



California Fishing Passport Coldwater Fishing Awards and Recognition

California's inland waters include more than 4,100 lakes and reservoirs and nearly 30,000 miles of streams and rivers that provide ample coldwater fishing opportunities for anglers of all ages. Both novice and experienced anglers can pursue the wily trout and other coldwater fishes from California's clear mountain lakes down to the streams and rivers emptying into the Pacific.



California Fishing Passport Coldwater Angler Awards

Coldwater Anglers may qualify for three different awards:

- California Fishing Passport **Coldwater Angler**
Catch at least 3 different qualifying fish.
- California Fishing Passport **Accomplished Coldwater Angler**
Catch at least 5 different qualifying fish.
- **California Master Coldwater Angler**
Catch at least 10 different qualifying fish.

Which coldwater fish qualify?

- Qualifying coldwater fish are found in the Inland Coldwater Fishes section and the Anadromous Fishes section of the California Fishing Passport (**shad, sturgeon, and striped bass do not qualify as coldwater fish**)
- For recognition as a California Fishing Passport Coldwater Angler, any 3 of the following species qualify.
- For recognition as a California Fishing Passport Accomplished Coldwater Angler, any 5 of the following species qualify.
- For recognition as a California Master Coldwater Angler, all 10 of the following species must be caught, documented, and stamped to qualify.

Specifically:

- Brown trout
- Brook trout
- Chinook salmon (landlocked or freshwater-caught only)
- Cutthroat trout (any sub-species in the Passport)
- Golden trout (any sub-species in the Passport)
- Kokanee
- Lake trout
- Mountain whitefish
- Rainbow trout (any sub-species in the Passport)
- Redband trout (any sub-species in the Passport)

Only species listed in the California Fishing Passport as defined above and caught in California during 2006 or afterwards qualify for Coldwater Fishing awards.

What California Fishing Passport awards will I receive?

- **Coldwater Angler**
 - Coldwater Angler award pin
 - Certificate of Recognition suitable for framing
- **Accomplished Coldwater Angler**
 - Accomplished Coldwater Angler award pin
 - Certificate of Recognition suitable for framing

- **Master Coldwater Angler**
 - California Master Coldwater Angler pin
 - Certificate of Recognition suitable for framing
 - DFG Director's Letter of Congratulations

How to apply for recognition:

1. Get your Passport book stamped at one of our Department offices or independent stamping agents. Each qualifying species must be fully documented and stamped in your California Fishing Passport. If you have trouble finding an agent, call us at (707) 964-5026.
2. Make clear photocopies of your passport showing all the stamps earned towards your current level of achievement.
3. Complete and sign a California Fishing Passport Angler Award application.
4. Send the photocopies and the application to the Department at:

California Department of Fish and Game
California Fishing Passport Program
19160 S. Harbor Drive
Fort Bragg, CA 95437

What is the ultimate level of achievement?

Become a **California Supreme Master Angler** by earning two or more of the following:

- California Master Warmwater Angler status
- California Master Coldwater Angler status
- California Master Ocean Angler status
- California Shellfish Master status

Visit the California Supreme Master Angler Web page at www.dfg.ca.gov/fishingpassport/awards_sma.asp for more information about achieving California Supreme Master Angler status.

Questions? E-mail passport@dfg.ca.gov or call us at (707) 964-5026.

All decisions of the California Department of Fish and Game are final.

Visit the California Fishing Passport Web site at www.fishingpassport.org