# A Summary of the Default Statewide Regulations For Common Freshwater Fish in Connecticut — 2022

Different rules apply at waters listed on the reverse of this page.

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**BROWN TROUT**

**RAINBOW TROUT**

**BROOK TROUT**

**KOKANEE**

**ATLANTIC SALMON**

- It is only legal to fish for Atlantic salmon in the lakes stocked by DEEP or the Naugatuck River and Shetucket River Atlantic Salmon Management Areas.
- Rules vary by the time of year and water being fished.
- TROUT & SALMON STAMP required to keep Atlantic salmon.
- Taste: Very Good

**COMMON CARP**

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<th>◆ No minimum size</th>
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**LARGEMOUTH BASS**

**SMALLMOUTH BASS**

**WALLEYE**

- ◆ Minimum Size: 18 inches
- ◆ Daily limit: 2 Walleye
- ◆ Taste: Excellent

**YELLOW PERCH**

**BLUEGILL**

**WHITE PERCH**

**PUMPKINSEED**

- ◆ Minimum size: 15 inches
- ◆ Daily limit: 6 pickerel
- ◆ Taste– good but very bony

**CHAIN PICKEREL**

**BULLHEAD**

**CATFISH (CHANNEL OR WHITE)**

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**Fish Consumption Advisory:** As part of a healthy diet, fish are a good source of protein, low in fat and cholesterol, and are rich in heart healthy Omega 3 fatty acids. Due to some legacy pollution issues, the Connecticut Department of Public Health publishes a fish consumption advisory each year to provide information on the amount of each type of fish that can be eaten safely. For more information including the fish consumption fact sheet, special fact sheet for pregnant women, non-English summaries, and updates visit the DPH web site at www.ct.gov/DPH/Fish or call 860-509-7740.
LAKES AND PONDS

Community Fishing Waters
Bass Management Areas

Trout Management Areas

Wild Trout Management Areas

RIVERS AND STREAMS

Trout Management Areas

Wild Trout Management Areas

Special Regulations

Some waters have special regulations related to the daily limit, sizes, and/or gear type. Please be sure to check these regulations using the online fishing guide. Scan the QR codes below to open the web pages.

Fishing Licenses (available online)

100% of the fees from fishing licenses go to support fish and wildlife programs at the DEEP. Anyone who is between the ages of 16 and 64 years old is required to have a fishing license (fees below). Licenses for CT residents are age 16 or 17 are 50% of the regular price. Kids under 16 do not need a license, however, DEEP offers the FREE youth fishing passport to help motivate the younger anglers. Those who are age 65 or older are required to obtain a FREE fishing license annually. To fish in some areas and to keep trout and salmon, a trout stamp is required.

www.ct.gov/deep/getmyfishinglicense

Learn to fish with CARE!

The CT Aquatic Resources Education (CARE) program has been introducing people to the many benefits of fishing since 1986. Take our self-paced online fishing course in either English or Spanish and then come out and join us at one of our fishing events.

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Lakes and ponds

Rivers and streams

An Overview of Statewide Fishing Regulations Freshwater - 2022

Fishing regulations are available at https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP-FW/FishingGuide

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License

CT Resident

Not

Inland waters

$28 ($14)

$55

Trout and Salmon Stamp

$5 ($3)

$5

Marine waters

$10 ($5)

$15

All waters

$32 ($16)

$63

% A Trout and Salmon Stamp is required to fish in these waters (age 16+).