



# Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection

## 2024 MARINE FISHERIES TROPHY FISH AWARD PROGRAM SUMMARY

**Fishing...**  
**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).

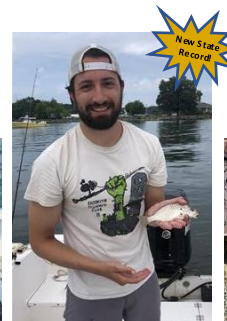
**A few things to keep in mind when navigating**

--**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	Method	Wt LB	Wt Oz	Length (in.)	Awards/Records
Jarod Leite	Striped Bass		Catch & Release	6/15/24	Long Island Sound	Live Bait	-	-	45.00	Bronze Pin
Adam Litwin	Striped Bass		Catch & Release	7/2/24	Long Island Sound	Bait Cast Fishing	-	-	46.25	Bronze Pin
Adam Litwin	Striped Bass		Catch & Release	7/2/24	Block Island Sound	Bait Cast Fishing	-	-	50.00	Bronze Pin
John Durham Jr.	Striped Bass		Catch & Release	7/13/24	Off Block Island	Live Bait	-	-	45.00	Bronze Pin
Matthew Belz	Striped Bass		Catch & Release	7/22/24	Block Island Sound	Live Bait	-	-	48.00	Bronze Pin
Adam Litwin	Striped Bass		Catch & Release	7/22/24	Block Island Sound	Live Bait	-	-	47.00	Bronze Pin
Adam Litwin	Striped Bass		Catch & Release	7/22/24	Block Island Sound	Live Bait	-	-	48.50	Bronze Pin
Adam Litwin	Striped Bass		Catch & Release	7/22/24	Block Island Sound	Live Bait	-	-	48.50	Silver Pin
Matthew Belz	Striped Bass		Catch & Release	7/23/24	Block Island Sound	Live Bait	-	-	48.00	Bronze Pin
Shawn LaLond	Striped Bass		Catch & Release	8/9/24	Long Island Sound	Spin Fishing	-	-	46.00	Gold Pin
Daniel Hripak	Bluefish	Harvest		8/25/24	Long Island Sound	Bottom Fishing	13	5	35.00	Gold Pin
Alex Erdmann	Bluefish	Harvest		10/3/24	Race	Spin Fishing	17	4	35.00	Gold Pin
Mark Alimena	Bluefish		Catch & Release	6/18/24	Stamford Harbor	Bait Cast Fishing	-	-	32.00	Gold Pin
Will Carta	Bluefish		Catch & Release	7/15/24	Long Island Sound	Spin Fishing	-	-	32.50	Silver Pin
Will Carta	Bluefish		Catch & Release	7/15/24	Long Island Sound	Spin Fishing	-	-	34.50	Silver Pin
Will Carta	Bluefish		Catch & Release	7/17/24	Menunketesuck Island	Spin Fishing	-	-	33.00	Silver Pin
Adam Litwin	Bluefish		Catch & Release	8/1/24	Race	Bait Cast Fishing	-	-	34.75	Silver Pin
Peter Johnson	Bluefish		Catch & Release	8/11/24	Long Island Sound	Spin Fishing	-	-	36.00	Gold Pin
Peter Johnson	Bluefish		Catch & Release	8/11/24	Long Island Sound	Spin Fishing	-	-	32.00	Gold Pin
<b>John Valentino</b>	<b>Smooth Dogfish</b>	<b>Harvest</b>		<b>10/5/24</b>	<b>Long Island Sound</b>	<b>Bottom Fishing</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>55.25</b>	<b>Gold Pin (Harvest State Record)</b>
Nicolas Lubrano	Smooth Dogfish		Catch & Release	7/5/24	Long Island Sound	Bottom Fishing	-	-	46.00	Bronze Pin
Will Carta	Smooth Dogfish		Catch & Release	7/17/24	Menunketesuck Island	Live Bait	-	-	47.50	Silver Pin
Jacob Walton	Smooth Dogfish		Catch & Release	7/25/24	Long Island Sound	Bottom Fishing	-	-	49.00	Bronze Pin
Stephen Stella	Smooth Dogfish		Catch & Release	8/2/24	Mystic River	Bottom Fishing	-	-	49.50	Silver Pin
Jacob Walton	Smooth Dogfish		Catch & Release	9/6/24	Mystic River	Bottom Fishing	-	-	50.00	Bronze Pin
Nick Bengtson	Black Sea Bass	Harvest		5/26/24	Clinton	Bottom Fishing	4	3	24.00	Bronze Pin
Daniel Hripak	Black Sea Bass	Harvest		5/25/24	Long Island Sound	Bottom Fishing	3	9	20.00	Gold Pin
Mark Alimena	Black Sea Bass	Harvest		9/12/24	Long Island Sound	Bottom Fishing	4	0	20.00	Gold Pin
Daniel Hripak	Black Sea Bass		Catch & Release	7/26/24	Long Island Sound	Bottom Fishing	-	-	21.00	Gold Pin

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Name	Species	Harvest	Catch & Release	Date	Location Caught	Method	Wt LB	Wt Oz	Length (in.)	Awards/Records
Gianni Higham	Scup	Harvest		7/4/24	Branford Harbor	Bottom Fishing	2	0	16.00	Bronze Pin
Will Carta	Scup		Catch & Release	6/18/24	Long Sand Shoal	Bottom Fishing	-	-	16.00	Bronze Pin
Mark Alimena	Scup		Catch & Release	7/21/24	Smith Reef	Live Bait	-	-	16.50	Gold Pin
Jacob Walton	Clearnose Skate		Catch & Release	7/26/24	Mystic River	Bottom Fishing	-	-	34.00	Bronze Pin
Payton Rhoades	Clearnose Skate		Catch & Release	9/9/24	Mystic River	Bottom Fishing	-	-	34.00	Bronze Pin
Jacob Walton	Clearnose Skate		Catch & Release	10/7/24	Mystic River	Bottom Fishing	-	-	36.50	Gold Pin
Peter Johnson	Oyster Toadfish		Catch & Release	10/20/24	Long Island Sound	Live Bait	-	-	11.75	Gold Pin
Shawn LaLond	Oyster Toadfish		Catch & Release	10/20/24	Long Island Sound	Spin Fishing	-	-	14.00	Gold Pin
Blake Antrim	Oyster Toadfish		Catch & Release	10/25/24	New Haven Harbor	Bottom Fishing	-	-	13.00	Silver Pin
Shawn LaLond	Striped Sea Robin		Catch & Release	6/17/24	Long Island Sound	Bottom Fishing	-	-	17.00	Gold Pin
Peter Johnson	Striped Sea Robin		Catch & Release	8/6/24	Long Island Sound	Bottom Fishing	-	-	17.00	Gold Pin
Peter Johnson	Striped Sea Robin		Catch & Release	8/6/24	Long Island Sound	Bottom Fishing	-	-	18.00	Gold Pin
<b>Jonathan Agosta</b>	<b>Spot</b>		<b>Catch &amp; Release</b>	<b>7/7/24</b>	<b>Greenwich Harbor</b>	<b>Bottom Fishing</b>	-	-	<b>8.10</b>	<b>Gold Pin (Catch &amp; Release State Record)</b>
Tristan Tudorof	Spot		Catch & Release	7/31/24	Westcott Cove	Bottom Fishing	-	-	8.00	Bronze
Jack Wallace	Summer Flounder	Harvest		5/26/24	Long Island Sound	Bottom Fishing	6	10	26.00	Bronze Pin
Alex Erdmann	Summer Flounder	Harvest		8/1/24	Fishers Island Sound	Bottom Fishing	7	12	27.00	Gold Pin
Justin Atkins	Tautog	Harvest		4/9/24	Off of Bridgeport	Bottom Fishing	10	1	24.00	Bronze Pin
Daniel Hripak	Tautog		Catch & Release	4/21/24	Off of Bridgeport	Live Bait	7	13	22.50	Gold Pin
<b>John Gibbons</b>	<b>Cownose Ray</b>		<b>Catch &amp; Release</b>	<b>9/11/24</b>	<b>New Haven Harbor</b>	<b>Bait Cast Fishing</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>60.00</b>	<b>Gold Pin (Catch &amp; Release State Record)</b>
Calvin Neff	Hickory Shad		Catch & Release	7/7/24	Mystic River	Spin Fishing	2	3	19.25	Bronze Pin
<b>Guy Hesketh</b>	<b>Longfin Squid</b>	<b>Harvest</b>		<b>11/20/23</b>	<b>Block Island Sound</b>	<b>Bottom Fishing</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>16.00</b>	<b>Gold Pin (Harvest State Record)</b>
Diego Rodriguez	Northern Kingfish		Catch & Release	9/27/24	Long Island Sound	Bottom Fishing	-	-	16.50	Bronze Pin
William Bullard	White Perch	Harvest		1/6/24	Mill River Fairfield	Spin Fishing	1	12	15.25	Bronze Pin







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### Women's Awards

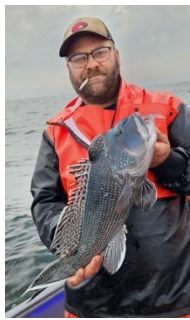
Name	Species	Harvest	Catch & Release	Date	Location Caught	Method	Wt LB	Wt Oz	Length (in.)	Awards/Records
Olivia Lawlor	Bluefish		Catch & Release	7/15/2024	Long Island Sound	Spin Fishing	-	-	32.50	Bronze Pin
Olivia Lawlor	Bluefish		Catch & Release	7/15/2024	Long Island Sound	Spin Fishing	-	-	32.00	Bronze Pin

### Youth Awards

Name	Species	Harvest	Catch & Release	Date	Location Caught	Method	Wt LB	Wt Oz	Length (in.)	Awards/Records
Hannah Sullivan	Bluefish	Harvest		8/1/2024	Long Island Sound	Spin Fishing	13	1	35.00	Bronze pin
Colton Johnson	Bluefish	Harvest		8/25/2024	Long Island Sound	Spin Fishing	12	4	34.00	Gold Pin
Colton Johnson	Bluefish	Harvest		8/25/2024	Long Island Sound	Spin Fishing	14	13	37.00	Gold Pin
Jacoby Silvia	Bluefish		Catch & Release	8/18/2024	Long Island Sound	Bottom Fishing	-	-	33.38	Bronze pin
Colton Johnson	Bluefish		Catch & Release	9/21/2024	Housatonic River	Spin Fishing	-	-	37.00	Gold Pin
Adam Young	Black Sea Bass	Harvest		7/23/2024	Fishers Island	Bottom Fishing	5	0	21.00	Bronze pin
Adam Chrzanowski	Clearnose Skate		Catch & Release	6/15/2024	Long Island Sound	Bottom Fishing	-	-	33.50	Bronze pin
Wesley Faucher	Oyster Toadfish		Catch & Release	10/13/2024	Long Island Sound	Bottom Fishing	2	10	14.50	Gold Pin (Youth Catch & Release State Record)
Jacoby Silvia	Scup		Catch & Release	7/6/2024	Long Island Sound	Bottom Fishing	-	-	16.00	Bronze pin
Nicholas Dietz	Tautog	Harvest		4/26/2024	Off of Madison	Bottom Fishing	10	13	26.00	Bronze pin
Jacoby Silvia	Spiny Dogfish		Catch & Release	12/23/2024	Off of Montauk	Bottom Fishing	-	-	30.00	Gold Pin (Youth Catch & Release State Record)
Colton Moskey	White Perch	Harvest		8/23/2024	Connecticut River	Bait Cast Fishing	1	10	14.50	Gold Pin (Youth Harvest State Record)

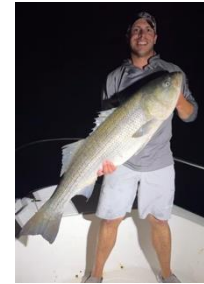
### Exotic Marine Species

Name	Species	Harvest	Catch & Release	Date	Location Caught	Method	Wt LB	Wt Oz	Length (in.)	Awards/Records
Sebastian Vernali	Spanish Mackerel		Catch & Release	8/31/2024	Long Island Sound	Spin Fishing	-	-	20.25	Silver Pin
Joshua Kirk	Wahoo	Harvest		10/5/2024	Atlantis Canyon	Trolling	89	0	71.00	Gold Pin (Harvest State Record)





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### Adam Litwin: 2024 Male Angler of the Year

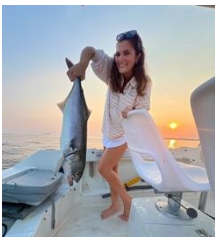
Name	Species	Harvest	Catch & Release	Date	Location Caught	Method	Wt LB	Wt Oz	Length (in.)	Awards/Records
Adam Litwin	Striped Bass		Catch & Release	7/2/2024	Long Island Sound	Bait Cast Fishing	-	-	46.25	Bronze Pin
Adam Litwin	Striped Bass		Catch & Release	7/2/2024	Block Island Sound	Bait Cast Fishing	-	-	50.00	Bronze Pin
Adam Litwin	Striped Bass		Catch & Release	7/22/2024	Block Island Sound	Live Bait	-	-	47.00	Bronze Pin
Adam Litwin	Striped Bass		Catch & Release	7/22/2024	Block Island Sound	Live Bait	-	-	48.50	Bronze Pin
Adam Litwin	Striped Bass		Catch & Release	7/22/2024	Block Island Sound	Live Bait	-	-	48.50	Silver Pin
Adam Litwin	Bluefish		Catch & Release	8/1/2024	Race	Bait Cast Fishing	-	-	34.75	Silver Pin

### Daniel Hripak: 2024 Male Angler of the Year

Name	Species	Harvest	Catch & Release	Date	Location Caught	Method	Wt LB	Wt Oz	Length (in.)	Awards/Records
Daniel Hripak	Bluefish	Harvest		8/25/2024	Long Island Sound	Bottom Fishing	13	5	35.00	Gold Pin
Daniel Hripak	Black Sea Bass	Harvest		5/25/2024	Long Island Sound	Bottom Fishing	3	9	20.00	Gold Pin
Daniel Hripak	Black Sea Bass		Catch & Release	7/26/2024	Long Island Sound	Bottom Fishing	-	-	21.00	Gold Pin
Daniel Hripak	Tautog		Catch & Release	4/21/2024	Off of Bridgeport	Live Bait	7	13	22.50	Gold Pin

### Olivia Lawlor: 2024 Female Angler of the Year

Name	Species	Harvest	Catch & Release	Date	Location Caught	Method	Wt LB	Wt Oz	Length (in.)	Awards/Records
Olivia Lawlor	Bluefish		Catch & Release	7/15/2024	Long Island Sound	Spin Fishing	-	-	32.50	Bronze Pin
Olivia Lawlor	Bluefish		Catch & Release	7/15/2024	Long Island Sound	Spin Fishing	-	-	32.00	Bronze Pin



### Colton Johnson: 2024 Youth Angler of the Year

Name	Species	Harvest	Catch & Release	Date	Location Caught	Method	Wt LB	Wt Oz	Length (in.)	Awards/Records
Colton Johnson	Bluefish	Harvest		8/25/2024	Long Island Sound	Spin Fishing	12	4	34.00	Gold Pin
Colton Johnson	Bluefish	Harvest		8/25/2024	Long Island Sound	Spin Fishing	14	13	37.00	Gold Pin
Colton Johnson	Bluefish		Catch & Release	9/21/2024	Housatonic River	Spin Fishing	-	-	37.00	Gold Pin

### Jacoby Silvia: 2024 Youth Angler of the Year

Name	Species	Harvest	Catch & Release	Date	Location Caught	Method	Wt LB	Wt Oz	Length (in.)	Awards/Records
Jacoby Silvia	Bluefish		Catch & Release	8/18/2024	Long Island Sound	Bottom Fishing	-	-	33.38	Bronze pin
Jacoby Silvia	Scup		Catch & Release	7/6/2024	Long Island Sound	Bottom Fishing	-	-	16.00	Bronze pin
Jacoby Silvia	Spiny Dogfish		Catch & Release	12/23/2024	Off of Montauk	Bottom Fishing	-	-	30.00	Gold Pin (Youth Catch & Release State Record)





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### Number of Species by Category

Species	Adult Male	Adult Female	Youth	Total
Bluefish	9	2	5	16
Striped Bass	10	0	0	10
Smooth Dogfish	6	0	0	6
Black Sea Bass	4	0	1	5
Clearnose Skate	3	0	1	4
Oyster Toadfish	3	0	1	4
Scup	3	0	1	4
Striped Searobin	3	0	0	3
Tautog	2	0	1	3
Spot	2	0	0	2
Summer Flounder	2	0	0	2
White Perch	1	0	1	2
Cownose Ray	1	0	0	1
Hickory Shad	1	0	0	1
Longfin Squid	1	0	0	1
Northern Kingfish	1	0	0	1
Spanish Mackerel	1	0	0	1
Spiny Dogfish	0	0	0	1
Wahoo	1	0	0	1
	54	2	12	68

### New State Records!

#### Harvested

1. John Valentino - Smooth Dogfish
2. Jonathan Agosta - Spot
3. Guy Hesketh - Longfin Squid
4. Joshua Kirk - Wahoo

#### Catch & Release

1. John Gibbons - Cownose Ray

### New Trophy Fish Records!

#### Youth

1. Wesley Faucher - Oyster Toadfish
2. Colton Moskey - White Perch
3. Jacoby Silvia - Spiny Dogfish

68 Total Awards

19 Different Species

29 Male Participants

1 Female Participant

8 Youth Participants

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

1. A Certificate of Merit
2. A Lapel Pin



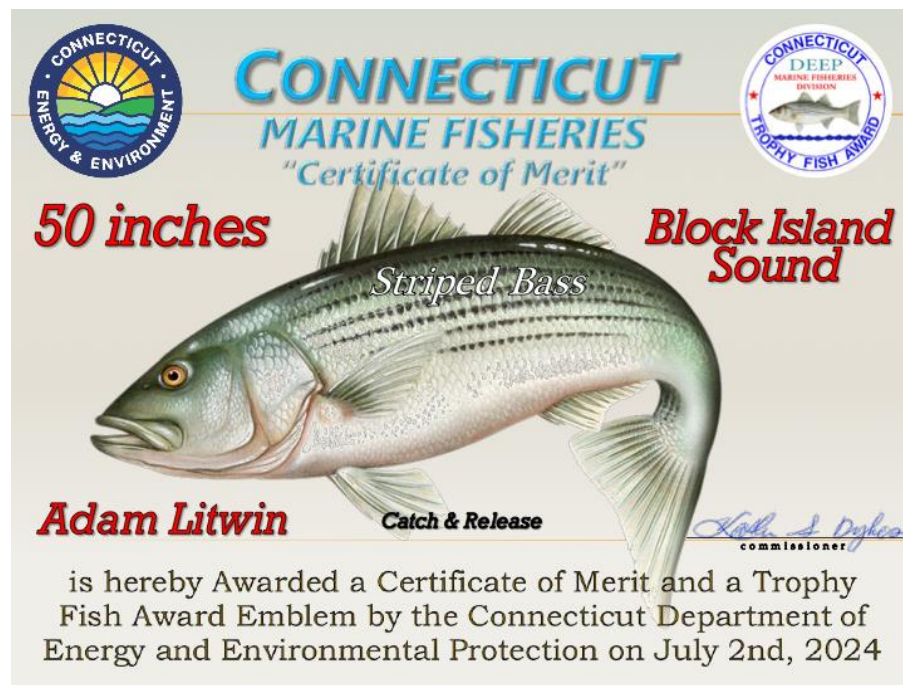
**Gold:** tenth fish of merit or a new state record



**Silver:** fifth fish of merit



**Bronze:** first fish of merit



5 New State Records!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2024 Trophy Fish Award Program!

