

# Trophy Fish Award Program



## TROPHY FISH AWARD AFFIDAVIT

**NOTE: POTENTIAL STATE RECORD FISH MUST BE WEIGHED ON A CERTIFIED SCALE.**

Kind of Fish \_\_\_\_\_ Where Caught \_\_\_\_\_ Town (port) \_\_\_\_\_

**PHOTOGRAPH (PICTURE) MUST ACCOMPANY AFFIDAVIT.**

**DATE CAUGHT** \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ **CATCH & RELEASE?**  Yes  No

### HOW CAUGHT

Fly Fishing  Bait Casting  Bottom Fishing  Spin Fishing  Live Bait  Trolling  Ice Fishing  Day  Night

**Kind of Lure or Bait Used** \_\_\_\_\_

### CAUGHT BY

**Angler** (print & sign name) \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**YOUTH OR ADULT?**  Youth (under 16 years of age)  Adult

**MEASURING & WEIGHING** (Harvested fish may be weighed at any CT bait and tackle shop.)

**Catch & Release Length** (inches) \_\_\_\_\_

**Harvested Fish** (caught & kept) **Weight** (lbs, ozs) \_\_\_\_\_

**Weigh In Location** \_\_\_\_\_

**Witness** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone Number** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email** \_\_\_\_\_

I, (signature & address of witness) \_\_\_\_\_ witnessed the measuring and weighing (Catch-and-Release fish must include an image of the fish next to a measuring device and need not be weighed) of the above-described fish, and verified the weight and measurements. The fish was weighed on a scale inspected by the CT Department of Consumer Protection.

**Certification #** \_\_\_\_\_ **or Vendor Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **or Inspectors Name** \_\_\_\_\_

### AUTHORIZATION AND RELEASE FOR USE OF PHOTOGRAPH (IMAGES)

Please provide a photo or digital image for fish identification purposes. Digital images can be emailed to [david.molnar@ct.gov](mailto:david.molnar@ct.gov)

**Note:** Each individual pictured must sign a release in order for the DEEP to use the picture. Parent/Guardian must sign for minor children.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, DO HEREBY AUTHORIZE THE Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection ("Department") to use my photographic likeness in the Department's Fisheries reports, publications and/or its Internet web site. I understand that such reports, publications and/or web site will be disseminated to the public and may be copied or otherwise reproduced. I hereby release the Department from any liability that may arise from using my photographic likeness in such reports, publications and/or web site. I also release the Department from any liability that may arise from dissemination of such reports, publications and/or web site or the use of the reports, publications and/or web site by the public.

**Signature(s)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

This form can be downloaded from [www.ct.gov/deep/fishing](http://www.ct.gov/deep/fishing)

**FRESHWATER FISH** mail to: DEEP Inland Fisheries Division, 79 Elm Street, 6<sup>th</sup> floor, Hartford, CT 06106-5127

**SALTWATER FISH** mail to: DEEP Marine Fisheries Division, P.O. Box 719, Old Lyme, CT 06371 or Fax Number 1-860-434-6150

**PLEASE EMAIL AFFIDAVIT AND DIGITAL IMAGES** (pictures) to: [david.molnar@ct.gov](mailto:david.molnar@ct.gov) (marine images only) [bill.gerrish@ct.gov](mailto:bill.gerrish@ct.gov) (freshwater images only)



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Bureau of Natural Resources appreciates all the help it receives from volunteers each year. Typically, volunteers are from organized groups, but there are also some opportunities for individuals. Among the programs in which you may be able to participate:

### Atlantic Salmon and Herring Restoration Programs

**For groups:** Contact Steve Gephard or Bruce Williams (Inland Fisheries Division) at 860-434-6043

### Volunteer Angler Survey — Saltwater Anglers

**For individuals:** See page 53 for details. Contact David R. Molnar (Marine Fisheries Division) at 860-434-6043 or [david.molnar@ct.gov](mailto:david.molnar@ct.gov).

### CT Aquatic Resource Education Program (CARE)

**For individuals:** Volunteers are trained and certified to teach an introductory course in fishing. Training/Certification is offered twice a year, in February and June. Certified instructors must participate in one CARE event per year. Participation may include teaching or assisting the teaching of a 6 hour class in your hometown or helping out at a special event. A desire to pass on your angling knowledge and lots of enthusiasm for the sport are all we require to join the program. See page 6 for more! Contact Tom Bourret or Justin Wiggins of the Inland Fisheries Division at 860-663-1656.

**Thanks for your interest in the health of our fisheries resources!**

