	1/5/2008	Quayle III, John H.	I
Winchester Lake	Winchester	22.5	10/5/2008	Gables Sr., Michael	S
Lake Pocotopaug	East Hampton	22.5	7/10/2008	Heller, Sean P.	L
Quaddick Reservoir	Thompson	22.25	5/15/2008	Suplicki, John S.	S

<i>Waterbody</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Inches</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Angler</i>	<i>Method</i>
Gorton Pond	East Lyme	22	7/12/2008	Dawley, Matthew	S
Connecticut River	Portland	22	5/6/2008	Murawski, David	S
Red Cedar Lake	Lebanon	22	9/3/2008	Zeitz, Kenneth E.	S
Northern pike					
Quaddick Reservoir	Thompson	40.5	3/2/2008	Southwick, Daniel B.	L
Mansfield Hollow Res.	Mansfield	40	1/19/2008	Dias, George	L
Quaddick Reservoir	Thompson	40	2/17/2008	Spillane, Patrick J.	I
Mansfield Hollow Res.	Mansfield	39	2/20/2008	Carr, Ron	I
Mansfield Hollow Res.	Windham	38	2/13/2008	Ferrari, David	I
Pachaug Pond	Griswold	38	1/19/2008	Southwick, Daniel B.	L
Mansfield Hollow Res.	Mansfield	37	1/12/2008	Spillane, Patrick J.	I
Mansfield Hollow Res.	Mansfield	37	1/19/2008	Dias, George	L
Pachaug Pond	Griswold	36	1/13/2008	Southwick, Daniel B.	L
Quaddick Reservoir	Thompson	35	3/2/2008	Southwick, Daniel B.	L
Pumpkinseed					
Housatonic River	Salisbury	9.25	4/19/2008	Jones, David	B
Rainbow trout					
Amos Lake	Preston	24	3/2/2008	Christian, Brett	S
Fish&Game Pond	Terryville	22.25	4/13/2008	D'Angelo, Brandon	L
Rock Bass					
Housatonic River	Kent	12.75	7/18/2008	Kornegay III, Daniel E.S.	S
Smallmouth Bass					
Connecticut River	Enfield	22.5	6/13/2008	Pinto Jr., Michael G.	B
Walleye					
Lake Saltonstall	Branford	27	5/11/2008	Maloney, Stephen	S

CONNECTICUT FRESHWATER RECORD FISH

<i>Common Name</i>	<i>Weight</i>		<i>Location Caught</i>	<i>Angler</i>	<i>Year Caught</i>
	<i>lbs</i>	<i>oz</i>			
American Eel	10	3	Shetucket River, Norwich	Charles J. Lobacz	1993
American Shad	9	4	Connecticut River, Windsor	Edward Cypus	1981
Bluegill	2	4	Private Pond, Madison	Daniel Gesner	1996
Brook Trout	9	3	Blackwells Brook, Brooklyn	David Andes	1998
Brown Bullhead	4	15	Prospect Pond, Southington	Robert Richey	1990
Brown Trout	16	14	East Twin Lake, Salisbury	Samual Wright	1986
Brown Trout (Searun)	10	8	Saugatuck River, Westport	Ronald J. Merly	2006
Calico Bass	4	0	Pataganset Lake, East Lyme	James M. Boos	1974
Common Carp	39	8	Naugatuck River, Derby	Bill Terry, Sr.	2001
Chain Pickerel	8	9	West Twin Lake, Salisbury	Alden L. Foss	2005
Channel Catfish	29	6	Mashapaug Lake, Union	Appleton Barrows	2004
Kokanee	2	12	Highland Lake, Winchester	David Randolph	1976
Lake Trout	29	13	Wononscopomuc Lake, Salisbury	Dr. Thompson	1918
Largemouth Bass	12	14	Mashapaug Lake, Union	Frank Domurat	1961
Northern Pike	29	0	Lake Lillinonah, Brookfield	Joseph Nett	1980
Pumpkinseed	1	3	Lake Marie, Windham	Robyn Rogers	1973
Rainbow Trout	14	10	Mansfield Hollow Reservoir, Mansfield	Michael V. Ludlow	1998
Rock Bass	1	3	Colebrook Reservoir, Colebrook	Ernie Gonsalves	1989
Rock Bass (<i>tie</i>)	1	3	Shenipsit Lake, Tolland	James Bonan	1995
Smallmouth Bass	7	12	Shenipsit Lake, Tolland	Joseph Mankauskas, Jr.	1980
Tiger Trout	7	1	Quassapaug Lake	Jeffrey J. Smith	2003
Walleye	14	8	Candlewood Lake, New Fairfield	George Britto	1941
White Catfish	12	12	Connecticut River, Middletown	John L. Shatas	1999
White Perch	2	15	Candlewood Lake, New Fairfield	Don Loftus, Jr.	1996
Yellow Perch	2	13	Black Pond, Woodstock	Miller B. Bassett	1973