Application for a Marine Fish Tournament or Fishing Derby Registration

No person, club, or organization shall conduct, in Connecticut marine waters, a fishing tournament or derby which is open to persons 16 years of age or older without having first registered such tournament or derby as described in under section 26-159a-26 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

There is no fee associated with this registration.

Part I: Applicant Information

1. Applicant Name(Association/Club/Group):
   Mailing Address:
   City/Town: State: Zip Code: Business Phone: ext.:

2. Primary contact for departmental correspondence and inquiries, if different than the applicant.
   Name:
   Primary Phone: Cell Phone: *E-mail:
   *By providing this e-mail address you are agreeing to receive official correspondence from DEEP, at this electronic address, concerning the subject application. Please remember to check your security settings to be sure you can receive e-mails from “ct.gov” addresses. Also, please notify DEEP if your e-mail address changes.

Part II: Date and Location

Name of Tournament/Derby: ___________________________________________________________
Tournament/Derby Sponsor Name: _____________________________________________________
Tournament/Derby web site: __________________________________________________________
Start Date: ____________________________  End Date: ____________________________
Start Time: ____________________________  End Time: ____________________________
Captain’s Meeting:
Date: ___________ Time: ___________ Location: ____________________________
Part III: Fishing License Exemption

No fishing license shall be required for any Connecticut resident who is participating in a fishing derby authorized by the DEEP provided: 1) The derby is sponsored by a nonprofit civic service organization, 2) The derby has a duration of one day or less, and 3) no fees are charged for the derby. Note: Each Non-Profit Civic Group can sponsor one event per year.

I would like to request a Fishing License Exemption:  □ Yes  □ No

Name of Non-Profit Civic Group Sponsor: ________________________________

501(c)(3) Non-profit tax exemption number: ______________________________

Part IV: Targeted Species

□ Striped bass  □ Bluefish  □ Summer Flounder  □ Tautog  □ Scup

□ Other (specify): __________________________________________________________________________

Part VI: Participant Information

Number of boats: ________________________________

Number of boat anglers: ________________________________ Number of shore anglers: ________________________________

Do you intend to use greater than 50% of a state boat launch for this event?  □ Yes  □ No

If yes, which launch: ___________________________________________________________________________

What is the entry fee? ________________________________

Which type of awards will be provided? (check all that apply)

□ Cash  □ Points  □ Prizes  □ None

□ Other (specify): ___________________________________________________________________________

Total value of all awards: ________________________________

Is this tournament catch and release?  □ Yes  □ No

I would like to request an exemption from the prohibition on culling or high grading.  □ Yes  □ No

If Yes, you must also submit the High-Grading Exemption Affidavit Form (attached) for review and approval. By regulation, CTDEEP Marine Fisheries reserves the right to require up to 120 days advance notice to process a high-grading exemption request. You must also submit the List of Tournament Participants Form (attached) at least 12 hours prior to the beginning of the tournament (fax: 860.434.6150, or email: deep.marine.fisheries@ct.gov).

Notes:
Any event planned for the navigable (tidal) waters of this state requires a permit from the USCG. For more information visit their web site www.uscg.mil/D1/sectLIS/public/MarineEvent.asp or call USCG Sector Long Island Sound at 203.468.4596.

Any event requesting the use of a state boat launch located in tidal waters requires a Marine Event Permit from the DEEP Office of Boating. For more information visit their web site: DEEP: Boating Permits and select “Permits”, then “Marine Event Permit” or call 860.434.8638.
Part VII: Certification

I agree to abide by the conditions stipulated for this event by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection under authority of RCSA section 26-159a-26 and CGS section 26-27(e) as applicable. I understand that making a false written statement on this application or any documents attached hereto is punishable by state law.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Note: Please submit this completed Application Form to:

MARINE FISHERIES DIVISION
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
P.O. BOX 719
OLD LYME, CT 06371

Any questions, please call 860-434-6043 or by email to: deep.marine.fisheries@ct.gov

Note: The attached Post Event Form must be completed and submitted, to the address indicated on the form, within seven days after the event, if indicated as required below.

Connecticut DEEP Marine Fishing Tournament/Derby Registration

***************This registration is approved under the following conditions: Please see below. ***************

26-159a-26(b): Marine Fishing Tournament/Derby Reporting Requirements
Representatives of the Commissioner (CT DEEP Marine Fisheries Division) shall be provided access to all tournament or derby areas during the event for the purposes of observation, assessment and law enforcement. Said representatives shall be allowed to collect biological and statistical information on any or all fish caught by registered participants in the tournament or derby. Tournament Director shall, within seven days after conducting a tournament or derby, report to the Commissioner, on forms provided by the Commissioner (attached), information on the results of the tournament or derby. Such information shall include, but not be limited to: total number of participants; total hours fished; total number of each species caught, the numbers released alive and dead and retained; and the individual length and weight of each fish weighed-in.

☐ Post Event Reporting REQUIRED
☐ Post Event Reporting NOT REQUIRED

26-159a-26(c): CT DEEP collection of biological samples (fish) and statistical information on any or all fish caught by registered participants.

☐ CT DEEP will be collecting biological samples from fish
☐ CT DEEP does not plan to collect fish samples

26-159a-26(d): Registrant agrees to provide any or all fish entered in the tournament to CT DEEP staff upon written request by the CTDEEP.

☐ CT DEEP requires fish be provided to staff (written request)
☐ CT DEEP does not require fish be provided

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Issue Date:

Effective date: to

Permit Conditions:

Issued by:
# Marine Fish Tournament or Fishing Derby Post Event Report Form

If indicated by DEEP that this form is required, please complete and submit to the address indicated at the end of this form, within 7 days after the event.

## Part I: Event Information

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## Part II: Summary of All Fish Caught

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Any questions, please call 860-434-6043 or by email to: deep.marine.fisheries@ct.gov
Proposal for Exemption to High-Grading Prohibition

Required only for tournament applicants seeking exemption for culling/high-grading - 26-159a-26(f)

Complete this form ONLY if you answered “Yes” under Part VI to the culling or high grading request for exemption on the tournament application.

*Describe the equipment and measures the tournament will take to ensure the survivability of fish taken in the tournament including capture, handling and holding: by entrants on the water during the tournament, and by tournament officials at weigh-in and when transporting and returning fish to the water.*
Affidavit for a Fishing Tournament Culling/High Grading Exemption

Pursuant to Section 26-159a-26 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies

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**Acknowledge by Initially each box below**

Pursuant to section 26-159a-26 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, I certify that the following conditions will be satisfied:

- The tournament operates for a limited duration, with a maximum of 72 hours from the official start of the tournament to the final weigh-in deadline. 26-159a-26(e)(2).

  Specify the commencement of first day of fishing (date/time) : ________________

  Specify the termination of last day of fishing (date/time) : ________________

- When using baited hooks or lures with baited hooks, the use of non-offset circle hooks is required. 26-159a-26(e)(3).

- The tournament format specifies the live release of all fish and imposes significant penalties for entrants landing or weighing in dead fish. 26-159a-26(e)(4).

  Specify the penalty: ________________

- The tournament format specifies that any tournament participant that culls or high-grades dead fish from his catch before the tournament weigh-in shall be disqualified from the tournament. 26-159a-26(e)(5).

**Initials**

I agree to:

Provide to the Commissioner at least 12 hours prior to the beginning of the tournament a list of the names, residence addresses and boat registration numbers of each tournament participant. 26-159a-26(f).

**Initials**

I understand that:

Any determination by the Commissioner that the approval of any fishing tournament or derby would jeopardize any fish stock or adversely affect the Department’s compliance with any interstate fishery management plan of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission or U. S Department of Commerce will result in disapproval of that request. 26-159a-26(g).

Failure to comply with the provisions of section 26-159a-26 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies shall be deemed grounds for denying the tournament applicant, club or organization a registration or exemption for a similar event to be held within three years from the date of such failure of compliance. 26-159a-26(h).

I declare under penalties of false statements, as provided for in the Connecticut General Statutes, that the statements and acknowledgements herein made by me are true and correct.

**Signature of Applicant**

**Printed Name of Applicant**

The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection has determined that the conditions of section 26-159a-26(e) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies have been met and hereby grants to the above named tournament an exemption from the prohibition on culling or high-grading specified in sections 26-159a-4 and 26-159a-7 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.
List of Tournament Participants

*Required only for tournament registrants seeking exemption for culling/high-grading - 26-159a-26(f)*

Complete this form ONLY if you answered “Yes” under Part VI to the culling or high grading request for exemption on the tournament registration.

*(must be received by DEEP Marine Fisheries Division at least 12 hours before the tournament commences fax: 860.434.6150, email: deep.marine.fisheries@ct.gov)*

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