



**Connecticut Department of  
Energy & Environmental Protection**  
Bureau of Natural Resources  
Marine Fisheries Division

# Application for a Marine Fish Tournament or Fishing Derby Registration

<b>DEEP USE ONLY</b>	
App #:	_____
Date Received:	_____

*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.*

There is no fee associated with this registration.

## Part I: Applicant Information

<b>1. Applicant Name(Association/Club/Group):</b>			
Mailing Address: _____			
City/Town: _____	State: _____	Zip Code: _____	
Business Phone: _____	ext.: _____		
<b>2. Primary contact for departmental correspondence and inquiries, if different than the applicant.</b>			
Name: _____			
Primary Phone: _____	Cell Phone: _____		
*E-mail: _____			
*By providing this e-mail address you are agreeing to receive official correspondence from DEEP, at this electronic address, concerning the subject application. Please remember to check your security settings to be sure you can receive e-mails from "ct.gov" addresses. Also, please notify DEEP if your e-mail address changes.			

## Part II: Date and Location

Name of Tournament/Derby: _____	
Tournament/Derby Sponsor Name: _____	
Tournament/Derby web site: _____	
Start Date: _____	End Date: _____
Start Time: _____	End Time: _____
<b>Captain's Meeting:</b>	
Date: _____	Time: _____ Location: _____

### Part III: Fishing License Exemption

No fishing license shall be required for any Connecticut resident who is participating in a fishing derby authorized by the DEEP provided: 1) The derby is sponsored by a nonprofit civic service organization, 2) The derby has a duration of one day or less, and 3) no fees are charged for the derby. Note: Each Non-Profit Civic Group can sponsor one event per year.

I would like to request a Fishing License Exemption:  Yes  No

Name of Non-Profit Civic Group Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

501(c)(3) Non-profit tax exemption number: \_\_\_\_\_

### Part IV: Targeted Species

Striped bass  Bluefish  Summer Flounder  Tautog  Scup

Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

### Part VI: Participant Information

Number of boats: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of boat anglers: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of shore anglers: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you intend to use greater than 50% of a state boat launch for this event?  Yes  No

If yes, which launch: \_\_\_\_\_

What is the entry fee? \_\_\_\_\_

Which type of awards will be provided? (check all that apply)

Cash  Points  Prizes  None

Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

Total value of all awards: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this tournament catch and release?  Yes  No

I would like to request an exemption from the prohibition on culling or high grading.  Yes  No

If Yes, you must also submit the **High-Grading Exemption Affidavit Form (attached)** for review and approval. By regulation, CTDEEP Marine Fisheries reserves the right to require up to 120 days advance notice to process a high-grading exemption request. You must also submit the **List of Tournament Participants Form (attached)** at least 12 hours prior to the beginning of the tournament (fax: 860.434.6150, or email: [deep.marine.fisheries@ct.gov](mailto:deep.marine.fisheries@ct.gov)).

#### Notes:

Any event planned for the navigable (tidal) waters of this state requires a permit from the USCG. For more information visit their web site [www.uscg.mil/D1/sectLIS/public/MarineEvent.asp](http://www.uscg.mil/D1/sectLIS/public/MarineEvent.asp) or call USCG Sector Long Island Sound at 203.468.4596.

Any event requesting the use of a state boat launch located in tidal waters requires a Marine Event Permit from the DEEP Office of Boating. For more information visit their web site: DEEP: Boating Permits and select "Permits", then "Marine Event Permit" or call 860.434.8638.





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## Marine Fish Tournament or Fishing Derby Post Event Report Form

*If indicated by DEEP that this form is required, please complete and submit to the address indicated at the end of this form, within 7 days after the event.*

### Part I: Event Information

Tournament/Derby Name: _____	
Registration Number: _____	
Actual number of boats: _____	Actual number of vehicles: _____
Start date / time: _____	End date / time: _____
Total hours of fishing: _____	Actual number of boat anglers: _____
Actual number of shore anglers: _____	
Total number of boat anglers that caught fish: _____	
Total number of shore anglers that caught fish: _____	
Was this tournament catch and release? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

### Part II: Summary of All Fish Caught

Fish Species	Fish Kept/Killed	Fish Released	Total Number

### Part III: Certification

<table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%; border: none;"><b>Signature of Applicant</b></td> <td style="width: 40%; border: none;"><b>Date</b></td> </tr> </table>	<b>Signature of Applicant</b>	<b>Date</b>
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Note: Please submit this completed Form to:

MARINE FISHERIES DIVISION  
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
P.O. BOX 719  
OLD LYME, CT 06371

Any questions, please call 860-434-6043 or by email to: [deep.marine.fisheries@ct.gov](mailto:deep.marine.fisheries@ct.gov)



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## **Proposal for Exemption to High-Grading Prohibition**

*Required only for tournament applicants seeking exemption for culling/high-grading - 26-159a-26(f)*

Complete this form *ONLY* if you answered "Yes" under Part VI to the culling or high grading request for exemption on the tournament application.

*Describe the equipment and measures the tournament will take to ensure the survivability of fish taken in the tournament including capture, handling and holding: by entrants on the water during the tournament, and by tournament officials at weigh-in and when transporting and returning fish to the water.*

# Affidavit for a Fishing Tournament Culling/High Grading Exemption

Pursuant to Section 26-159a-26 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies

<b>Tournament Sponsor</b>	
<b>Tournament Director</b>	
<b>Date(s)</b>	
<b>Location</b>	
<b>Acknowledge by Initialing each box below</b>	Pursuant to section 26-159a-26 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, I certify that the following conditions will be satisfied:
	<p>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. 26-159a-26(e)(2).</p> <p><i>Specify the commencement of first day of fishing (date/time) :</i> _____</p> <p><i>Specify the termination of last day of fishing (date/time) :</i> _____</p>
	When using baited hooks or lures with baited hooks, the use of non-offset circle hooks is required. 26-159a-26(e)(3).
	<p>The tournament format specifies the live release of all fish and imposes significant penalties for entrants landing or weighing in dead fish. 26-159a-26(e)(4).</p> <p><i>Specify the penalty:</i> _____</p>
	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. 26-159a-26(e)(5).
<b>Initials</b>	I agree to:
	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. 26-159a-26(f).
<b>Initials</b>	I understand that:
	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. 26-159a-26(g).
	Failure to comply with the provisions of section 26-159a-26 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies 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. 26-159a-26(h).
I declare under penalties of false statements, as provided for in the Connecticut General Statutes, that the statements and acknowledgements herein made by me are true and correct.	
<b>Signature of Applicant</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Printed Name of Applicant</b>	
The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection has determined that the conditions of section 26-159a-26(e) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies have been met and hereby grants to the above named tournament 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	Commissioner or Authorized Agent's Signature
	Date

