

**Application for:
MARINE FISHING TOURNAMENT/DERBY
REGISTRATION**



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
<http://www.ct.gov/deep/fishing>

No person, club, or organization shall conduct, in Connecticut marine waters, a fishing tournament or derby which is open to persons 16 years of age or older without having first registered such tournament or derby as described in under section 26-159a-26 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies (please see page 4 of registration).

There is no charge for this registration.

1. **Name of Applicant:** (please print first & last name): _____
2. Tel: Day/Evening: _____ Cell#: _____ Fax#: _____
3. Street Address: _____ Town: _____
4. State: _____ Zip: _____ E-mail Address: _____
5. Tournament/Derby Name: _____
6. Sponsor/Organization/Club Name & Web-Site: _____
7. Date/Time/Location of Captain's Meeting _____
8. Location of Tournament/Derby (Water Body): CIRCLE Long Island Sound (LIS) Outside LIS River (_____)
Town: _____ Check-in Location(s): _____
9. Date(s) of Tournament/Derby: _____ Starting Time(s): _____
Check in Time and Location(s): _____
10. Target Species: CIRCLE *Striped Bass Bluefish Summer Flounder Tautog Scup Other:* _____
11. Are you requesting exemption from licensing requirements as a nonprofit civic service organization under Connecticut General Statutes, Section 26-27(e)? (See bottom of page 4 of this registration form.) **Yes** **No**
-If "Yes": Enter the name of Non-Profit Civic Organization and 501(c)(3) tax exemption number:

12. **Is this a Catch and Release (Live Release) Tournament?** CIRCLE **YES** **NO**

13. **If Catch and Release Fishing Tournament, are you requesting an exemption from the prohibition on culling or high grading?**
 Yes **No** → *If you specify "No", remember culling or high grading is prohibited. Go to Question 14.*
 If "YES": 26-159a-26(e), subdivision 1 thru 5. You must also submit the **High-Grading Exemption Affidavit Form** for review and approval. By regulation, CTDEP Marine Fisheries reserves the right to require up to 120 days advance notice to process an high-grading exemption request.
 If "YES": 26-159a-26(f). You must also submit the **LIST of TOURNAMENT PARTICIPANTS FORM** at least 12 hours prior to the beginning of the tournament (fax: 860.434.6150, or email: dep.marine.fisheries@ct.gov).

- Note:**
- 1) Under 26-159a-26(g) an application may be denied if approval would jeopardize any fish stock or adversely affect the Department's (CT DEP) compliance with any interstate fishery management plan.
 - 2) Under 26-159a-26(h) failure to comply with any of the provisions of regulations governing marine fishing tournaments shall be grounds for denying the applicant, club or organization a registration or exemption for three years from the date of such failure.
 - 3) Any event planned for the navigable (tidal) waters of this state requires a permit from the USCG. For more information visit their web site <http://www.uscg.mil/D1/sectLIS/public/MarineEvent.asp> or call USCG Sector Long Island Sound at 203.468.4596.
 - 4) Any event requesting the use of a state boat launch located in tidal waters requires a Marine Event Permit from DEP Office of Boating. For more information visit their web site: [DEP: Boating Permits](#) and select "Permits", then "Marine Event Permit" or call 860.434.8638.

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14. Estimated Total Number of Boats : _____ 17. Estimated Total Number of Boat Anglers: _____
 15. Estimated Total Number of Shore Anglers: _____
 16. Tournament Entry Fee (if any): _____ 18. Total Value of Awards/Prizes: \$ _____

I agree to abide by the conditions stipulated for this event by the Department of Environmental Protection under authority of RCSA 26-159a-26 and CGS 26-27(e) as applicable. I understand that making a false written statement on this application or any documents attached hereto is punishable by state law.

Signature of Applicant: _____ **Date:** _____

Title of Applicant: _____

Return completed form to: DEP Marine Fisheries Division
 Fax # 860.434.6150 P.O. Box 719
 Old Lyme, CT 06371

Any Questions? Call 860-434-6043



This registration is approved under the following conditions: Please see below.



26-159a-26(b): Marine Fishing Tournament/Derby Reporting Requirements

Representatives of the Commissioner (CT DEP Marine Fisheries Division) shall be provided access to all tournament or derby areas during the event for the purposes of observation, assessment and law enforcement. Said representatives shall be allowed to collect biological and statistical information on any or all fish caught by registered participants in the tournament or derby. Tournament Director shall, within seven days after conducting a tournament or derby, report to the Commissioner, on forms provided by the Commissioner, information on the results of the tournament or derby. Such information shall include, but not be limited to: total number of participants; total hours fished; total number of each species caught, the numbers released alive and dead and retained; and the individual length and weight of each fish weighed-in.

REQUIRED **NOT REQUIRED**

26-159a-26(c): CT DEP collection of biological samples (fish) and statistical information on any or all fish caught by registered participants.

CT DEP will be collecting biological samples from fish CT DEP does not plan to collect fish samples

26-159a-26(d): Registrant agrees to provide any or all fish entered in the tournament to CT DEP staff upon written request by the CTDEP.

CT DEP requires fish be provided to staff (written request) CT DEP does not require fish be provided

Connecticut DEP Marine Fishing Tournament/Derby Registration
 (for agency approval/denial use only)

Approved Issue Date: _____ Registration Number: _____

Denied Reason for Denial: Application fails to meet subsection(s) _____ of RCSA 26-159a-26.

Reviewed by _____
 Signature Title

MARINE FISHING TOURNAMENT/DERBY REPORTING FORM

Please complete *only* if required under 26-159a-26b of the application (please see page 2).

Tournament/Derby Name _____ Registration No. _____

Total Number of Boat Anglers _____ Total Number of Shore Anglers _____ Total Number of Hours Fished _____

Total Number of Boats _____ Total Number of Boat Anglers that caught fish _____

Total Number of Shore Anglers that caught fish _____ If Catch and Release (Keep Alive) Tournament

<u>Tournament Catch Results (in numbers of fish)</u>	<u>Fish Kept/Killed</u>	<u>Fish Released</u>	<u>Total Number</u>
Species _____	_____	_____	_____
Species _____	_____	_____	_____
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Species _____	_____	_____	_____

In addition to this form, please attach copies of official individual species weigh-in results kept by tournament/derby officials and mail to:



DEEP Marine Fisheries Division
P.O. Box 719
Old Lyme CT 06371
860-434-6043
Fax# 860.434.6150
E mail: dep.marine.fisheries@ct.gov

Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies: 26-159a-26. Marine Fishing Tournament Registration

No person, club, or organization shall conduct, in Connecticut marine waters, a fishing tournament or derby which is open to persons sixteen years of age or older without having first registered such tournament or derby as provided in this section.

- (a) Each person, club, or organization wishing to conduct a fishing tournament or derby in marine waters shall register such tournament or derby with the Commissioner on forms provided by the Commissioner. Information required on such registration shall include, but not be limited to, the full name and address of the registrant; name of the tournament or derby; sponsor; general capture location; date(s); starting time(s); check-in time(s); check-in location(s); anticipated number of participants; target species, daily bag limits; size limit; entry fee; and total value of awards.
- (b) If requested, each registrant shall, within seven days after conducting a tournament or derby, report to the Commissioner, on forms provided by the Commissioner, information on the results of the tournament or derby. Such information shall include, but not be limited to: total number of participants; total hours fished; total number of each species caught, the numbers released alive and dead and retained; and the individual length and weight of each fish weighed-in.
- (c) Representatives of the Commissioner shall be provided access to all tournament or derby areas during the event for the purposes of observation, assessment and law enforcement. Said representatives shall be allowed to collect biological and statistical information on any or all fish caught by registered participants in the tournament or derby.
- (d) Tournament or derby officials must agree to provide, upon written request, any or all fish entered in the tournament or derby to the Commissioner or to any representative of the Commissioner.
- (e) **The Commissioner may grant, for any registered tournament or derby, an exemption from the prohibition on culling or high-grading** specified in sections 26-159a-4 and 26-159a-7 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, provided that the Commissioner determines that the tournament or derby meets all of the following conditions:
 - (1) The tournament or derby director submits a written proposal to the Commissioner detailing the equipment and measures the tournament will use to ensure the survivability of fish taken in the tournament, including: the capture, handling and storage of fish by tournament entrants on the water during the competition, by tournament officials at the weigh-in and by tournament officials when transporting and returning fish to the water. ***Said proposal shall also include the tournament or derby rules, shall specify any penalties that will apply to entrants bringing in or weighing dead fish, shall be submitted no later than 120 days prior to the tournament and shall be determined by the Commissioner to adequately address potential fish mortality issues;***
 - (2) The tournament operates for a limited duration, with a maximum of 72 hours from the official start of the tournament to the final weigh-in deadline;
 - (3) When using baited hooks or lures with baited hooks, the use of non-offset circle hooks is required;
 - (4) The tournament format specifies the live release of all fish and imposes significant penalties for entrants landing or weighing in dead fish; and
 - (5) The tournament format specifies that any tournament participant that culls or high-grades dead fish from his catch before the tournament weigh-in shall be disqualified from the tournament.
- (f) The director of any tournament or derby granted an exemption under subsection (e) of this section shall provide to the Commissioner at least 12 hours prior to the beginning of the tournament a list of the names, residence addresses and boat registration numbers of each tournament participant.
- (g) Any determination by the Commissioner that the approval of any fishing tournament or derby would jeopardize any fish stock or adversely affect the Department's compliance with any interstate fishery management plan of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission or U. S Department of Commerce will result in disapproval of that request.
- (h) Failure to comply with the provisions of this section shall be deemed grounds for denying the tournament applicant, club or organization a registration or exemption for a similar event to be held within three years from the date of such failure of compliance.

Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies: 26-27. LICENSES AND PERMITS

- (e) No fishing license shall be required for any resident of the state who is participating in a fishing derby authorized in writing by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection provided (1) no fees are charged for such derby, (2) such derby has a duration of one day or less and (3) such derby is sponsored by a nonprofit civic service organization. Such organization shall be limited to one derby in any calendar year.