



Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection



2020 Marine Fisheries Trophy Fish Award Program Summary



Fishing...

Represents some of the best
moments with Family & Friends



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Adult Awards (Male)

Name	Species	Harvest	Catch & Release	Date	Location Caught	Bait/Lure	WtLB	WtOz	Length (in.)	Awards/Records
Wilson Pellot	Black Sea Bass	Harvest		6/5/2020	Old Saybrook Lighthouse	Bucktail w/ Gulp Powerbait	4	5	21.50	Bronze Pin
John Mallinson	Black Sea Bass		C&R	6/6/2020	Six Mile Reef	Bottom Fishing			22.00	Gold Pin (10th Trophy Fish Award)
Ron Wetmore	Black Sea Bass	Harvest		6/8/2020	Six Mile Reef	Jig	6	3	25.50	Bronze Pin
Jason A. Whiteloon-Keating	Black Sea Bass	Harvest		7/6/2020	Fishers Island Sound	Bucktail Jig	4	1	21.50	Bronze Pin
Bill Lutjen	Black Sea Bass	Harvest		7/18/2020	The Race	Diamond Jig	4	3	21.00	Silver Pin (5th Trophy Fish Award)
Joseph A. Zitani Jr.	Black Sea Bass		C&R	10/9/2020	Bartlett Reef	Squid			20.00	Bronze Pin
Ron Wetmore	Striped Bass		C&R	6/25/2020	Race Rock	Eel			49.50	Bronze Pin
Elliot Thomas	Striped Bass		C&R	7/18/2020	Niantic Shoreline	Eel			46.00	Bronze Pin
Jeff Puglise	Striped Bass		C&R	8/7/2020	Wheeler Rock	Jig			45.50	Silver Pin (5th Trophy Fish Award)
Ron Wetmore	Summer Flounder	Harvest		6/2/2020	Sand Dunes near Six Mile Reef	Jig	7	0	26.50	Silver Pin (5th Trophy Fish Award)
Ron Wetmore	Summer Flounder	Harvest		6/2/2020	Sand Dunes near Six Mile Reef	Jig	6	4	25.25	Bronze Pin
Alexander Maxwell V	Summer Flounder		C&R	8/9/2020	Hatchett Reef	Black Sea Bass Rig			27.00	Bronze Pin
John Wallace	Summer Flounder	Harvest		8/19/2020	Montauk	Fluke Killer	8	6	28.50	Bronze Pin
Mark A. Alimena	Summer Flounder	Harvest		8/22/2020	Porgy Schoal	Snapper Blue	8	0	26.50	Bronze Pin
Sebastian Vernali	Scup		C&R	7/4/2020	Hatchett Reef	Spo Bucktail w/ Gulp			17.75	Silver Pin (5th Trophy Fish Award)
John Mallinson	Scup		C&R	9/7/2020	Montauk	Hi-Lo Rig			17.00	Bronze Pin
Jeffrey Bolliger	Weakfish	Harvest		5/17/2020	Sandy Point	Swim Bait	8	0	30.00	Bronze Pin
Al Zuppe	Weakfish		C&R	5/27/2020	West Haven Sea Wall	5 inch Housatonic Paddletail			33.75	Gold Pin (Catch & Release State Record)
Thomas J. Biroscak II	Striped Searobin		C&R	6/15/2020	West Haven	Bunker			18.00	Silver Pin (5th Trophy Fish Award)
Connor Gerrardi	Bluefish	Harvest		6/2/2020	Montauk	Spin Fishing	11	12	32.00	Bronze Pin
Alexander Welford	Windowpane Flounder	Harvest		6/19/2020	Long Sand Shoal	Jig		11.2	12.75	Gold Pin (State Record Harvested Fish)
Justin Curcio	Tautog	Harvest		10/11/2020	New London	Green Crab	10	3	25.50	Bronze Pin
Nord Yakovleff	Tautog	Harvest		10/11/2020	West Side of Fishers' Island	Green Crab	8	10	24.00	Silver Pin (5th Trophy Fish Award)
Jarell Brown	Tautog	Harvest		10/21/2020	Thames River	Blackfish Jig	11	10.4	26.50	Bronze Pin
Nord Yakovleff	Tautog	Harvest		10/22/2020	West Side of Fishers' Island	Green Crab	9	15.2	24.00	Bronze Pin
Mark A. Alimena	Tautog		C&R	10/23/2020	Long Neck Point, Darien	Asian Crab on Blackfish Jig			22.00	Bronze Pin
Michael Arnett	Tautog	Harvest		11/7/2020	Millstone Power Plant	Green Crab	9	9.6	25.50	Bronze Pin
Thomas B. St. Cyr	Tautog	Harvest		11/16/2020	New Haven Breakwall	Green Crab	8	12	23.63	Bronze Pin
Tobey Sweet	Tautog		C&R	11/27/2020	Black Point	Crab	9	8	25.00	Bronze Pin
Luke Wiggins	Tautog		C&R	11/28/2020	Groton	Jig	23	11.2	32.50	Gold Pin (Catch & Release State Record)
Matt Carli	Oyster Toadfish	Harvest		10/21/2020	Millstone	Jig w/ Green Crab	2	1.6	13.00	Bronze Pin
Harry B Sheffield	White Perch	Harvest		10/13/2020	Short Beach	Sandworm	2	3.2	14.50	Gold Pin (State Record Harvested Fish)
Thomas J Biroscak II	Clearnose Skate		C&R	6/3/2020	West Haven	Bunker			28.00	Bronze Pin

This program recognizes & rewards successful anglers. Categories are: **Youth** (female & male), **Adult** (female & male).

A few things to keep in mind when navigating
 --**State Record Harvested Fish** (red color) is the heaviest (weight) harvested fish of any species.

--**Catch & Release State Record** (green) is the longest (length) fish of any species.

--**Womens Trophy Fish Record** (blue) is the largest fish in the womens category, either harvested or caught & released.

--**Youth Trophy Fish Record** (purple) is the largest fish in the youth category, either harvested or caught & released.



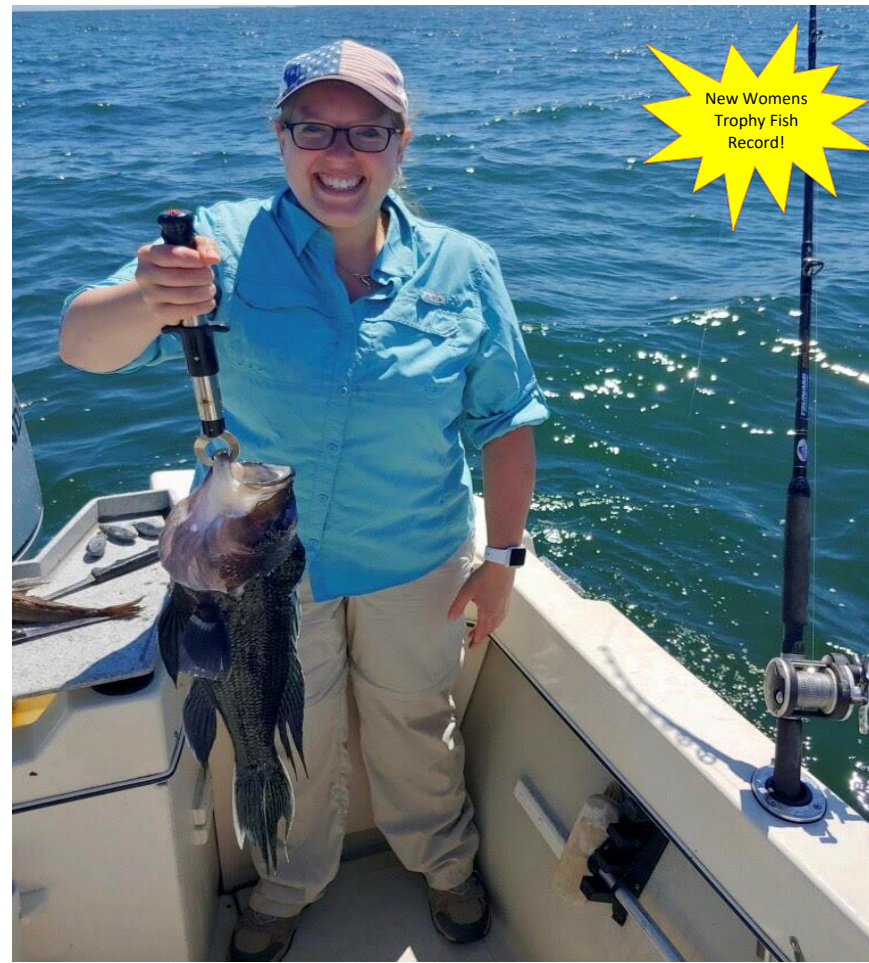


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Adult Awards (Female)

Name	Species	Harvest	Catch & Release	Date	Location Caught	Bait/Lure	WtLB	WtOz	Length	Awards/Records
Jennifer Zuppe	Scup		C&R	5/31/2020	New Haven Breakwater	Asylum Jig w/ Clams			19.88	Gold Pin (Catch & Release State Record/Womens Trophy Fish Record)
Laura J. Macha	Summer Flounder	Harvest		7/16/2020	The Race	Squid	9	13	29.00	Bronze Pin
Brooke Colombo	Black Sea Bass		C&R	6/15/2020	Clinton	Clams			23.00	Gold Pin (Womens Trophy Fish Record)



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Youth Awards

Name	Species	Harvest	Catch & Release	Date	Location Caught	Bait/Lure	WtLB	WtOz	Length	Awards/Records
Cooper Medeiros	Scup	Harvest		6/13/2020	Cornfield Point	Clams	2	2	16.50	Bronze Pin





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Exotic Marine Species

Name	Species	Harvest	Catch & Release	Date	Location Caught	Bait/Lure	WtLB	WtOz	Length	Awards/Records
Jarred Velardi	Tilefish	Harvest		7/19/2020	East Atlantis Canyon	Tilefish Rig w/ Squid	51	6.4	47.00	Gold Pin (State Record Harvested Fish)
Al Zuppe	Cownose Ray		C&R	8/16/2020	Sandy Point	Snapper Blues	40	12.64	57.75	Gold Pin (Catch & Release State Record Fish)
Jennifer Zuppe	Cownose Ray		C&R	8/16/2020	Sandy Point	Snapper Blues	39	14.88	56.50	Gold Pin (Womens Trophy Fish Record)
Al Zuppe	Cownose Ray	Harvest		8/23/2020	Sandy Point	Snapper Blues	37	12.48	57.25	Gold Pin (State Record Harvested Fish)
Evan Kamoen	Spanish Mackerel		C&R	8/31/2020	Niantic	Colt Sniper Silver Jig			20.75	Gold Pin (Catch & Release State Record Fish)
Logan Dube	Gray Triggerfish	Harvest		10/6/2020	New London	Crab	3	11.2	19	Gold Pin (Youth Trophy Fish Record)





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Number of Species by Category

Species	Adult Male	Adult Female	Youth	Total
Tautog	9	0	0	9
Black Sea Bass	6	1	0	7
Summer Flounder	5	1	0	6
Scup	2	1	1	4
Cownose Ray	2	1	0	3
Weakfish	2	0	0	2
Striped Bass	3	0	0	3
Striped Seabrook	1	0	0	1
Bluefish	1	0	0	1
Windowpane Flounder	1	0	0	1
Oyster Toadfish	1	0	0	1
White Perch	1	0	0	1
Tilefish	1	0	0	1
Spanish mackerel	1	0	0	1
Gray Triggerfish	0	0	1	1
Clearnose Skate	1	0	0	1
Total	37	4	2	43

New State Records!

Harvested

- Alexander Welford- Windowpane Flounder
- Harry B. Sheffield- White Perch
- Jarred Velardi- Tilefish
- Al Zuppe- Cownose Ray

Catch & Release

- Al Zuppe- Weakfish
- Al Zuppe- Cownose Ray
- Jennifer Zuppe- Scup
- Evan Kamoen- Spanish Mackerel
- Luke Wiggins- Tautog

New Trophy Fish Records!

Female

- Brooke Colombo- Black Sea Bass
- Jennifer Zuppe- Cownose Ray
- Jennifer Zuppe- Scup

Youth

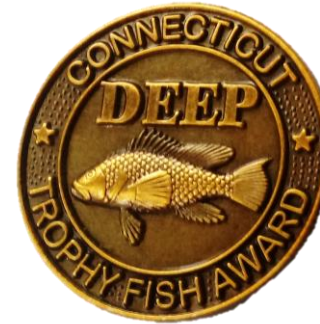
- Logan Dube- Gray Triggerfish

*43 Total Awards
16 Different Species
28 Male Participants
3 Female Participants
2 Youth Participants*

9 New State Records!

Anglers who participated in the Trophy Fish Award Program will receive:

- A Certificate of Merit
- A Lapel Pin



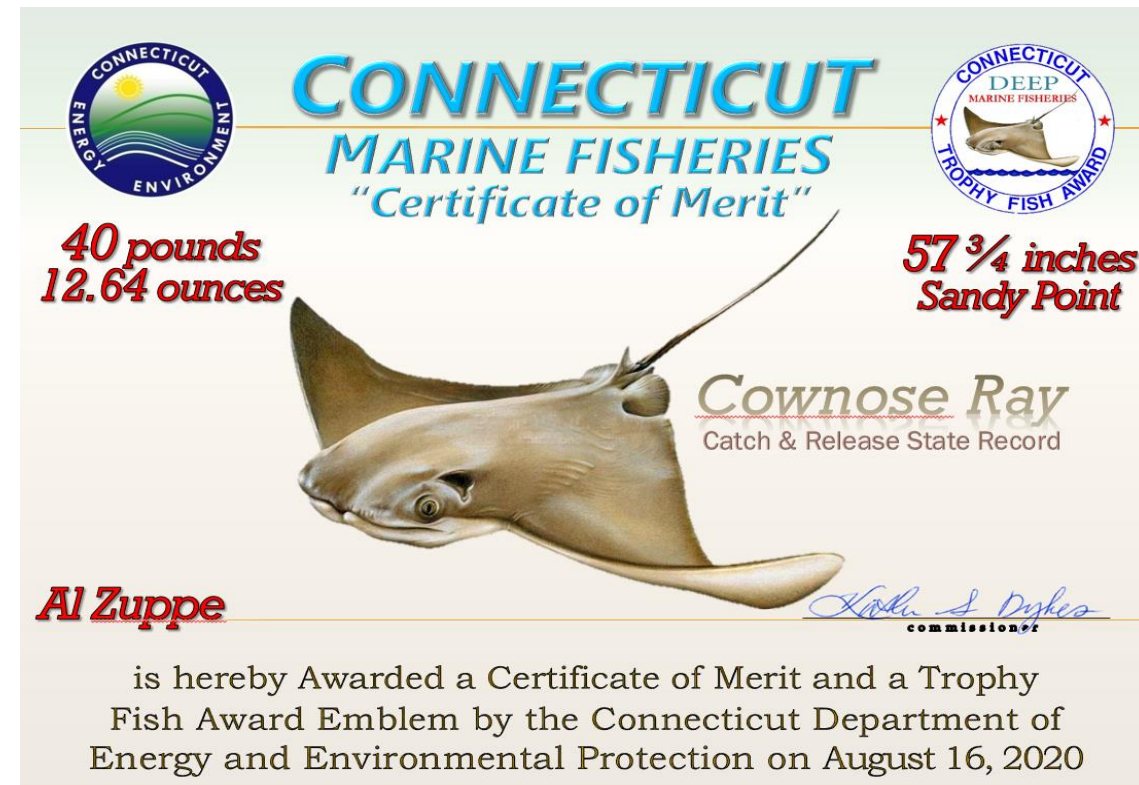
Gold: tenth fish of merit or a new state record



Silver: fifth fish of merit



Bronze: first fish of merit



Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2020 Trophy Fish Award Program!