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Bonus Striped Bass Fishing Program

STRIPED BASS REPORTING CARDS & TAGS AVAILABLE MONDAY, APRIL 20TH

Changes for 2015

The **Bonus Striped Bass Program** will run from **May 1 through December 31 again in 2015**. In a change from previous years, **DEEP will distribute harvest tags along with a harvest report card. The tag must be securely affixed to the jaw of the fish immediately upon harvest and must remain on the fish until you arrive home.** The harvest report card must also be completed upon harvesting a qualifying fish. The report card should then be returned to DEEP within two days of harvest. The cards are pre-addressed to Marine Fisheries and are postage paid. You simply need to drop the completed card in any mail box. **Tags will be available beginning Monday, April 20th at DEEP Offices and Facilities listed below.** There is a limit of one tag annually per Connecticut fishing license holder. However, for convenience one person may pick up at most two tags by presenting valid Connecticut fishing licenses for two anglers. Children are also eligible to receive a tag by signing up for a free [Youth Fishing Passport](#). **Tags will be available on a first come first serve basis for as long as supplies last.**

CT2015 BONUS BASS NO SALE 3001

DEEP Offices/Facilities

[Marine Headquarters](#),
M-F 8am-4pm, 860-434-6043

[Eastern District](#),
M-F 8:30am-4pm, 860-295-9523

[Western District](#),
M-F 8:30am-4pm, 860-485-0226

[Franklin WMA](#), 860-642-7239
M-F 8:30am-4:30pm

[Sessions Woods WMA](#),
M-F 8:30am-4pm, 860-675-8130

[CTDEEP Main Office](#)
M-F 9am-4pm, 860-424-3105

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230 Plymouth Rd

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341 Milford Street (Rte
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Program Objectives / Ways to Use the Voucher

The striped bass bonus fishery is an opportunity to harvest a limited number of smaller (22 inch to less than 28 inches) striped bass during May through December, both in the Marine and Inland Districts of Connecticut state waters only. The Bonus fishery was approved by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Striped Bass Management Board which oversees the conservation of the species throughout its range. Addendum IV to the Striped Bass Fishery Management, adopted in October 2014, allocates a 17,813 pound commercial striped bass quota to Connecticut (25% reduction from previous years) which is being used in this program to provide this additional recreational fishing opportunity since commercial striped bass harvest is prohibited in this state. **The unused commercial quota equates to 3,018 fish available for harvest under this program.**

Anglers are also encouraged to use this program to introduce a friend, neighbor or child to fishing: "*Share the Experience - Take Someone Fishing*". The department is also interested in encouraging and enhancing urban and shore fishing opportunity which the bonus striper program is especially well suited for. Bass fishermen generally may want to hold onto a voucher to use if an undersized fish intended for release is deep hooked or otherwise unlikely to survive. Alternatively, anglers should consider taking a smaller bonus fish home for a meal and releasing the larger (28"+) "spawner" fish.

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2015 Connecticut Bonus Striped Bass Reporting Card



To be completed upon harvest of a qualifying fish

Date: / 2015
(mm) (dd)

Total length: 22" 23" 24" 25" 26" 27"

Please circle one length. Drop fractional lengths: for example, mark 25 3/4" as 25"

NEW for 2015, the bonus striped bass must have a tag immediately attached upon harvest of such fish. I will return this voucher to DEEP Marine Fisheries within 48 hours of harvesting a bonus striped bass.

Conservation ID #

A bonus striped bass is a striped bass at least 22 inches but less than 28 inches in total length harvested from Connecticut waters between May 1 and December 31, 2015 and accompanied by a valid reporting card and tag.

Questions?

www.ct.gov/deep/saltwaterfishing
Phone: 860-434-6043
E-mail: deep.marine.fisheries@ct.gov

Program Regulations

- A bonus striped bass is at least 22 inches but less than 28 inches.
- Open Season: May 1 through December 31, 2015.
- Only one bonus striped bass may be harvested daily.
- The fish must be tagged immediately upon harvest, with the tag securely affixed to the lower jaw.
- The tag must remain on the fish until you have returned to your home or other location where the fish is to be consumed.
- Anglers are also required to complete a bonus striper report card provided with the tag immediately upon harvesting a qualifying fish.
- Mail the report card back to Marine Fisheries within two days of harvesting the fish. The card is already addressed and postage paid for return on the reverse side. It's free, so please mail it back to assure continuation of this program.
- Tags are valid in Connecticut state waters only.
- The normal limit of one (1) striped bass 28 inches or greater may also be harvested.

Voucher Distribution (Reporting Cards and Tags available Monday, April 20th.)

A total of 3,018 vouchers will be made available at DEEP offices/facilities, distributed by ENCON Officers, and CT DEEP Marine Angler Survey creel agents. There is no fee for the tags. A limited number of tags will be reserved for programs such as "Take a Kid Fishing", "Take a Veteran Fishing", Municipal youth and urban fishing programs. Please contact Marine Fisheries (deep.marine.fisheries@ct.gov or telephone: 860-434-6043) if your organizations supports such a program and you would like to receive vouchers.

http://www.ct.gov/deep/cwp/view.asp?a=2696&q=514692&deepNav_GID=1647

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