



California Fishing Passport Warmwater Fishing Awards and Recognition

Warmwater fish can be found throughout California in urban and rural streams, rivers, ponds, lakes, and reservoirs, and can provide excellent sport and good table fare. These fish have not only introduced millions to the sport of fishing, they continue to provide a lifetime of angling challenges for many!



California Fishing Passport Warmwater Angler Awards

Warmwater Anglers may qualify for three different awards:

- California Fishing Passport **Warmwater Angler**
Catch at least 6 different qualifying fish.
- California Fishing Passport **Accomplished Warmwater Angler**
Catch at least 12 different qualifying fish.
- **California Master Warmwater Angler**
Catch at least 25 different qualifying fish.

Which warmwater fish qualify?

- Any species from the Inland Warmwater Fishes section of the California Fishing Passport
- Any freshwater-caught species from the Anadromous Fishes section of the California Fishing Passport **EXCEPT salmon or steelhead.**

Specifically:

- American shad
- Black bullhead
- Black crappie
- Blue catfish
- Bluegill
- Brown bullhead
- Channel catfish
- Common carp
- Flathead catfish
- Green sunfish
- Largemouth bass
- Pumpkinseed
- Redear sunfish
- Redeye bass
- Sacramento perch
- Smallmouth bass
- Spotted bass
- Striped bass (landlocked or freshwater-caught only)
- Tilapia
- Tule perch
- White bass
- White catfish
- White crappie
- White sturgeon (freshwater-caught only)
- Warmouth
- Yellow bullhead
- Yellow perch

Only species listed in the California Fishing Passport as defined on the previous page and caught in California during 2006 or afterwards qualify for Warmwater Fishing awards.

What California Fishing Passport awards will I receive?

- California Fishing Passport **Warmwater Angler**
 - Warmwater Angler award pin
 - Certificate of Recognition suitable for framing
- California Fishing Passport **Accomplished Warmwater Angler**
 - Accomplished Warmwater Angler award pin
 - Certificate of Recognition suitable for framing
- **California Master Warmwater Angler**
 - California Warmwater Master 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