Connecticut Department of
ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

PERMIT APPLICATION FOR A FISHING TOURNAMENT OR DERBY

A permit is required to conduct, on waters open to public fishing, a fishing tournament or derby which is open to persons sixteen years of age or older. A tournament/derby permit does not confer any special privileges. The permittee and participants must comply with all laws and regulations relating to inland sport fishing. A permittee must report the results of the tournament or derby to the Department, on the Derby Report, within seven days after the date of the tournament or derby. A Supplemental Report form is required for Black Bass Tournaments. Representatives of the Department may collect biological and statistical information on any or all fish caught by participants at a permitted tournament or derby. There is no charge for the permit.
No fishing license shall be required for any Connecticut resident who is participating in a fishing derby authorized by the DEEP provided: (1) no fees are charged for the derby, (2) the derby has a duration of one day or less, and (3) the derby is sponsored by a nonprofit civic service organization. Organizations are limited to one derby per year for which no fishing license is required. A letter requesting a fishing license exemption must accompany this permit application.

1. Name of Applicant:_____Tel: Day_____Evening_____

   Street:_____Town:_____State:_____Zip:_____

2. Tournament/Derby Name:_____

3. Tournament/Derby Sponsor or Club:_____

4. Location of Tournament/Derby: (lake or stream name)_____

   Town:_____Check-in Location(s):_____

5. Date(s) of Tournament/Derby:_____ , 20_____

   Starting Time:_____Check-in Time:_____

6. Fish Species Sought : ☐ **Largemouth & Smallmouth Bass** ☐ **Trout** ☐ **Walleye** ☐ **Striped Bass** ☐ **Shad**

   Other (specify)_____

7. Species: _____ Tournament bag limit: _____ Fish size limit: _____

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   - Are you requesting an exemption from **Special Bass Management Regulations**? : ☐ YES ☐ NO
   - Is this a Catch and Release only tournament? : ☐ YES ☐ NO
   - Do all boats have live wells equipped with functioning aerators or circulating pumps? : ☐ YES ☐ NO

8. Maximum number of participants anticipated: Under 16 years: _____16 years and older: _____

9. Maximum number of boats: _____ Maximum number of vehicles anticipated: _____

10. Name of Courtesy/Safety Monitor (if 50 or more participants):_____

11. Tournament Entry Fee (if any):_____ Total Value of Awards:_____

    Form of award (check one): Cash ☐ Prizes ☐ Both ☐

Date:_____ **Signature of Applicant**: _____

Return completed application to:
DEEP Inland Fisheries Division
79 Elm Street
Hartford, CT 06106-5127

Have questions, or to request additional forms, phone: (860) 424-3474

Forms can be downloaded from DEEP website: **www.ct.gov.dep/fishing**

Completed forms can also be faxed: **(860) 424-4070**

(for agency use only)

TOURNAMENT/DERBY PERMIT

Approved ( ) **Issue Date _____** **Permit No:_____**

Issued by:_____
Peter J. Aarrestad, Director

Remarks:

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Distribution: Office file (P) Parks (E) Boating (E) Law Enforcement, District (E) Applicant (2 copies) (P)

Tournament/Derby Report

(Supplemental report form is required for **bass tournaments**)

Tournament/Derby Name:_____Permit No.: _____

Total Number of Participants: Under 16 years:_____ 16 years and older: _____

Total Number of Boats:_____Total Numbers of Cars:_____

Starting Time:_____Weigh-in Time:_____ Total Hours Fished:_____

Fish caught:	**Species:**	**Total Number:**	**Total Weight**
	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____

Were fish kept or released? (check one) **Released All ( )** **Kept All ( )** **Kept Some ( )**

Biggest Fish Caught:	**Species:**	**Length:**	**Weight:**
	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____

Total Number of Anglers Catching Their Limit of Bass: _____

Total Number of Anglers Who Caught No Bass: _____

Remarks:_____

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Date:_____ **Signature of Permittee**: _____

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF
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EXEMPTIONS FROM BASS MANAGEMENT AREA REGULATIONS FOR FISHING DERBYS/TOURNAMENTS.

Effective January 1, 2002, an additional 26 lakes, ponds, and reservoirs have been designated as Bass Management Areas with alternative length and creel limits for largemouth & smallmouth bass. The regulations have also been adjusted on 3 of the existing Bass Management Areas.

From September 1 through June 30, participants in an open-water tournament at a Bass Management Area can be exempted from the Bass Management regulations for that lake. During the months of July and August, only tournaments on Gardner Lake and Mansfield Hollow Reservoir can be exempted from the Bass Management regulations.

Exemptions for tournaments may be granted provided:

1. Catch-and-release only is practiced by all participants.
2. Each participating boat is furnished with live wells equipped with aerators or circulating pumps.

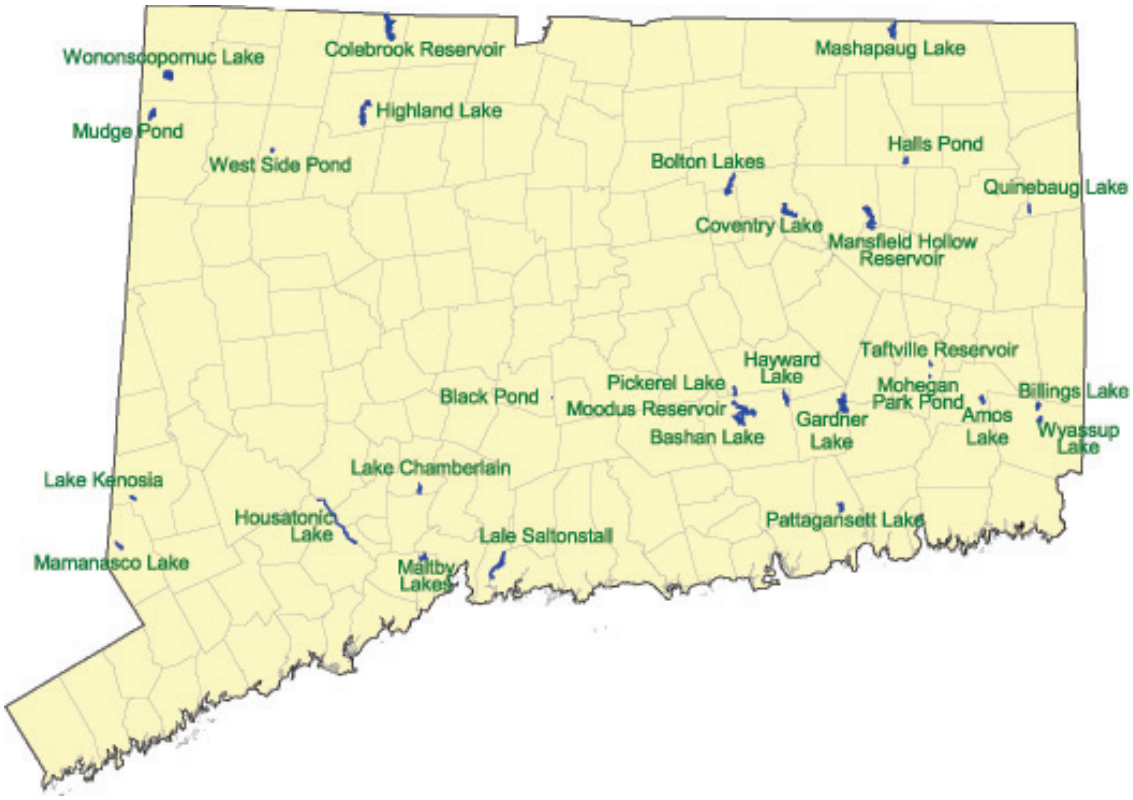
You will generally receive an exemption notice along with your copies of the approved permit. You or your representative should have both the exemption notice and a copy of the approved permit with you during the tournament. **Each individual tournament participant must also have a copy of the exemption with them at all times during the tournament.**

Please see page 3 for a list of the lakes and their length and creel limits and our Connecticut Bass Management Lakes brochure for more information about our Bass Management Plan.

If there are any questions, please contact DEP Inland Fisheries at (860) 424-FISH (3474). Your cooperation is appreciated.

GOOD FISHING!!!

Connecticut Bass Management Lakes



TROPHY BASS MANAGEMENT AREAS

SLOT LIMIT-12 to 18 inches, **DAILY CREEL LIMIT**-6 bass, of which not more than 1 bass may be equal to or over 18 inches:

Amos Lake, *Preston*
Moodus Reservoir, *East Haddam*
Mudge Pond, *Sharon*
Pattagansett Lake, *East Lyme*

MINIMUM LENGTH-18 inches, **DAILY CREEL LIMIT**-1 bass:

Lake Saltonstall, *Branford-East Haven*

BIG BASS MANAGEMENT AREAS

MINIMUM LENGTH-16 inches, **DAILY CREEL LIMIT**-2 bass:

Gardner Lake, *Salem-Bozrah-Montville*
Highland Lake, *Winchester*
Housatonic Lake, *Shltn-Drby-Mnro-Oxfd-Symr*
Mohegan Park Pond, *Norwich*
Quinebaug Lake, *Killingly*
Taftville Reservoir, *Norwich*
Wyassup Lake, *North Stonnington*

SLOT LIMIT-12 to 16 inches, **DAILY CREEL LIMIT**-6 bass, of which no more than 2 bass may be equal to or over 16 inches:

Bashan Lake, *Bashan*
Billings Lake, *North Stonington*
Black Pond, *Meriden-Middlefield*
Bolton Lakes (Upper, Middle, and Lower), *Bolton-Coventry-Vernon*
Lake Chamberlain, *Bethany*
Colebrook Flood Control Impoundment, *Colebrook-MA*
Coventry Lake (Wangumbaug Lake), *Coventry*
Halls Pond, *Eastford-Ashford*
Hayward Lake, *East Haddam*
Lake Kenosia, *Danbury*
Maltby Lakes (1,2,3), *Orange-West Haven*
Mamanasco Lake, *Ridgefield*
Mansfield Hollow Reservoir, *Mansfield*
Mashapaug Lake, *Union*
Pickerel Lake, *Colchester-East Haddam*
West Side Pond, *Goshen*
Wononscopomuc Lake, *Salisbury*

SUPPLEMENTAL BASS TOURNAMENT REPORT

In addition to the general Tournament/Derby Report required for all tournaments, anglers hosting a competitive tournament for largemouth or smallmouth bass must fill out and submit the following report after the tournament. For each angler, record the angler's name (optional), the total number of largemouth and smallmouth bass brought to the weigh-in, and the total weight of the catch. Please record each angler's catch separately.

Tournament Name:_____ Permit No.:_____

	Angler Name	Total Number Largemouth Caught	Total Number Smallmouth Caught	Total Weight of Catch
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	Angler Name	Total Number Largemouth Caught	Total Number Smallmouth Caught	Total Weight of Catch
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