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**CT DEEP
Inland Fisheries Office-
Trophy Fish Award Program**

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STATE RECORD INLAND FISH



Brook Trout
9 lbs., 3 oz.



Brown Trout
19 lbs., 0 oz.



Channel Catfish
29 lbs., 6 oz.



Common Carp
43 lbs., 12 oz.



Largemouth Bass
12 lbs., 14 oz.



Northern Pike
19 lbs., 0 oz.



Rainbow Trout
14 lbs., 10 oz.



Smallmouth Bass
7 lbs., 12 oz.



Walleye
15 lbs., 4 oz.



White Catfish
12 lb., 12 oz.

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CONNECTICUT INLAND TROPHY FISH AWARD PROGRAM





Successful Anglers will Receive:

- A certificate of merit.
- A **Bronze** pin for your first fish of merit.
- A **Silver** pin for your fifth fish of merit.
- A **Gold** pin for your tenth fish of merit or a new state record fish.



Gold Lapel Pin

Rules for Catch-and-Release Category:

- A clear photo must accompany the affidavit. This photo must include both **the angler holding the fish** and **the fish next to a measuring device** (yardstick, ruler or tape measure) to clearly display the length.
- The accompanying photo must be taken at the location where the fish was caught and released.
- Fish must be released **alive** and **at the site in which it was caught**.



Inland Trophy Fish Catch

General Rules for Freshwater Fish:

- Inland Trophy Fish Certificate and Lapel Pin are given to each **inland angler who either kept or released (C&R) a fish which meets the minimum trophy fish requirements.**
- Angler of the Year is awarded to the angler who catches the greatest variety and each fish were the largest of the species.
- Youth Category is defined as anyone 15 years of age and under.
- Entries must be filled out on the Official Affidavit Form. See the [Connecticut Angler's Guide](#) for form.
- Fish must be caught by legal methods by only one person.
- Fish must be entered within 30 days of capture
- Fish must be caught during Connecticut's legal open season.
- **A clear photograph of the fish must accompany the Affidavit Form. Please email images to david.molnar@ct.gov**
- Fish can be weighed on scales at Connecticut's bait and tackle shops, local markets or delis.
- Please note: for all potential State Record Fish, a print-out of weight from a certified scale must accompany affidavit.



Successful anglers from each category (youth male & female, adult male & female) and their families will be invited to participate in our **Annual Trophy Fish Award Ceremony**. This special ceremony is held annually at the Connecticut Convention Center during the Northeast Fishing and Hunting Show.

For additional information, see the [Connecticut Angler's Guide for the Trophy Fish Award Affidavit](#) and [State Record Inland Fish](#).

To Qualify for a Trophy Fish Award the following minimum measurements are required:

Species	Kept Requirements	C & R Requirements
American Eel	3 lb	35 in.
American Shad	5 lb	25 in.
Atlantic Salmon	20 lb	31 in.
Bullhead	12 oz	10 in.
Bowfin	7 lb	24 in.
Brook Trout	2 lb	17 in.
Brown Bullhead	2 lb	15 in.
Brown Trout	5 lb	22 in.
Calico Bass (Black Crappie)	2 lb	15 in.
Common Carp	20 lb	34 in.
Chain Pickerel	6 lb	27 in.
Channel Catfish	14 lb	22 in.
Fallfish	1.5 lb	14 in.
Kokanee	1.75 lb	16 in.
Largemouth Bass	8 lb	22 in.
Northern Pike	10 lb	36 in.
Pumpkinseed	8 oz	9 in.
Rainbow Trout	4 lb	21 in.
Redbreast Sunfish	8 oz	16 in.
Rock Bass	12 oz	45 in.
Smallmouth Bass	4 lb	21 in.
Sunfish Hybrids	12 oz	10 in.
Tiger Trout	2 lb	17 in.
Tench	4 lb	18 in.
Walleye	5 lb	23 in.
White Catfish	4 lb	20 in.
White Perch	2 lb	15 in.
White Sucker	3 lb	15 in.
Yellow Bullhead	2 lb	16 in.
Yellow Perch	1.5 lb	15 in.