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**CONNECTICUT'S LARGEST FISHING & HUNTING SHOW**  
**COMING MARCH 29-31 TO CONNECTICUT CONVENTION CENTER**  
***"22<sup>nd</sup> Northeast Fishing & Hunting Show" in Hartford***

**HARTFORD, CONN., February 13, 2019** – Connecticut's largest fishing and hunting show is coming, just in time for spring's outdoor season. The "**22<sup>nd</sup> Northeast Fishing & Hunting Show**" will be held **Friday, March 29 through Sunday, March 31, 2019 at the Connecticut Convention Center**, 100 Columbus Blvd. in Hartford. It's a great annual event for the entire family and designed for longtime enthusiasts as well as anyone who wants to learn more about outdoor adventure.

**"Hundreds of booths will feature the latest fishing gear and merchandise** by some of the nation's top manufacturers," explains Kristie Gonsalves, President of North East Expos and the show's longtime organizer. "Cabela's, Bass Pro Shops, Boat Works of South Windsor and other companies showcase the hottest new fishing boats. Attendees can attend 50 hours of free seminars by national and regional experts, speak with charter boat captains, watch expert fly-fishing casting shows, see fly-tyers and wooden plug/lure makers demonstrate their skills, and enjoy entertaining hands-on activities for all ages."

**International and national fishing experts at the show include:** Alberto Knie (a/k/a "Crazy Alberto"), world-class extreme trophy game fish hunter, writer and product designer who specializes in Trophy Fishing and Conservation; professional fisherman and master lure designer Bobby Uhrig; Captain Ralph Wilkins of National Geographic Channel's "*Wicked Tuna*", Cape Cod professional surf fisherman and surf casting instructor Ron Arra; Greg Myerson, who holds four world records for stripers including an 81.88-lb. striper caught in Westbrook; angler and Bassmaster Mike DeVisco; custom lure designer Al Gag; and Mike Laptew *the Diving Fisherman*. **Experienced fishing captains include:** Joe Diorio; Greg Dubrule; TJ Karbowski; Mike Roy; Mel True; and Leo Croisetiere and Andrew Mazzitelli. **Hunting experts include:** international bow hunter Del DelMastro; archer Tom Nelson; members of the Connecticut Delta Waterfowl Association, and Bully Breed training sessions on firearms safety and education.

**Returning favorite demonstrations and hands-on activities include:** live hunting and pointing dog training sessions by Dusty W German Shorthaired Pointers of Palmerton, Penn.; 4,000-gallon *Hawg Traugh Fish Tank* filled with bass where fishing and casting demonstrations take place; Catch & Release Trout Pond for prizes; Black Hawk interactive virtual fishing fighting simulator; Tactical Airsoft CT's shooting sports for all ages; NRA laser shooting range; Sportsmen's Outpost's archery range; and Connecticut Bass Nation's Kids' Bass Casting Competition. As in past years, fisherman Paul Narducci will give away a range of free fishing items daily.

**Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP) booths** will feature mounted fish and animals and a tank of live fish. DEEP experts will provide consumer education on numerous topics and present the latest fishing and hunting rules and regulations. On Saturday, March 30 at 12 noon, DEEP will recognize Connecticut's top anglers during a half-hour **Trophy Fish Awards Ceremony** in its booths. A U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' Mobile VetCenter Bus will be staffed by outreach representatives.

**Hours:** Friday, March 29 from 12 noon to 8 p.m.; Saturday, March 30 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Sunday, March 31 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. On Saturday, the first 200 children in line receive a free Kids Cane Pole and free meal at Texas Roadhouse.

**Admission – cash only:** \$12 adults; \$4 Children ages 5 to 12; Free under age 5. On *Saturday, March 30, the first 200 veterans in line get in free with military/veterans ID.*

**Sponsors include:** Coalition of Connecticut Sportsmen; The Fisherman Magazine; Renewals by Anderson; VA Healthcare; Hummingbird; Country 92.5 WWYZ; WFSB Channel 3; Bedard Enterprises; and North East Expos; Inc.

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