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STATE RECORD MARINE FISH



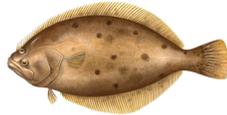
Striped Bass
 81 lbs. 15 oz.



Bluefish
 24 lbs. 13 oz.



Black Sea Bass
 7 lbs. 8oz.



Summer Flounder
 14 lbs. 11 oz.



Tautog (Blackfish)
 26 lbs. 10 oz.



Scup (Porgy)
 4 lbs. 2 oz.



Winter Flounder
 6 lbs. 1 oz.



Weakfish
 17 lbs. 14 oz.



Hickory Shad
 3 lbs. 4 oz.



White Perch
 1 lb. 15 oz.



Blue Crab
 8.81"

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CONNECTICUT
MARINE TROPHY FISH
AWARD PROGRAM





Successful Anglers will Receive:

- A certificate of merit.
- A **Gold** pin for your tenth fish of merit or a new state record fish (harvest or catch & release).
- A **Silver** pin for your fifth fish of merit.
- A **Bronze** pin for your first fish of merit.



Gold



Silver



Bronze

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**.



Marine Trophy Fish Certificate

General Rules for Saltwater Fish:

- Marine Trophy Fish Certificate and Lapel Pin are given to each **marine 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 of species and the largest of these 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 Kept 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 the **Annual Trophy Fish Award Ceremony**. This special ceremony recognizing marine anglers 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 Marine Fish](#).
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To Qualify for a Trophy Fish Award the following minimum measurements are required:

Species	Kept Requirements	C & R Requirements
Albacore	30 lb	40 in.
American Eel	3 lb	35 in.
Atlantic Bonito	4 lb	20 in.
Atlantic Cod	20 lb	40 in.
Atlantic Mackerel	4.25 lb	14 in.
Black Sea Bass	4.5 lb	20 in.
Blackfish (Tautog)	8 lb	22 in.
Blue Marlin	100 lb	99 in.
Blue Shark	175 lb	54 in.
Bluefin Tuna	400 lb	60 in.
Bluefish	12 lb	32 in.
Cunner	1.5 lb	12 in.
Dolphin Fish	45 lb	48 in.
Gray Triggerfish	4 lb	15 in.
Hickory Shad	1.75 lb	18 in.
Little Tunny (False Albacore)	5 lb	24 in.
Mako Shark	175 lb	83 in.
Northern Kingfish	1 lb 8 oz	16 in.
Oyster Toadfish	1 lb	10 in.
Pollock	15 lb	34 in.
Scup (Porgy)	2.5 lb	16 in.
Squid	—	10 in. ML; 18 in. TL
Striped Bass	35 lb	45 in.
Striped Seabrook	3 lb	18 in.
Summer Flounder	6 lb	25 in.
Swordfish	100 lb	47 in.
Thresher Shark	200 lb	54 in.
Weakfish	5 lb	24 in.
White Marlin	80 lb	66 in.
White Perch	1.5 lb	14 in.
Winter Flounder	2.5 lb	17 in.
Yellowfin Tuna	150 lb	60 in.
Blue Crab	-	8 in.