



Trophy Fish Summary

Inland Waters

2025



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ABOUT THE CONNECTICUT DEEP TROPHY FISH AWARD PROGRAM

Trophy fish awards are acknowledged in two categories for each species that meets or exceeds the minimum size criteria listed on our webpage.

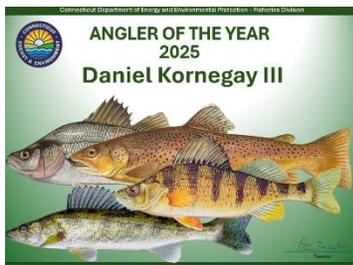
- Harvest = the largest fish by weight. New state records must be weighed on a certified scale.
- Catch and Release = the largest fish by length. New state records verified by photo next to a ruler.

A **state record fish** is the single largest individual of a species that has been submitted and verified by CT DEEP.

Angler of the Year (Inland) – The angler with the greatest number of species ranking as the largest catch for the year (minimum of 3 species to be considered). If criteria are met the following are awarded:

- Youth Female
- Youth Male
- Adult Female
- Adult Male

Angler of the year (Inland) for 2025:



Adult Male – Daniel E.S. Kornegay III

Largest: Brown Trout, Walleye, White Perch, Yellow Perch (all in the Catch and Release Category)

New state records set in 2025:

- Bowfin, Brandon Powers, 28.5 inches (Catch and Release Category)
- Brown Bullhead, Rowan Lytle, 5.45 pounds (Harvest Category)
- Common Carp, Norbert Samok, 58 pounds (Harvest Category¹)
- Common Carp, Norbert Samok, 44.8 inches (Catch and Release Category)
- Fallfish, Alexander Daignault, 17.5 inches (Catch and Release Category)

State record set in 2025 and then broken again later in the year:

- Common Carp, Rafal Wlazo, 45.5 pounds (Harvest Category)

¹ Common Carp and associated variations (fantail, ghost, leather, mirror) may be released after being weighed on a certified scale at time of capture and observed by a witness.

- Fallfish, Joseph Skorupski and Andy Rondeau, 17 inches (Catch and Release Category)

2025 Trophy Freshwater Fish in the **Harvest Category**. Bold indicates the largest fish for 2025 by species and age category. Asterix indicates new state record.

Species	Waterbody	Weight (Pounds)	Caught	Angler	Age	Gender
Bluegill	Crescent Lake	0.78	6/22/25	Stephen Judd	Adult	Male
Brown Bullhead	Hamburg Cove	5.45	5/21/25	Rowan Lytle	Adult	Male
Brown Bullhead	Echo lake	2.31	7/29/25	David Bartolini	Adult	Male
Brown Trout	Lake Wononskopmuc	9.8	9/21/25	David Lockhart	Adult	Male
Brown Trout	Crystal Lake	5.8	3/16/25	Kevin Nuzzolilli	Adult	Male
Brown Trout	Black Rock Pond	5.03	5/11/25	James Lapointe	Adult	Male
Black Crappie	Columbia Lake	2.23	1/18/25	Brenden Balch	Adult	Male
Channel Catfish	Connecticut River	10.11	4/20/25	Eric Lamontagne	Adult	Male
Channel Catfish	Lake Terramuggus	5.4	2/22/25	Dakota Urban	Adult	Male
Channel Catfish	Maltby Lakes	5.12	4/4/25	William Olisky	Adult	Male
Common Carp*	Lake Zoar	58	6/21/25	Norbert Samok	Adult	Male
Common Carp	Lake Lillinonah	45.5	5/25/25	Rafal Wlazo	Adult	Male
Kokanee	West Hill Pond	1.8	10/19/25	Adam Chrzanowski	Youth	Male
Largemouth Bass	Williams Pond	6.05	7/11/25	Kevin McMenemy	Adult	Male
Pumpkinseed	Mansfield Hollow	0.58	8/16/25	Stephen Judd	Adult	Male
Rainbow Trout	Chatfield Hollow	8.1	4/12/25	Daniel Carter	Adult	Male
Rainbow Trout	Private Pond	6.75	5/3/25	Hunter Heath	Youth	Male
Rainbow Trout	Farmington River	4.8	4/23/25	Blake Wojnilo	Youth	Male
Rainbow Trout	Private pond	4.25	5/18/25	Alexander Kelsey	Youth	Male
Rainbow Trout	Farmington River	4.2	8/23/25	Darryl Scavetta	Adult	Male
Walleye	Gardner Lake	9.37	1/14/25	John Wallace	Adult	Male
Walleye	Lake Saltonstall	5	4/28/25	Gianni Higham	Adult	Male
White Catfish	Highland lake	5	5/21/25	Norman Pound	Adult	Male
Yellow Perch	Lake Terramuggus	1.15	2/23/25	Dakota Urban	Adult	Male

2025 Trophy Freshwater Fish in the **Catch and Release** Category. Bold indicates the largest fish for 2025 by species and age category. Asterix indicates new state record.

Species	Waterbody	Length (Inches)	Caught	Angler	Age	Gender
Bluegill	Coventry Lake	10.25	10/07/25	Michelle Burnham	Adult	Female
Bluegill	Lake Williams	10	09/01/25	David Bedini III	Adult	Male
Bluegill	Saugatuck Reservoir	10	06/05/25	Richard Boroczky	Adult	Male
Bluegill	Coventry Lake	10	09/28/25	Stephen Judd	Adult	Male
Bluegill	Quonnipaug Lake	10	10/19/25	Jack Leighton	Youth	Male
Bluegill	Secret Lake	10	09/19/25	Connor Valentine	Adult	Male
Bluegill	Secret lake	10	09/21/25	Connor Valentine	Adult	Male
Bluegill	Secret Lake	10	09/21/25	Connor Valentine	Adult	Male
Bluegill	Saugatuck Reservoir	10	06/05/25	Andy Wang	Adult	Male
Bluegill	Saugatuck Reservoir	10	06/05/25	Andy Wang	Adult	Male
Bowfin	Farmington River	28.5	08/02/25	Brandon Powers	Adult	Male
Bowfin	Wethersfield Cove	28	09/20/25	Samuel Apperley	Adult	Male
Bowfin	Farmington River	24.75	07/05/25	Brandon Powers	Adult	Male
Brook Trout	Salmon River	20.3	11/07/25	Ryan Davidson	Youth	Male
Brook Trout	Black Pond	20	11/13/25	David Bedini III	Adult	Male
Brook Trout	Wolfe Park	18	10/02/25	Colton Johnson	Youth	Male
Brook Trout	Wolfe Park	17.5	10/05/25	Oakley Johnson	Youth	Female
Brook Trout	Wolfe Park	17.5	10/02/25	Peter Johnson	Adult	Male
Brook Trout	Black pond	17.5	11/02/25	Bradley Wright	Adult	Male
Brook Trout	McGovern Park Pond	17.37	04/13/25	Adam Chrzanowski	Youth	Male
Brook Trout	Wolfe Park	17	10/02/25	Colton Johnson	Youth	Male
Brook Trout	Wolfe Park	17	10/02/25	Colton Johnson	Youth	Male
Brown Bullhead	West Hill Pond	15.25	06/04/25	Adam Chrzanowski	Youth	Male
Brown Bullhead	Secret Lake	15.25	09/16/25	Connor Valentine	Adult	Male
Brown Bullhead	Secret Lake	15	09/07/25	Connor Valentine	Adult	Male
Brown Trout	Cedar Lake	25.5	03/18/25	Daniel Kornegay III	Adult	Male
Brown Trout	Farmington River	25	03/11/25	Michael Cepelik	Adult	Male
Brown Trout	Saugatuck Reservoir	25	12/26/25	Luke Hatter	Adult	Male
Brown Trout	Mashapaug pond	24.7	03/02/25	Edward Young	Adult	Male
Brown Trout	Mashapaug Pond	24.25	03/30/25	Ryan Berg	Adult	Male
Brown Trout	Salmon River	24	04/17/25	Brian Horton	Adult	Male
Brown Trout	East Twin Lake	24	07/13/25	James Wadman	Adult	Male
Brown Trout	Pine Lake	23.5	11/18/25	David DiManno	Adult	Male
Brown Trout	Farmington River	23	04/22/25	Blake Wojnilo	Youth	Male
Brown Trout	Pine Lake	23	11/13/25	Ethan Lu	Adult	Male
Brown Trout	Birges pond	23	11/13/25	Adam Rivers	Youth	Male
Brown Trout	East Twin Lake	23	04/18/25	James Wadman	Adult	Male

Species	Waterbody	Length (Inches)	Caught	Angler	Age	Gender
Brown Trout	Chatfield Hollow Brook	23	03/29/25	Andy Wang	Adult	Male
Brown Trout	Mashapaug Lake	22	02/16/25	David Birdsey	Adult	Male
Brown Trout	East Twin Lake	22	02/22/25	James Wadman	Adult	Male
Black Crappie	Breakneck Pond	18	05/12/25	Sam Ducharme	Adult	Male
Black Crappie	Lake Pocotopaug	17.75	05/20/25	Daniel Kornegay III	Adult	Male
Black Crappie	Rogers Lake	16.5	05/03/25	Brent Harmon	Adult	Male
Black Crappie	Lake Saltonstall	16	06/22/25	Scott Mangelinkx	Adult	Male
Black Crappie	Lake Pocotopaug	15.5	06/19/25	Lenny Golas	Youth	Male
Black Crappie	Rogers Lake	15.5	05/03/25	Brent Harmon	Adult	Male
Black Crappie	Lake Saltonstall	15.5	07/13/25	David Mangelinkx	Adult	Male
Black Crappie	East River Lake	15	08/06/25	Kyle Chen	Adult	Male
Black Crappie	Rogers Lake	15	05/03/25	Brent Harmon	Adult	Male
Black Crappie	Middle Bolton Lake	15	06/26/25	Stephen Judd	Adult	Male
Black Crappie	Lake Pocotopaug	15	02/11/25	Daniel Kornegay III	Adult	Male
Black Crappie	Roseland Lake	15	02/10/25	Kevin McMenemy	Adult	Male
Chain Pickerel	French River	30	09/05/25	Logan Goodwin	Youth	Male
Chain Pickerel	Pecauset Pond	27.25	01/17/25	Adam Chrzanowski	Youth	Male
Chain Pickerel	Crystal Lake	27	07/20/25	James Faulkner	Adult	Male
Chain Pickerel	Pine Lake	25	01/26/25	David DiManno	Adult	Male
Channel Catfish	Housatonic River	31	11/02/25	David Potter	Adult	Male
Channel Catfish	Connecticut River	30	05/14/25	James Barra	Adult	Male
Channel Catfish	Wethersfield Cove	30	07/27/25	Jonathan Sparks	Adult	Male
Channel Catfish	Connecticut River	29	04/19/25	Eric Lamontagne	Adult	Male
Channel Catfish	Wethersfield Cove	26	04/18/25	Corbin Schupp	Youth	Male
Channel Catfish	Connecticut River	26	07/09/25	Blake Antrim	Adult	Male
Channel Catfish	Connecticut River	26	04/13/25	David Potter	Adult	Male
Channel Catfish	Connecticut River	26	08/24/25	Dylan Seaburg	Adult	Male
Channel Catfish	Lake Terramuggus	25	03/04/25	Matthew Bartoszkiewicz	Adult	Male
Channel Catfish	Keeney cove	25	05/29/25	Jeffrey Boykins	Adult	Male
Channel Catfish	Silver Lake	25	02/02/25	Seth Garthwait Jr	Adult	Male
Channel Catfish	Connecticut River	25	05/19/25	Stephen Judd	Adult	Male
Channel Catfish	Hopeville Pond	25	02/15/25	Damian Tracy	Adult	Male
Channel Catfish	Connecticut River	25	05/10/25	Damian Tracy	Adult	Male
Channel Catfish	Connecticut River	24.75	08/24/25	Dylan Seaburg	Adult	Male
Channel Catfish	Connecticut river	24.5	10/18/25	Max Levenson	Adult	Male
Channel Catfish	Connecticut River	24.5	07/03/25	Dylan Seaburg	Adult	Male
Channel Catfish	Scoville Reservoir	24.5	05/17/25	Nikolaos Vassiliou	Adult	Male
Channel Catfish	Lake Terramuggus	24	03/04/25	Matthew Bartoszkiewicz	Adult	Male
Channel Catfish	Rogers Park Pond	24	08/07/25	Gabriel Pena	Adult	Male
Channel Catfish	Hopeville Pond	24	02/01/25	Damian Tracy	Adult	Male
Channel Catfish	Hopeville Pond	23	02/01/25	Damian Tracy	Adult	Male

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Channel Catfish	Connecticut River	22.95	07/19/25	Paul Buccheri	Adult	Male
Channel Catfish	Connecticut River	22.75	01/26/25	Serena Das	Youth	Female
Channel Catfish	Farmington River	22	08/02/25	Serena Das	Youth	Female
Channel Catfish	Connecticut River	22	03/29/25	Damian Tracy	Adult	Male
Common Carp*	Lake Zoar	44.8	06/21/25	Norbert Samok	Adult	Male
Common Carp	Connecticut River	36	06/28/25	Amanda Peshka	Adult	Female
Common Carp	Wethersfield Cove	36	04/19/25	Jonathan Zurowski	Youth	Male
Common Carp	Connecticut River	36	05/10/25	Damian Tracy	Adult	Male
Common Carp	Connecticut River	35	07/03/25	Damian Tracy	Adult	Male
Common Carp	Connecticut River	35	05/23/25	Damian Tracy	Adult	Male
Common Carp	Candlewood Lake	34	05/11/25	James Murray	Adult	Male
Common Carp	Mattabeset River		09/28/25	Andy Wang	Adult	Male
Fallfish*	Lake Zoar	17.5	10/30/25	Alexander Daignault	Adult	Male
Fallfish	Stump Pond	17	11/8/25	Andy Rondeau	Adult	Male
Fallfish	Pequabuck River	17	2/10/25	Joseph Skorupski	Youth	Male
Fallfish	Farmington River	15.5	05/26/25	Adam Chrzanowski	Youth	Male
Fallfish	Lake Lillinonah	14	02/06/25	Sage Catlin	Youth	Male
Fallfish	Connecticut River	14	03/01/25	Raja Das	Adult	Male
Fallfish	Willimantic River	14	09/18/25	Stephen Judd	Adult	Male
Kokanee	West Hill Pond	16	10/15/25	Connor Valentine	Adult	Male
Largemouth Bass	Farmington Reservoir	25	06/15/25	Daniel Hanscom	Adult	Male
Largemouth Bass	Hart Pond	24.5	06/06/25	Ramon Delgado	Adult	Male
Largemouth Bass	North St Reservoir	24	06/17/25	Allen Mosakowski	Youth	Male
Largemouth Bass	Stump Pond	24	10/19/25	Andrew Rondeau	Adult	Male
Largemouth Bass	Seymour Reservoirs	23.25	01/17/25	Brian Westgate	Adult	Male
Largemouth Bass	Brandegee Lake	23	02/02/25	Bonnie Silvestri	Youth	Female
Largemouth Bass	Brandegee Lake	23	02/08/25	Leah Silvestri	Youth	Female
Largemouth Bass	Schreiber Pond	23	09/30/25	Brad Kuzma	Adult	Male
Largemouth Bass	Quaddick lake	23	05/04/25	Andy Rondeau	Adult	Male
Largemouth Bass	Crescent Lake	23	06/04/25	Dan Yohe	Adult	Male
Largemouth Bass	Highland Lake	22.5	07/10/25	Adam Andexler	Adult	Male
Largemouth Bass	Lake Hayward	22.5	01/24/25	Tony Martin	Adult	Male
Largemouth Bass	Rogers Lake	22.25	05/24/25	Brent Harmon	Adult	Male
Largemouth Bass	Bantam Lake	22	04/24/25	Tyler Chaivanik	Adult	Male
Largemouth Bass	Raymonds Pond	22	06/07/25	Evan Duan	Youth	Male
Largemouth Bass	Amos Lake	22	04/29/25	Jacob Gibson	Adult	Male
Largemouth Bass	Amos Lake	22	05/08/25	Jacob Gibson	Adult	Male
Largemouth Bass	Amos Lake	22	05/10/25	Jacob Gibson	Adult	Male
Largemouth Bass	Amos Lake	22	05/10/25	Jacob Gibson	Adult	Male
Largemouth Bass	Bantam Lake	22	08/26/25	Ken Kalita	Adult	Male
Largemouth Bass	Higganum Reservoir	21	07/26/25	Tristan Blair	Adult	Male

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Northern Pike	Patchaug Pond	41	01/19/25	Jody Collette	Adult	Male
Northern Pike	Pomperaug River	38.9	08/27/25	Matthew Kovacs	Adult	Male
Northern Pike	Pomperaug River	36.5	08/09/25	Justin Kovacs	Youth	Male
Northern Pike	Pachaug Pond	36	02/01/25	Kevin Belisle	Adult	Male
Northern Pike	Pomperaug River	35	08/06/25	Matthew Kovacs	Adult	Male
Northern Pike	Hopeville Pond	35	02/08/25	Damian Tracy	Adult	Male
Pumpkinseed	Saugatuck Reservoir	9.5	06/05/25	Andy Wang	Adult	Male
Rainbow Trout	Salmon River	27	04/10/25	Scott Cranson	Adult	Male
Rainbow Trout	Pequonnock River	27	04/13/25	Corbin Schupp	Youth	Male
Rainbow Trout	Pond	24	04/12/25	Ron Logodicio	Adult	Male
Rainbow Trout	Mill River	23	04/08/25	Blake Antrim	Adult	Male
Rainbow Trout	Blackledge River	23	04/03/25	Brian Horton	Adult	Male
Rainbow Trout	McGovern pond	21	04/16/25	Dylan Wu	Adult	Male
Redbreast Sunfish	Center Springs Pond	10	06/09/25	Braddley Bouchard	Adult	Male
Redbreast Sunfish	Secret Lake	9	07/02/25	Marley Bocchichio	Adult	Male
Rock Bass	Lake McDonough	11	04/26/25	Joshua Kaminski	Adult	Male
Rock Bass	East Twin Lake	11	06/13/25	Nicholas Kratovil	Adult	Male
Smallmouth Bass	Farmington River	21.75	04/03/25	Brandon Powers	Adult	Male
Smallmouth Bass	Lake Zoar	21	07/17/25	Drew Taraian	Adult	Male
Walleye	Lake Terramuggus	27.5	01/25/25	Daniel Kornegay III	Adult	Male
Walleye	Lake Housatonic	24	05/17/25	Paul Marino	Adult	Male
Walleye	Coventry Lake	23	06/15/25	Jennifer Lusiak	Adult	Female
White Catfish	Connecticut River		05/31/25	Logan Lape	Youth	Male
White Perch	Lake Pocotopaug	15	02/08/25	Daniel Kornegay III	Adult	Male
White Sucker	Notch Hill Brook	20	03/15/25	Andy Wang	Adult	Male
White Sucker	Pequabuck River	19.75	04/18/25	Adrian Swietek	Youth	Male
White Sucker	Pequabuck River	18.5	04/18/25	Emma Swietek	Youth	Female
White Sucker	Mill River	18	04/08/25	Blake Antrim	Adult	Male
White Sucker	Quinebaug River	18	03/29/25	Jacob Racine	Youth	Male
White Sucker	Chatfield Hollow Brook	18	03/23/25	Andy Wang	Adult	Male
White Sucker	AW Stanley Park	17.75	04/27/25	Adam Chrzanowski	Youth	Male
White Sucker	Thompson Brook	17.5	05/04/25	Raja Das	Adult	Male
White Sucker	Wepawaug River	17.5	05/27/25	Colton Johnson	Youth	Male
White Sucker	Quinnebaug River	17	09/02/25	John Durham JR	Adult	Male
White Sucker	Wepawaug River	16	04/23/25	Peter Johnson	Adult	Male
Yellow Perch	Connecticut River	15	01/12/25	Matt Hogan	Adult	Male
Yellow Perch	Lake Terramuggus	15	01/21/25	Daniel Kornegay III	Adult	Male
Yellow Perch	Saugatuck Reservoir	14.5	08/26/25	Maxwell Anstett	Youth	Male
Yellow Perch	Lake Lillinonah	14.25	02/19/25	Sage Catlin	Youth	Male
Yellow Perch	Batterson Park Pond	14.25	02/07/25	Adam Chrzanowski	Youth	Male
Yellow Perch	Secret Lake	14	09/19/25	Connor Valentine	Adult	Male

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Yellow Perch	Seymour Reservoirs	14	01/17/25	Brian Westgate	Adult	Male
Yellow Perch	Reservoir #2	13.5	01/17/25	Beth Westgate	Adult	Female
Yellow Perch	Lake Lillinonah	13.5	02/10/25	Sage Catlin	Youth	Male
Yellow Perch	Secret Lake	13.5	09/19/25	Connor Valentine	Adult	Male
Yellow Perch	Secret Lake	13.5	09/21/25	Connor Valentine	Adult	Male
Yellow Perch	East Twin Lake	13.5	08/03/25	Georgie Wood	Adult	Female
Yellow Perch	Secret Lake	13.25	09/21/25	Connor Valentine	Adult	Male
Yellow Perch	Connecticut River	13	02/01/25	Raja Das	Adult	Male

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