Trout Stamp Facts:

Frequently Asked Questions can be found on the Fisheries Web Page at *www.ct.gov/deep/fishing,* or contact us via email at *deep.inland.fisheries@ct.gov* or by phone at *860-424-FISH*.

The stamp has a fee of $5.00 ($3.00 for CT residents age 16-17) and expires at the end of each calendar year.

A trout stamp is required for anyone age 16 or older, **including those age 65 and over** who:

- **Harvests** Trout, Kokanee, or Atlantic Salmon (except as described in 26-48c).

AND/OR

- **Fishes** in one of these four trout/salmon waters

1. Trout Management Areas
2. Wild Trout Management Areas
3. Trout Parks
4. Broodstock Atlantic Salmon Areas

Brook Trout (*Salvelinus fontinalis*)

The Regulation

(NEW) 26-48a-4. Trout and salmon stamp.

(a) No person required to obtain a license to sport fish under the provisions of section 26-27 of the Connecticut General Statutes shall fish in any Trout Management Area, as provided in section 26-112-46(c) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, any Wild Trout Management Area, as provided in section 26-112-46(g) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, any Trout Park, as provided in section 26-112-46(i) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, or any Atlantic Salmon Broodstock Area, as provided in section 26-112-46(h) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, without first obtaining a trout and salmon stamp.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this subsection, no person required to obtain a license to sport fish under the provisions of section 26-27 of the Connecticut General Statutes or section 26-28b of the Connecticut General Statutes, shall possess on the waters of the inland district or the marine district, or on the shores of such waters, Atlantic Salmon, trout or kokanee without first obtaining a trout and salmon stamp.

(c) No trout and salmon stamp shall be required for any person possessing trout in the waters or on the shores of any stream or pond the waters of which have been stocked with trout at no expense to the state.

(d) Trout and salmon stamps shall be issued for a calendar year, and shall expire December thirty-first next following the date of issue and shall not be transferable. The fee for a trout and salmon stamp shall be five dollars.

Connecticut's Trout Stamp

Funding Trout and Salmon Fishing for Future Generations

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Trout Fishing in Connecticut

Trout fishing in Connecticut is steeped in tradition and as such the Fisheries Division works to provide quality fishing through diverse opportunities appealing to just about every angler and their preferences—wading or floating, harvest or catch and release, fly, lure, or bait, stocked, or wild.

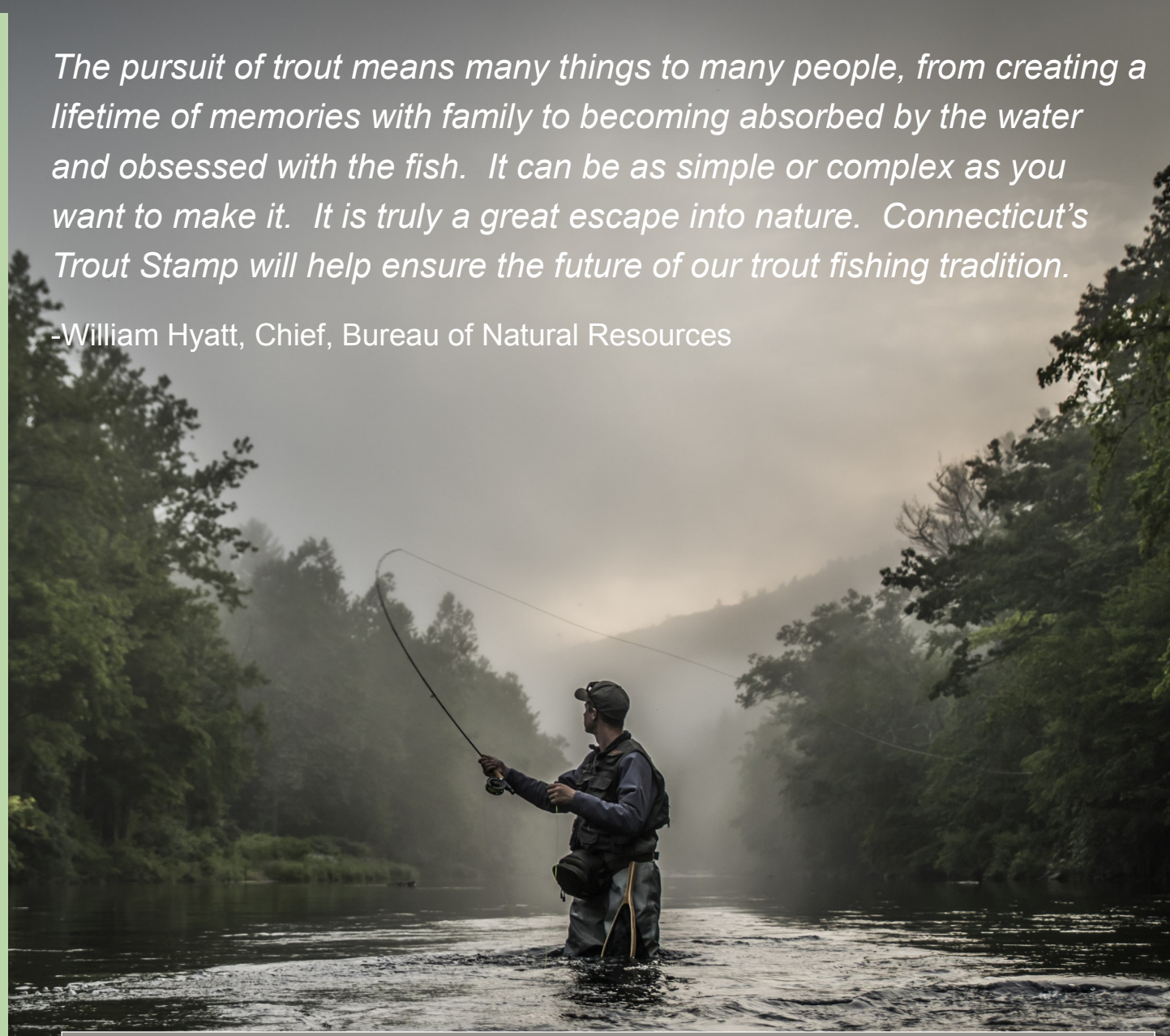
- Statewide Stocked Waters
- Trout Management Areas and Lakes
- Wild Trout Management Areas (Class 1,2, & 3)
- Trophy Trout Sections
- Trout Parks
- Community Fishing Waters
- Kokanee Lakes
- Broodstock Atlantic Salmon Areas

Getting the Word Out

The Angler's Guide lists all designations and regulations for our diverse trout fishing opportunities. Follow us on Facebook for daily stocking posts, subscribe to the weekly fishing report, visit our interactive trout stocking map, and find new places to fish via "CT is Fishy" - all on our web page at www.ct.gov/DEEP/Fishing

The pursuit of trout means many things to many people, from creating a lifetime of memories with family to becoming absorbed by the water and obsessed with the fish. It can be as simple or complex as you want to make it. It is truly a great escape into nature. Connecticut's Trout Stamp will help ensure the future of our trout fishing tradition.

-William Hyatt, Chief, Bureau of Natural Resources



THANK YOU!!

You are important to the future of fishing.

100% of your investment in a Trout Stamp and a Fishing License goes to support Fisheries Programs within the DEEP Bureau of Natural Resources. Your investment is protected by law (CGS 26-15, 26-15a, 26-15b).