



# Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection

## 2022 MARINE FISHERIES TROPHY FISH AWARD PROGRAM SUMMARY

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Represents some of the best  
moments with Family & Friends



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

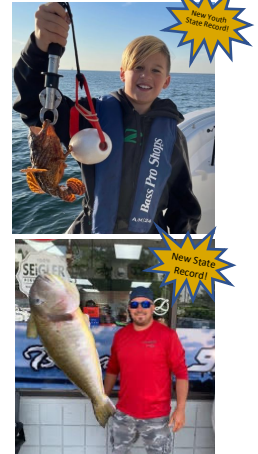
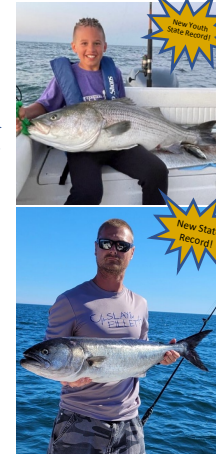
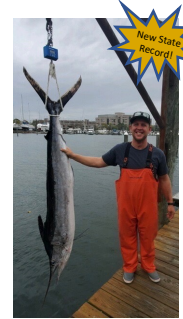
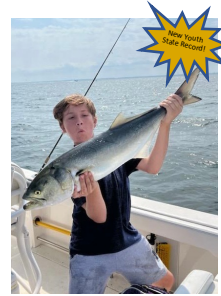
**A few things to keep in mind when navigating**

--**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 (Male)

Name	Species	Harvest	Catch & Release	Date	Location Caught	Bait/Lure	WtLb	WtOz	Length (in.)	Awards/Records
David Birdsey	Tautog	Harvest		7/3/22	Long Island Sound	Spearfishing	8	5	24.75	Bronze Pin
David Birdsey	Tautog	Harvest		7/24/22	Long Island Sound	Spearfishing	10	2	25.00	Bronze Pin
John A. Wallace	Tautog	Harvest		11/4/22	Hatchett Reef	Bottom Fishing	8	12	23.00	Gold Pin
Michael Curran	Tautog		Catch and Release	6/5/22	Niantic River	Bottom Fishing	8	8	24.00	Bronze Pin
Guy Hesketh	Tautog		Catch and Release	10/15/22	Long Island Sound	Bottom Fishing	10		24.00	Bronze Pin
Ray Strong	Tautog		Catch and Release	11/17/22	Noank	Bottom Fishing			23.25	Bronze Pin
Tobey Sweet	Tautog		Catch and Release	11/23/22	Old Saybrook	Bottom Fishing	9	5	24.25	Silver Pin
John A. Wallace	Black Sea Bass	Harvest		7/11/22	Cerberus Shoal	Bottom Fishing	4	9	25.00	Gold
Alex Erdmann	Black Sea Bass	Harvest		8/6/22	Long Island Sound	Bottom Fishing	5	3	23.00	Gold
Alex Erdmann	Black Sea Bass	Harvest		8/12/22	Block Island Sound	Bottom Fishing	4	7	21.50	Gold
Alex Erdmann	Black Sea Bass	Harvest		8/12/22	Block Island Sound	Bottom Fishing	4	3	21.00	Gold
Alex Erdmann	Black Sea Bass	Harvest		8/12/22	Block Island Sound	Bottom Fishing	4	13	23.00	Gold
Joseph Jackson	Black Sea Bass		Catch and Release	6/12/22	Long Beach Island	Bottom Fishing	4	8	21.50	Bronze
David Howard	Striped Bass		Catch and Release	7/21/22	Atlantic Ocean	Bait Cast Fishing			45.50	Bronze Pin
Joseph Jackson	Striped Bass		Catch and Release	8/19/22	Long Beach Island	Bottom Fishing	42		45.00	Bronze Pin
Peter Johnson	Striped Bass		Catch and Release	8/27/22	Housatonic River	Spin Fishing	41		46.00	Silver
Joseph Jackson	Striped Bass		Catch and Release	9/12/22	Long Island Sound	Spin Fishing	39		46.00	Bronze Pin
Shawn LaLond	Striped Bass		Catch and Release	10/22/22	Long Island Sound	Spin Fishing	42		47.00	Gold Pin
Kevin Dubicki	Striped Bass		Catch and Release	10/22/22	Fishers Island Sound	Spin Fishing			47.00	Bronze Pin
Marek Swietek	Bluefish	Harvest		7/1/22	Long Island Sound	Bottom Fishing	12	6	34.00	Bronze Pin
Peter Johnson	Bluefish	Harvest		8/27/22	Housatonic River	Spin Fishing	14	1	37.50	Silver
<b>Alex Erdmann</b>	<b>Bluefish</b>		<b>Catch and Release</b>	<b>7/9/22</b>	<b>Race</b>	<b>Bottom Fishing</b>			<b>40.00</b>	<b>Gold Pin (Catch &amp; Release State Record)</b>
Zachary Vogel	Bluefish		Catch and Release	8/13/22	Long Island Sound	Spin Fishing	13		34.00	Bronze Pin
Blake Antrim	Bluefish		Catch and Release	9/30/22	Long Island Sound	Bait Cast Fishing	13		33.50	Bronze Pin
Alex Erdmann	Summer Flounder	Harvest		7/9/22	Fishers Island	Bottom Fishing	6	7	25.00	Gold Pin
Alex Erdmann	Summer Flounder	Harvest		7/9/22	Fishers Island	Bottom Fishing	7	13	27.25	Gold Pin
Mark Alimena	Summer Flounder	Harvest		8/16/22	Cobblestone Reef	Bait Cast Fishing	6		25.00	Bronze Pin



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## Adult Awards (Male) Continued

Name	Species	Harvest	Catch & Release	Date	Location Caught	Bait/Lure	WtLB	WtOz	Length (in.)	Awards/Records
Alex Erdmann <b>Evan Kamoen</b>	Atlantic Chub Mackerel <b>Atlantic Chub Mackerel</b>		Catch and Release <b>Catch and Release</b>	7/23/22 <b>8/21/22</b>	Long Island Sound <b>Fishers Island Sound</b>	Spin Fishing <b>Spin Fishing</b>			14.25 <b>17.25</b>	Gold Pin <b>Gold Pin (Catch &amp; Release State Record)</b>
Xuanhao Sun Peter D Agostino	Blue Crab Blue Crab	Harvest Harvest		8/14/22 9/28/22	Connecticut River Connecticut River	Live Bait Bottom Fishing			8.00 8.00	Bronze Pin Bronze Pin
<b>Stephen Stella</b> <b>Steven Bender</b>	<b>Conger Eel</b> <b>Conger Eel</b>	<b>Harvest</b>	<b>Catch and Release</b>	<b>9/22/22</b> <b>10/22/22</b>	<b>Mystic River</b> <b>Niantic Bay</b>	<b>Bottom Fishing</b> <b>Bottom Fishing</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>22.00</b> <b>51.75</b>	<b>Gold Pin (Catch &amp; Release State Record)</b> <b>Gold Pin (State Harvest Record)</b>
Shawn LaLond Shawn LaLond	Oyster Toadfish Oyster Toadfish		Catch and Release Catch and Release	10/22/22 10/22/22	Long Island Sound Long Island Sound	Bottom Fishing Bottom Fishing			13.00 12.50	Gold Pin Gold Pin
Alex Erdmann Stephen Stella	Smooth Dogfish Smooth Dogfish		Catch and Release Catch and Release	8/6/22 6/15/22	Long Island Sound Long Island Sound	Bottom Fishing Bottom Fishing			43.00 48.00	Gold Pin Bronze Pin
Steven Riviuccio	American Eel	Harvest		10/6/22	Stamford Harbor	Bottom Fishing	3		36.00	Bronze Pin
<b>Stephen Stella</b>	<b>Clearnose Skate</b>		<b>Catch and Release</b>	<b>6/19/22</b>	<b>Mystic River</b>	<b>Bottom Fishing</b>			<b>36.50</b>	<b>Gold Pin (Catch &amp; Release State Record)</b>
Wayne Biroscak	Longfin Squid	Harvest		4/14/22	Thames River	Spin Fishing			25.00	Bronze Pin
Craig Amaro	Scup		Catch and Release	6/2/22	Long Island Sound	Bottom Fishing			16.00	Bronze Pin
Stephen Stella	Striped Sea Robin		Catch and Release	7/1/22	Long Island Sound	Bottom Fishing			18.00	Bronze Pin
Jeffrey Roath	Smooth Puffer		Catch and Release	7/27/22	Long Island Sound	Bottom Fishing			17.00	Bronze Pin
Ray Strong	Thresher Shark	Harvest		8/1/22	Fishers Island	Bait Cast Fishing	264		76.00	Bronze Pin
Peter Johnson	Weakfish		Catch and Release	5/29/22	Long Island Sound	Spin Fishing	5	3	24.00	Bronze Pin





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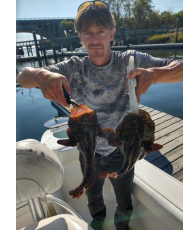
Name	Species	Harvest	Catch & Release	Date	Location Caught	Bait/Lure	WtLB	WtOz	Length (in.)	Awards/Records
Sarah Giuliano	Scup	Harvest		5/30/22	Long Island Sound	Bottom Fishing	4	7	18.00	Bronze Pin
Meghan Stepka	Tautog	Harvest		10/30/22	Old Saybrook	Bottom Fishing	9	14	25.50	Bronze Pin

## Youth Awards

Name	Species	Harvest	Catch & Release	Date	Location Caught	Bait/Lure	WtLB	WtOz	Length (in.)	Awards/Records
Colton Johnson	Bluefish		Catch and Release	8/12/22	Long Island Sound	Spin Fishing			34.00	Bronze Pin
Evander Prapopoulos	Bluefish		Catch and Release	10/6/22	Norwalk	Bait Cast Fishing	16		40.00	Gold Pin (Youth Trophy Fish Record)
Colton Johnson	Bluefish			10/16/22	Long Island Sound	Spin Fishing			32.50	Silver Pin
Colton Johnson	Striped Bass		Catch and Release	6/4/22	Milford	Spin Fishing	43	8	48.00	Gold Pin (Youth Trophy Fish Record)
Colton Johnson	Striped Bass		Catch and Release	9/12/22	Long Island Sound	Spin Fishing	38		45.00	Bronze Pin
Colton Johnson	Northern Kingfish	Harvest		8/27/22	Long Island Sound	Bottom Fishing	1	14	17.50	Bronze
Colton Johnson	Oyster Toadfish	Harvest		10/16/22	Milford	Bottom Fishing	2	3	12.00	Gold (Youth Trophy Fish Record)
Colton Johnson	Smooth Dogfish		Catch and Release	8/12/22	Long Island Sound	Bottom Fishing			44.00	Bronze Pin

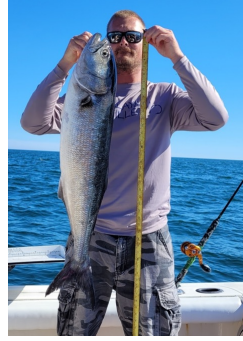
## Exotic Marine Species

Name	Species	Harvest	Catch & Release	Date	Location Caught	Bait/Lure	WtLB	WtOz	Length (in.)	Awards/Records
Jarred Velardi	Golden Tilefish	Harvest		6/13/22	West Atlantis Canyon	Bottom Fishing	58	2	47.00	Gold Pin (State Record)
John Bertolasio	Cobia	Harvest		8/13/22	Long Sand Shoal	Bottom Fishing	43		56.00	Gold Pin (State Record)
Aaron Kolodziej	White Marlin	Harvest		10/13/22	Hudson Canyon	Bait Cast Fishing	110	6	75.00	Gold Pin (State Record)





# 2022 MARINE FISHERIES ANGLER OF THE YEAR AWARD



## Alex Erdmann: 2022 Male Angler of the Year

Name	Species	Harvest	Catch & Release	Date	Location Caught	Bait/Lure	WtLB	WtOz	Length (in.)	Awards/Records
Alex Erdmann	Black Sea Bass	Harvest		8/6/22	Long Island Sound	Bottom Fishing	5	3	23.00	Gold
Alex Erdmann	Black Sea Bass	Harvest		8/12/22	Block Island Sound	Bottom Fishing	4	7	21.50	Gold
Alex Erdmann	Black Sea Bass	Harvest		8/12/22	Block Island Sound	Bottom Fishing	4	3	21.00	Gold
Alex Erdmann	Black Sea Bass	Harvest		8/12/22	Block Island Sound	Bottom Fishing	4	13	23.00	Gold
<b>Alex Erdmann</b>	<b>Bluefish</b>		<b>Catch and Release</b>	<b>7/9/22</b>	<b>Race</b>	<b>Bottom Fishing</b>			<b>40.00</b>	<b>Gold Pin (Catch &amp; Release State Record)</b>
Alex Erdmann	Summer Flounder	Harvest		7/9/22	Fishers Island	Bottom Fishing	6	7	25.00	Gold Pin
Alex Erdmann	Summer Flounder	Harvest		7/9/22	Fishers Island	Bottom Fishing	7	13	27.25	Gold Pin
Alex Erdmann	Atlantic Chub Mackerel		Catch and Release	7/23/22	Long Island Sound	Spin Fishing			14.25	Gold Pin
Alex Erdmann	Smooth Dogfish		Catch and Release	8/6/22	Long Island Sound	Bottom Fishing			43.00	Gold Pin



## Colton Johnson: 2022 Youth Angler of the Year

Name	Species	Harvest	Catch & Release	Date	Location Caught	Bait/Lure	WtLB	WtOz	Length (in.)	Awards/Records
Colton Johnson	Bluefish		Catch and Release	8/12/22	Long Island Sound	Spin Fishing			34.00	Bronze Pin
Colton Johnson	Bluefish		Catch and Release	10/16/22	Long Island Sound	Spin Fishing			32.50	Silver Pin
<b>Colton Johnson</b>	<b>Striped Bass</b>		<b>Catch and Release</b>	<b>6/4/22</b>	<b>Milford</b>	<b>Spin Fishing</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>48.00</b>	<b>Gold Pin (Youth Trophy Fish Record)</b>
Colton Johnson	Striped Bass		Catch and Release	9/12/22	Long Island Sound	Spin Fishing	38		45.00	Bronze Pin
Colton Johnson	Northern Kingfish	Harvest		8/27/22	Long Island Sound	Bottom Fishing	1	14	17.50	Bronze
<b>Colton Johnson</b>	<b>Oyster Toadfish</b>	<b>Harvest</b>		<b>10/16/22</b>	<b>Milford</b>	<b>Bottom Fishing</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>12.00</b>	<b>Gold (Youth Trophy Fish Record)</b>
Colton Johnson	Smooth Dogfish		Catch and Release	8/12/22	Long Island Sound	Bottom Fishing			44.00	Bronze Pin



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## Number of Species by Category

Species	Adult Male	Adult Female	Youth	Total
Bluefish	5	0	3	8
Striped Bass	6	0	2	8
Tautog	7	1	0	8
Black Sea Bass	6	0	0	6
Oyster Toadfish	2	0	1	3
Smooth Dogfish	2	0	1	3
Summer Flounder	3	0	0	3
Atlantic Chub Mackerel	2	0	0	2
Blue Crab	2	0	0	2
Conger Eel	2	0	0	2
Scup	1	1	0	2
American Eel	1	0	0	1
Clearnose Skate	1	0	0	1
Cobia	1	0	0	1
Longfin Squid	1	0	0	1
Northern Kingfish	0	0	1	1
Smooth Puffer	1	0	0	1
Striped Searobin	1	0	0	1
Thresher Shark	1	0	0	1
Tilefish	1	0	0	1
Weakfish	1	0	0	1
White Marlin	1	0	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>58</b>

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

### New State Records!

#### Harvested

1. Jarred Velardi - Golden Tilefish
2. John Bertolasio - Cobia
3. Aaron Kolodziej - White Marlin
4. Steven Bender - Conger Eel

#### Catch & Release

1. Stephen Stella - Clearnose Skate
2. Alex Erdmann - Bluefish
3. Stephen Stella - Conger Eel
4. Evan Kamoen - Atlantic Chub Mackerel

### New Trophy Fish Records!

#### Youth

1. Colton Johnson - Striped Bass
2. Evander Prapopulos - Bluefish
3. Colton Johnson - Oyster Toadfish

*58 Total Awards  
22 Different Species  
25 Male Participants  
2 Female Participant  
2 Youth Participants*

**43 pounds  
8 ounces**

**48 inches  
Milford**

**Youth  
Catch & Release  
Trophy Fish  
Record**

**Colton Johnson**

is hereby Awarded a Certificate of Merit and a Trophy Fish Award Emblem by the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection on June 6, 2022



Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2022 Trophy Fish Award Program!

