



Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection



2021 MARINE FISHERIES TROPHY FISH AWARD PROGRAM SUMMARY

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**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
Thomas St. Cyr	Tautog	Harvest		4/9/2021	New Haven Breakwall	Green Crab	8	5	23.00	Bronze Pin
Brian Greene	Tautog	Harvest		8/2/2021	Niantic	Spearfishing	19	4	29.50	Bronze Pin
Kenneth A. Mike	Tautog	Harvest		10/16/2021	Old Lyme	Green Crab	11		25.50	Gold Pin (10th Trophy Fish)
Eric D. Johnson	Tautog	Harvest		10/24/2021	New London	Green Crab	21	8	32.00	Bronze Pin
Ron Wetmore	Tautog		Catch & Release	10/21/2021	Milford	Bottom fishing			22.50	Bronze Pin
Ron Wetmore	Tautog	Harvest		10/18/2021	Milford	Bottom fishing	8	8	25.50	Bronze Pin
Robert Lezon	Tautog	Harvest		11/7/2021	Groton	Green Crab	11	5	25.75	Bronze Pin
Kenneth Gray	Tautog	Harvest		11/7/2021	Ocean Beach	Green Crab	11	1	25.00	Bronze Pin
Michael Lezon	Tautog	Harvest		11/8/2021	North Dumpling	Green Crab	9	0	24.00	Bronze Pin
Sebastian Vernali	Tautog	Harvest		10/29/2021	Hatchett Reef	Green Crab	9		24.50	Bronze Pin
William Muller III	Tautog		Catch & Release	11/14/2021	Groton	Green Crab			21.50	Bronze Pin
Craig Johnston	Tautog		Catch & Release	11/6/2021	Fishers Island Sound	Bottom fishing	10	2	24.00	Bronze Pin
Craig Johnston	Tautog		Catch & Release	11/20/2021	Fishers Island Sound	Bottom fishing	11	2	25.50	Bronze Pin
William Muller III	Tautog		Catch & Release	11/28/2021	New London	Green Crab			21.25	Bronze Pin
Mark Alimena	Black Sea Bass	Harvest		5/19/2021	Buoy 32A	Squid and Gulp	4		21.00	Bronze Pin
Mark Alimena	Black Sea Bass	Harvest		6/1/2021	Buoy 32A	Squid and Gulp	4		20.00	Silver Pin (15th Trophy Fish)
Mark Alimena	Black Sea Bass	Harvest		6/9/2021	Buoy 32A	Squid and Gulp	4	1.6	20.00	Bronze Pin
Mark Alimena	Black Sea Bass	Harvest		6/21/2021	Greenwich Point	Squid and Gulp	4		20.00	Bronze Pin
David Fried	Black Sea Bass	Harvest		7/31/2021	Black Point	Bottom Fishing	4	3	22.50	Bronze Pin
Connor Gerardi	Longfin Squid	Harvest		5/8/2021	Watch Hill	Squid Jig			14.25	Bronze Pin
Connor Gerardi	Longfin Squid	Harvest		5/8/2021	Watch Hill	Squid Jig			12.50	Bronze Pin
Connor Gerardi	Longfin Squid	Harvest		5/8/2021	Watch Hill	Squid Jig			11.75	Silver Pin (5th Trophy Fish)
Connor Gerardi	Longfin Squid	Harvest		5/8/2021	Watch Hill	Squid Jig			11.25	Bronze Pin
Connor Gerardi	Longfin Squid	Harvest		5/8/2021	Watch Hill	Squid Jig			11.00	Bronze Pin
Connor Gerardi	Longfin Squid	Harvest		5/8/2021	Watch Hill	Squid Jig			11.50	Bronze Pin
Connor Gerardi	Longfin Squid	Harvest		5/8/2021	Watch Hill	Squid Jig			11.75	Bronze Pin
Connor Gerardi	Longfin Squid	Harvest		5/8/2021	Watch Hill	Squid Jig			12.13	Gold Pin (10th Trophy Fish)
Connor Gerardi	Longfin Squid	Harvest		5/8/2021	Watch Hill	Squid Jig			12.00	Bronze Pin
Connor Gerardi	Longfin Squid	Harvest		5/8/2021	Watch Hill	Squid Jig			12.25	Bronze Pin
Shawn Robinson	Bluefish		Catch & Release	5/26/2021	Enders Island	3 inch white & blue top water plug			34.75	Bronze Pin
Derek Williams	Bluefish		Catch & Release	7/16/2021	Long Island Sound	247 Lures Mully, Bone Color			35.50	Bronze Pin
Peter Johnson	Bluefish		Catch & Release	8/21/2021	Long Island Sound	Spin Fishing	13	6	35.00	Bronze Pin
Blake Antrim	Bluefish		Catch & Release	11/2/2021	Long Island Sound	Spin Fishing	14		33.00	Bronze Pin
Martin DeFord	Weakfish	Harvest		6/7/2021	Shelther Island Harbor, NY	Squid	9	1.6	31.00	Bronze Pin
Jonathan Baldwin	Northern Kingfish		Catch & Release	6/26/2021	Silver Sands State Park	Clams			16.00	Gold Pin (Catch & Release State Record)
Danny Keeler	Northern Kingfish		Catch & Release	7/26/2021	Norwalk Islands	Squid			11.50	Bronze Pin
John Wallace	Summer Flounder	Harvest		7/20/2021	Montauk	Jig	7	2	27.00	Bronze Pin
John Wallace	Summer Flounder	Harvest		8/10/2021	Montauk	Fluke Jig	6	1	26.00	Gold Pin (10th Trophy Fish)
John Wallace	Summer Flounder	Harvest		8/18/2021	Montauk	Fluke Jig	12	0	30.50	Bronze Pin
Christopher Wallace	Summer Flounder	Harvest		7/20/2021	Montauk	Jig	8	2	28.00	Bronze Pin
Tobey Sweet	Summer Flounder		Catch & Release	7/13/2021	Bay Point	Bottom Fishing	9	8	29.50	Bronze Pin
John Roy	Atlantic Chub Mackerel	Harvest		10/3/2021	Fishers Island Sound	Spin Fishing	2	5.28	16.75	Gold Pin (State Record Harvested Fish)
Peter Johnson	Striped Bass		Catch & Release	8/21/2021	Long Island Sound	Spin Fishing	40		47.00	Bronze Pin
Sebastian Vernali	Spanish Mackerel	Harvest		9/18/2021	Niantic	Hogy Epoxy Jig	3	8	21 7/8"	Bronze Pin
Craig Johnston	Gray Triggerfish		Catch & Release	10/21/2021	Fishers Island Sound	Bottom Fishing	3	12	19.00	Silver Pin (5th Trophy Fish)
Robert Battaglino	Oyster Toadfish	Harvest		11/7/2021	Branford	Crabs	2	5	12.00	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.



Adult Awards (Female)

Name	Species	Harvest	Catch & Release	Date	Location Caught	Bait/Lure	WtLB	WtOz	Length	Awards/Records
Sarah Giuliano	Smooth Dogfish	Harvest		8/4/2021	Long Sand Shoal	Fluke rig w/ squid	15	6	51.75	Bronze Pin



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Youth Awards

Name	Species	Harvest	Catch & Release	Date	Location Caught	Bait/Lure	WtLB	WtOz	Length	Awards/Records
Jackson Biroscak	Hickory Shad		Catch & Release	5/21/2021	West Haven	Kastmaster			16.50	Gold Pin (Youth Trophy Fish Record)
Jackson Biroscak	Weakfish		Catch & Release	5/21/2021	West Haven	Kastmaster			24.00	Gold Pin (Youth Trophy Fish Record)
Benjamin Urban	Striped Searobin		Catch & Release	8/1/2021	Niantic Bay	Squid			16.50	Gold Pin (Youth Trophy Fish Record)
Josselyn Tkacz	Striped Bass		Catch & Release	8/16/2021	Watch Hill	Tube & worm			50.50	Gold Pin (Youth Trophy Fish Record)

Exotic Marine Species

Name	Species	Harvest	Catch & Release	Date	Location Caught	Bait/Lure	WtLB	WtOz	Length	Awards/Records
Chris Anderson	Big Eye Tuna	Harvest		8/17/2021	West Atlantis	Ballyhoo	294	2	78.00	Gold Pin (State Record Harvested Fish)
Andy Dion	Thresher Shark	Harvest		8/3/2021	Block Island Sound	Mackerel	478		95.00	Bronze Pin





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Species	Number of Species by Category			
	Adult Male	Adult Female	Youth	Total
Tautog	14	0	0	14
Longfin Squid	10	0	0	10
Black Sea Bass	5	0	0	5
Summer Flounder	5	0	0	5
Bluefish	4	0	0	4
Northern Kingfish	2	0	0	2
Striped Bass	1	0	1	2
Weakfish	1	0	1	2
Atlantic Chub Mackerel	1	0	0	1
Gray Triggerfish	1	0	0	1
Smooth Dogfish	0	1	0	1
Hickory Shad	0	0	1	1
Striped Searobin	0	0	1	1
Big Eye Tuna	1	0	0	1
Thresher Shark	1	0	0	1
Spanish Mackerel	1	0	0	1
Oyster Toadfish	1	0	0	1
Total	48	1	4	53

New State Records!

Harvested

1. John Roy- Atlantic Chub Mackerel
2. Big Eye Tuna- Chris Anderson

Catch & Release

1. Jonathan Baldwin- Northern Kingfish

New Trophy Fish Records!

Youth

1. Jackson Biroscak- Weakfish
2. Jackson Biroscak- Hickory Shad
3. Benjamin Urban- Striped Searobin
4. Josselyn Tkacz- Striped Bass

*53 Total Awards
17 Different Species
28 Male Participants
1 Female Participant
3 Youth Participants*



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

1. A Certificate of Merit
2. A Lapel Pin



Gold: tenth fish of merit or a new state record



Silver: fifth fish of merit



Bronze: first fish of merit



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MARINE FISHERIES
"Certificate of Merit"



16 1/2 inches

West Haven



Jackson Biroscak

Kathleen S. Dylka
commissioner

is hereby Awarded a Certificate of Merit and a Trophy Fish Award Emblem by the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection on May 21, 2021



Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2021 Trophy Fish Award Program!