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TROPHY FISH 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 (2009):

- 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 (2009):

- 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 2009, 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*)

<i>water body</i>	<i>town</i>	<i>lbs.</i>	<i>ozs.</i>	<i>Inches</i>	<i>Date:</i>	<i>Angler:</i>	<i>Methods:</i>
American Eel							
Mill River	New Haven	3	11	37	8/29/2009	Deitch, Joshua	B
Brook Trout							
Farmington River	Riverton	4	0	19	4/18/2009	Rayder, Mike	S
Farmington River	Riverton	3	0	19	5/6/2009	Kantor Jr., Peter	F
Bristol Fish & Game Pond	Bristol	2	15	18	4/24/2009	Helming, Bruce O.	S
Farmington River	Riverton	2	11	18	4/20/2009	Kantor Jr., Peter	S
Brown Trout							
Wononskopomuc Lake	Salisbury	12	13	30	5/11/2009	Misani Jr., Remy P.	S
Willimantic River	Mansfield	12	4	24.5	4/24/2009	Alleman, Allen	F
Stillwater Pond	Torrington	10	8	29	4/18/2009	Sramek, Gary	S
Stratton Brook Park Pond	Simsbury	10	8	26	4/21/2009	Dulac, Jacques	S
Black Rock Pond	Watertown	10	1	22	4/22/2009	Kalinka, Grzegorz	S
Saugatuck Reservoir	Weston	8	7	26	5/4/2009	Fulton, Christopher	S
Naugatuck River	Thomaston	7	12	27	11/15/2009	Fuller, Jason P.	S
Saugatuck Reservoir	Weston	7	12	27	5/9/2009	Cummings, Patrick A.	S
Wononskopomuc Lake	Salisbury	7	8	25	5/4/2009	Carlson, Lanny P.	S
Connecticut River	Broad Brook	7	6	22	5/1/2009	Rabbett, Brian	S
Colebrook River Lake	Colebrook	6	14	24	5/1/2009	Kawa III, Frank S.	B
Wononskopomuc Lake	Salisbury	6	11	24.5	5/28/2009	Carlson, Lanny P.	S
Black Pond	Middlefield	6	10	25.12	4/18/2009	Bushnell, Kimberly	S
East Twin Lake	Salisbury	6	10	24.25	4/18/2009	Kilbride, Timothy E.	T
Saugatuck Reservoir	Weston	6	8	24	5/9/2009	Cummings, Patrick A.	S
Lakeville Lake	Lakeville	6	6	22.75	6/11/2009	Carlson, Lanny	S
Mashapaug Lake	Union	6	1	25	1/17/2009	Wassell, Wayne	I
Scantic River	Broad Brook	6	1	22.5	6/2/2009	Frost, Joseph S.	B
East Twin Lake	Salisbury	5	14	21.25	5/2/2009	Kilbride, Timothy E.	T
Lake Quonnipaug	Guilford	5	11	21	3/16/2009	Toal, Austin	S
Mohawk Pond	Cornwall	5	7	24	4/18/2009	Bruno, Nicholas	S
Colebrook River Lake	Colebrook	5	5	24	1/13/2009	Parenteau, Philip E.	I
East Twin Lake	Salisbury	5	4	22	5/19/2009	Bradshaw, Jason	L
Quonnipaug Lake	Guilford	5	2	22.25	3/15/2009	Carter, Hayden	T
Columbia Lake	Columbia	2	4	17	5/31/2009	Matot, Jacob	B

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

<i>water body</i>	<i>town</i>	<i>lbs.</i>	<i>ozs.</i>	<i>Inches</i>	<i>Date:</i>	<i>Angler:</i>	<i>Methods:</i>
Calico Bass							
Rogers Lake	Old Lyme	2	6	16	5/2/2009	Ranelli, Valinn	F
Connecticut River	Chester	2	1	16	5/8/2009	Harris, Roger B.	S
Carp							
West River	New Haven	28	0	36.25	4/19/2009	Wolod, Michael R.	B
Chain Pickerel							
Amos Lake	Preston	5	10	26	6/27/2009	Nye, Rollin	L
Amos Lake	Preston	4	25	26.5	1/14/2009	Nye, Rollin	I
Channel Catfish							
Connecticut River	Middletown	9	11	27	8/10/2009	Jansak, Peter	B
Black Pond	Middlefield	5	7	23.5	1/24/2009	Sanford, Walter	I
Silver Lake	Berlin	5	1	24	2/20/2009	Wright, Adam N.	I
Lake Wintergreen	Hamden	4	12	23.5	4/14/2009	Swift, Jefferey	B
Spaulding Pond	Norwich	4	8	22	5/10/2009	Strois, Jonathan E.	B
Little Pond	Thompson	4	1	24	9/27/2009	Huberdault, David	B
Largemouth Bass							
Beach Pond	Voluntown	8	2	23.5	4/18/2009	Deledda, Robert	S
Beach Pond	Voluntown	7	8	25	5/12/2009	Duffy, Dean	B
Duck Pond	Northford	7	8	23	6/18/2009	Marra, Michael J.	B
Candlewood Lake	New Milford	7	4	22	4/18/2009	McGee, Thomas	B
Ross Pond	Killingly	7	0	24	5/2/2009	Benoit Jr., Gerald F	S
Boggs Pond Reservoir	Danbury	7	0	23	2/21/2009	Melillo, Richard	I
Winchester Lake	Winchester	6	13	22.5	3/14/2009	Wright, Adam N.	I
Farmington River	Avon	6	13	22	5/9/2009	Vazquez, Migdalia	B
Amos Lake	Preston	6	12	24	6/27/2009	Nye, Duaine	L
Putnam Park Pond	Redding	6	12	21	1/24/2009	Stergue, Costa J.	I
Millers Pond	Durham	6	11	23.5	8/1/2009	Jansak, Richard P.	S
Beach Pond	Voluntown	6	8	22	10/29/2009	Duffy, Dean	B
Beach Pond	Voluntown	6	4	22.5	12/31/2009	Fontaine, Marc	I
Beach Pond	Voluntown	6	1	21	6/23/2009	Joskiewich, Charles	L
Northern Pike							
Hopeville Pond	Griswold	20	8	45	7/3/2009	Phillips, Darrell	S

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Mansfield Hollow Res.	Mansfield	15	12	38	5/3/2009	Rabousky, Thomas	S
Bantam Lake	Morris	15	1	38	1/17/2009	Consiglio, Chris	I
Mansfield Hollow Res.	Mansfield	14	6	37	12/28/2009	Davis, Seth	I
Connecticut River	Haddam	13	2	36.25	3/15/2009	Ranelli, Valinn	S
Connecticut River	Haddam	12	11	37	3/27/2009	Ranelli, Valinn	S
Connecticut River	Portland	11	11	36	1/31/2009	Bartoszkiewicz, Matthew	I
Hopeville Pond	Griswold	11	0	35.5	8/3/2009	Corey, Peter	S

Rainbow Trout

Shetucket River	Baltic	12	0	26	4/18/2009	Booth, Jason	S
Naugatuck River	Torrington	11	8	27	4/24/2009	Kantor Jr., Peter	F
Shetucket River	Baltic	11	6	28	5/9/2009	Balkus, Ed	S
Still River	Eastford	10	15	26	4/19/2009	Naughton, John	S
Shetucket River	Baltic	10	15	25.5	4/18/2009	Way, Andrea	S
Farmington River	Riverton	10	10	29	5/9/2009	Refkofsky, Ronald	S
Valley Falls Pond	Vernon	10	8	25.5	4/25/2009	Bassham, Douglas	B
Shetucket River	Baltic	8	12	24.25	4/25/2009	Gauthier, Trent	S
Salmon River	Colchester	8	6	24	4/18/2009	Capella, Eric J.	S
Blackberry River	Canaan	7	14	24.5	6/11/2009	Ledger, Robert	S
Great Hollow Park Pond	Monroe	7	12	24.5	4/18/2009	Fatibene, Dominick	
Farmington River	Riverton	7	8	26.25	5/30/2009	Kotulski, Raymond	S
West Hill Pond	New Hartford	7	8	25.75	4/27/2009	Dyndiuk Sr., Mark	T
Mill River	Hamden	7	5	22.25	4/20/2009	Gaidish, Thomas	S
Natchaug River	Ashford	7	2	25.5	4/18/2009	Lynch, Patrick M.	F
Farmington River	Riverton	7	1	25	4/19/2009	Brignolo, Jamie	S
Salmon River	Colchester	6	8	24	9/20/2009	Carl, Michael J.	F
Bantam River	Litchfield	5	10	24	4/28/2009	Blazek, Robert T.	F
Farmington River	Farmington	5	5	22	4/3/2009	Trosko, Wojciech	F
Hammonasset River	Clinton	5	0	22.5	4/18/2009	DeTullio, Joseph	S
Farmington River	Riverton	4	13	22	4/18/2009	Artibani, Chase	S
Salmon River	East Hampton	4	5	21.75	5/26/2009	Otero Sr., Jose R.	B

Smallmouth Bass

Candlewood Lake	Brookfield	4	8	22.5	1/25/2009	Melillo, Richard	I
Candlewood Lake	Danbury	4	8	20	4/25/2009	Paloncy, Garrett	L
Candlewood Lake	Danbury	4	4	21	2/8/2009	Wisniewski, Ian	I

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Walleye							
Mashapaug Lake	Union	11	8	31	4/20/2009	Lopez, Daniel	S
Saugatuck Reservoir	Weston	10	0	30	5/6/2009	Bonenfant, Keith	L
Lake Pocotopaug	East Hampton	7	1	26	1/6/2009	Wallace, Sr. John A.	I
Mashapaug Lake	Union	6	5	26	2/26/2009	Katkavich, Kenneth	I
Gardner Lake	Salem	6	3	25	1/12/2009	Wallace, Jr. John J.	I
Gardner Lake	Salem	6	2	26.25	6/11/2009	Ranelli, Valinn	S
Mashapaug Lake	Union	5	14	26	1/20/2009	Sedlak, Mark	I
Gardner Lake	Salem	5	6	25	1/13/2009	Wallace, Sr. John A.	I
Lake Saltonstall	Branford	5	6	25	4/19/2009	Indorf, Paul F.	S
Gardner Lake	Salem	5	4	24	1/25/2009	Wallace, Jr. John J.	L
Yellow Perch							
Candlewood Lake	Danbury	1	9	15	7/22/2009	Cole, Lucas	B

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

<i>water body</i>	<i>town</i>	<i>lbs.</i>	<i>ozs.</i>	<i>Inches</i>	<i>Date:</i>	<i>Angler:</i>	<i>Method:</i>
Bluegill							
Lake Terramuggus	Marlborough	0	0	10	6/7/2009	Cieslowski, Jenna	S
Brown Trout							
East Twin Lake	Salisbury	5	7	22.25	4/20/2009	Kilbride, Timothy E.	T
West Hill Pond	New Hartford	0	0	25	2/7/2009	Ulitsch Jr., Edward	I
East Twin Lake	Salisbury	0	0	23	6/6/2009	Martel, Brian	T
Coventry Lake	Coventry	0	0	22	4/19/2009	Anderson, Eric D.	B
Pequabuck River	Forestville	0	0	22	5/11/2009	Dupere, Joseph A.	F
Calico Bass							
Staffordville Lake	Stafford	0	0	15	9/15/2009	Galek, Keith	T
Carp							
Connecticut River	Lyme	40	8	38	5/28/2009	Wasilewski, Steven	B
Chain Pickerel							
Cedar Lake	Chester	0	0	29.25	1/22/2009	Kornegay III, Daniel E.S.	I
Channel Catfish							
Connecticut River	Glastonbury	10	11	30	6/4/2009	Schoell, Matthew	B
Connecticut River	Wethersfield	0	0	27	10/22/2009	Martel, Brian	L
Farmington River	Windsor	0	0	27	5/20/2009	Morin, Edward	S
Connecticut River	South Windsor	0	0	26.5	9/13/2009	Martel, Brian	L
Connecticut River	South Windsor	0	0	24	9/13/2009	Martel, Brian	L
Connecticut River	South Windsor	0	0	24	8/15/2009	Martel, Brian	L
Connecticut River	Chester	0	0	24	7/24/2009	Doucette, William	B
Lake Pocotopaug	East Hampton	0	0	23	7/11/2009	Coutu, Zachary	B
Largemouth Bass							
Quaddick Reservoir	Thompson	6	11	22.25	4/19/2009	Suplicki, John S.	S
Lakewood Lake Park	Waterbury	0	0	23.25	1/17/2009	Finke, Norman L. Jr.	I
Bantam Lake	Litchfield	0	0	22	8/18/2009	Kalita, Kenneth P.	S
Darrow Pond	East Lyme	0	0	22	6/29/2009	Walker, Daniel	S
Moodus Reservoir	East Haddam	0	0	22	2/21/2009	Urban, Dakota	I

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Northern Pike							
Housatonic River	Falls Village	0	0	45.75	6/6/2009	Jones, David L.	S
Mansfield Hollow Res.	Mansfield	0	0	42	12/28/2009	Spillane, Patrick	I
Quaddick Reservoir	Thompson	0	0	42	3/14/2009	Spillan, Patrick J.	I
Connecticut River	East Haddam	0	0	41	11/22/2009	Murawski, David	L
Connecticut River	Chester	0	0	41	11/8/2009	Lynn Jr., Bruce T.	L
Quaddick Reservoir	Thompson	0	0	41	3/14/2009	Spillane, Patrick J.	I
Mansfield Hollow Res.	Mansfield	0	0	40.25	1/24/2009	Southwick, Daniel B.	I
Connecticut River	East Haddam	0	0	39	11/23/2009	Murawski, David	L
Pachaug Pond	Griswold	0	0	38	2/7/2009	Curran, Michael J.	I
Connecticut River	East Haddam	0	0	37.5	11/8/2009	Dulac, Jacques	L
Connecticut River	East Haddam	0	0	37.5	2/16/2009	Dulac, Jacques	I
Connecticut River	Haddam	0	0	37	11/29/2009	Murawski, Ronald J.	L
Mansfield Hollow Res.	Mansfield	0	0	37	12/26/2009	Spillane, Patrick	I
Connecticut River	Glastonbury	0	0	35.5	12/1/2009	Carrier, Michael T.	L
Connecticut River	East Haddam	0	0	35	11/22/2009	Murawski, Ronald J.	L
Rock Bass							
Housatonic River	Kent	0	0	11.37	5/13/2009	Kornegay III, Daniel E.S.	S
Smallmouth Bass							
Lake Pocotopaug	East Hampton	0	0	21.12	2/24/2009	Kornegay III, Daniel E.S.	I
Walleye							
Lake Pocotopaug	East Hampton	0	0	28.5	1/29/2009	Brogan, Michael G.	I
Connecticut River	Suffield	0	0	27	4/15/2009	Carcia, Elizabeth	S
Connecticut River	Suffield	0	0	27	4/15/2009	Killenbeck, Ryan	S

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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	Pattagansett Lake, East Lyme	James M. Boos	1974
Common Carp	40	8	Connecticut River, Lyme	Steven Wasilewski	2009
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	Wononskopomuc 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