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#### EASY TWO-STEP PROCESS:

1. Check the **REGULATION TABLE** (page 12) for general statewide regulations.
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#### LEARN TO FISH, page 4

The Connecticut Aquatic Resources Education (CARE) Program will introduce you and your family to the fun of fishing. Expert instruction, hands-on activities and a fishing trip will lead to a wonderful time spent outside with your family or friends.



#### ON THE COVER

A young fisherman celebrates his catch — a nice striped bass.  
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*Inset:* A 20 lb. broodstock Atlantic salmon caught-and-released in the Shetucket River by Dylan Wawrick (Amston).

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This Guide is intended to provide a summary of the more important rules and regulations governing sport fishing in Connecticut and to assist in the enjoyment of the angling experience. For legal purposes, the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies and the Connecticut General Statutes must be consulted.

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# FAMILY FISHING

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**Ice Fishing Classes:** January classes designed to introduce you to the social, wintertime sport of ice fishing. This is an excellent program for families, scouts and youth organizations. Learn how to catch a big bass, pickerel or jumbo perch on a tip-up or jig pole before attending the Family Ice Fishing Derby or Ice Fishing Winter Festival (see below).

**Family Ice Fishing Derby:** January 25, 2014 — Breath in some of that fresh winter air to evade “cabin fever” by adding some outdoor adventure this winter with family and friends. Kids get a prize just for attending. The CARE Program will provide hands-on instruction, bait, and equipment to borrow. Check the CARE webpage for details as the date approaches.

**Family Ice Fishing at No Child Left Inside® Winter Festival:** February 1, 2014 — If you missed the Derby (above), you can still join us for an ice fishing adventure! Besides ice fishing, this festival will introduce you to a wide variety of outdoor winter activities.

**Family Fishing Courses:** Let Certified CARE Instructors teach you all you need to know

to get started fishing with family and friends. First, meet for just two hours in the classroom to learn how to cast, identify your catch, select the right bait and tie a strong knot. Second, take those skills you've learned to the field where CARE Instructors will guide you and your family to success on a fishing trip to a local pond or lake!

**Summer Fishing Classes:** Certified CARE Instructors provide students with an interactive learning experience that concludes with a fishing trip! These July and August classes take place at summer camps across the state, and are free of charge. If you are a youth camp coordinator call the CARE Center for more information.

**Fishing Courses at our Education Center:** CARE provides all training materials. School teachers introduce lessons from our curriculum on water and aquatic life to their students. The curriculum meets several state science standards. Teachers, students, and homeschoilers are invited to visit our picturesque education center once the classroom component is completed. During the visit



CARE Instructors ED RUEL, GEORGE EMANUEL, JOSEPH PERRY, WAYNE MAGRO, and DAVE SACCHITELLA have been teaching Family Fishing Courses for 15 years! Combined they have donated over 1,200 hours of volunteer time while helping to introduce 5,600 new anglers to the sport of fishing.

students will learn through hands-on activities and actually go fishing in our pond!

**BECOMING A CARE INSTRUCTOR:** Training offered in February — CARE needs volunteers from across the state to share their love of the outdoors and fishing with others. We'll provide you with quality training and all the equipment you'll need. If you're a self-starter and are interested in enriching people's lives with the sport of fishing, join the over 2,000 volunteers that have helped so far. Call the CARE Center TODAY for an application! *Applicants must pass a State Police background check.*

For more information or a CARE Class Schedule visit our website at: [www.ct.gov/deep](http://www.ct.gov/deep) and enter “CARE” in the search box, or call Inland Fisheries at 860-424-FISH or the CARE Center at 860-663-1656.

# Message from the Bureau Chief



One of the things I enjoy most about my position as Chief of the Bureau of Natural Resources are the many opportunities I have to meet with Connecticut sportsmen and conservation groups. These meetings are almost inevitably accompanied by questions on our budget and concerns that money spent on licenses, permits and stamps is not coming back to support conservation programs. I am hoping that the information presented here will answer most of your questions and address some of the more common misconceptions.

The Bureau of Natural Resources (BNR) is divided into four units: Inland Fisheries Division, Marine Fisheries Division, Forestry Division, and Wildlife Division. The pie charts provide a quick look at the sources of revenue for BNR programs and how it is allocated among different activities performed by the four units

(for simplicity, spending on Administration has been combined and spending on freshwater and saltwater fisheries activities have been combined). A few things immediately stand out. On the revenue side it's clear that anglers and hunters provide approximately 85% of the funding for BNR conservation programs. A willingness to support on-the-ground conservation is a tradition that sportsmen should be very proud of. Through the purchase of licenses, permits, tags and stamps, along with the federal excise tax paid on the purchase of fishing and hunting equipment (Wildlife and Sportfish Restoration Grants), sportsmen contribute over \$13 million per year, clearly demonstrating a commitment to make long-term investments in conservation that benefit all Connecticut residents.

The spending side shows the array of programs necessary to provide a comprehensive and effective conservation effort that cuts across the Connecticut landscape and serves the diversity of Connecticut residents. These activities include the conservation of forest lands, fish & wildlife populations and their habitats, and elements as diverse as the management of marine commercial fisheries, trout and pheasant stocking, control of invasive species, providing technical assistance to the public, and conservation of non-game wildlife.

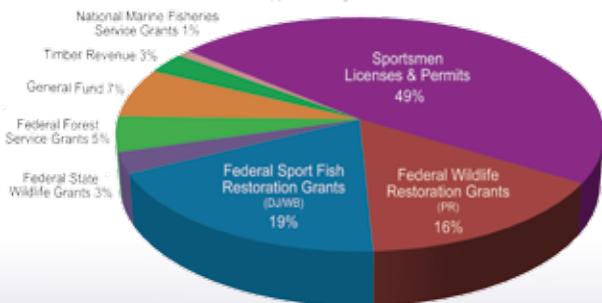
The questions on revenue from the sale of fishing and hunting licenses, permits, tags and stamps coming back to support conservation

programs are easy to answer. The federal government requires that each state pass a law, as a precondition of accepting U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service funds, ensuring that all such revenues are used exclusively to support fish & wildlife programs (see 26-15 of the Connecticut General Statutes). Connecticut sportsmen pay approximately \$7.3 million annually for licenses and other fees. These revenues are equal to 49% of our BNR operating funds as shown in the chart below. A quick look at this chart confirms that all of the revenue from anglers and hunters does come back to BNR...plus some additional monies from the General Fund necessary to cover current expenses (~7%). In reality, all Connecticut taxpayers contribute to conservation via other State and Federal Funds that are used by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to support our State Parks, purchase land, and to regulate activities that have an impact on our natural environment. The bottom line is that all of us contribute, and sportsmen in particular have gone the extra mile and should be especially proud of what they've accomplished. We have built a solid foundation upon which to meet future conservation challenges.

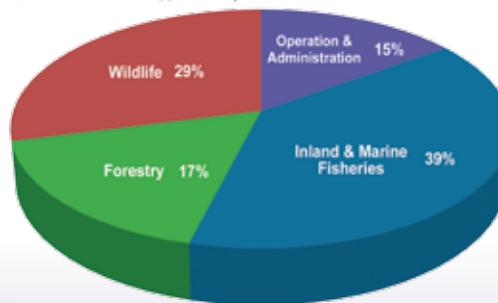
**William A. Hyatt**

Chief, Bureau of Natural Resources

Bureau of Natural Resources Funding Sources  
Approximately \$16,000,000/Year



Bureau of Natural Resources Expenditures  
Approximately \$16,000,000/Year



**Wildlife - 29%**

Species Management & Habitat Conservation - 14%  
Non-game Conservation - 5%  
Education & Outreach - 8%  
Mosquito Control - 2%

**Inland & Marine Fisheries - 39%**

Species Management & Habitat Conservation - 19%  
Fish Culture - 17%  
Education & Outreach - 3%

**Forestry - 17%**

Fire Protection & Forest Health - 6%  
State & Private Lands Mgmt. - 4%  
Pass-Through Grants - 4%  
Urban & Community Forestry - 3%





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# ENHANCED FISHING OPPORTUNITIES

## ENHANCED OPPORTUNITY SHORE FISHING PROGRAM

This Marine Fisheries program is part of a broader Department effort to improve the quality of access and fishing to our Public Trust marine fisheries resources in CT, especially in urban areas. This unique program relies on reduced size limit regulations to allow anglers young and old alike the opportunity to experience the joy and relaxation of outdoor recreation and the satisfaction of catching their own dinner. At the same time, the design of this program assures that marine fish conservation objectives continue to be met.

**Appendix A.** Public Shore Fishing Access Sites where Summer Flounder/Fluke (16 inch min. length) and Scup (9 inch min. length) may be taken at a smaller length limit. Please see page 48 for a complete list of marine recreational fishing regulations including creel limit and open seasons.

## BONUS STRIPER FISHING PROGRAM

Between May 1 and June 30, inclusive striped bass at least 22 inches but less than 28 inches total length may be possessed provided the angler:

1. has in their possession a 2013 Bonus Striped Bass Voucher issued by the CT DEEP for each such fish possessed. Vouchers can be obtained at CT DEEP offices, Coastal State Parks, Selected Bait and Tackle Shops and other designated locations.
2. immediately upon retention of such fish, permanently record on the voucher in ink, the date of capture and length of fish harvested;
3. retain the voucher with the fish until such fish is taken to the home or other location where the fish is to be consumed;
4. takes not more than two such fish per day regardless of the number of vouchers the angler may possess.

### What are the regulations concerning this bonus striped bass fishery?

A minimum size slot limit (22 inches and less than 28 inches) and a creel limit of one (1) striped bass per voucher. The voucher is good for one (1) bonus striped bass. Two (2) bonus fish may be harvested per day. Open (valid) from May 1 – June 30, 2013. Voucher card must be filled out immediately upon harvest of a qualifying striped bass. Valid in Connecticut state waters only. The normal limit of two (2) striped bass 28 inches or greater may also be harvested.

## FOR 2013... Striped Bass Bonus Program Now Offered Statewide!

Vouchers will be available this spring at DEEP agency offices and state parks.

**2013 Connecticut Bonus Striped Bass Voucher**

**SAMPLE CARD**



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May					June					1	
1	2	3	4		2	3	4	5	6	7	8
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	9	10	11	12	13
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	16	17	18	19	20
26	27	28	29	30	31		23	24	25	26	27
										28	29
Total length: 22" 23" 24" 25" 26" 27"										30	

Instructions: Immediately upon harvest of a qualifying bonus striped bass, use an INK PEN to circle the date of harvest and total length. Drop fractional lengths, for example, mark 25½ as 25".

Important: Keep the voucher with the fish until you reach home. Once home, please drop this card in any mailbox; postage is prepaid. Mailing this voucher will provide us with important data necessary to ensure continuation of this program.

Questions?  
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 E-mail: [deep.marine.fisheries@ct.gov](mailto:deep.marine.fisheries@ct.gov)



## LOOK FOR THIS SIGN!



## APPENDIX A: Enhanced Opportunity Shore Fishing Program Access Sites

Learn more by selecting any site below from the drop-down list on [www.lisrc.uconn.edu/coastalaccess](http://www.lisrc.uconn.edu/coastalaccess). Also see Marine Regulations on page 48.

SITE	CITY
<b>FAIRFIELD COUNTY</b>	
Pleasure Beach Family Fishing Pier	Bridgeport
Saint Mary's by the Sea	Bridgeport
Seaside Park	Bridgeport
Ash Creek Open Space	Fairfield
Jennings Beach	Fairfield
Penfield Beach	Fairfield
Penfield Reef	Fairfield
Calf Pasture Beach	Norwalk
Maritime Aquarium Park	Norwalk
Bond's Dock	Stratford
Long Beach	Stratford
Point-No-Point	Stratford
Russian Beach	Stratford
Short Beach Park	Stratford
Sherwood Island State Park	Westport
<b>MIDDLESEX COUNTY</b>	
South Cove Causeway	Old Saybrook
Saybrook Point	Old Saybrook
<b>NEW HAVEN COUNTY</b>	
Branford Point	Branford
Chaffinch Island Park	Guilford
Hammonasset Beach State Park	Madison
Connecticut Audubon Coastal Center	Milford
Gulf Beach	Milford
Silver Sands State Park	Milford
Criscuolo Park	New Haven
Fort Nathan Hale Park	New Haven
Tomlinson Bridge Fishing Pier	New Haven
Bradley Point Park	West Haven
Sandy Point	West Haven
Sandy Point Bird Sanctuary	West Haven
<b>NEW LONDON COUNTY</b>	
Cini Memorial Park	East Lyme
Hole-in-the-Wall Beach	East Lyme
McCook Park	East Lyme
Rocky Neck State Park	East Lyme
Bluff Point State Park and Reserve	Groton
Eastern Point Beach	Groton
UCONN-Avery Point	Groton
City Pier and Waterfront Park	New London
Fort Trumbull State Park	New London
DEEP Marine Headquarters—Ferry Landing Park	Old Lyme
Mystic River Park	Stonington
Stonington Point	Stonington
Stonington Town Dock Fishing Pier	Stonington
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# Licenses

## RECREATIONAL FISHING LICENSES

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Licenses are available online at [www.ct.gov/deep/fishing](http://www.ct.gov/deep/fishing). Licenses are also available at participating town halls, tackle retailers and DEEP field offices, and by phone or in person from the DEEP Store (860-424-3555). For a complete list of vendors, visit the DEEP website or call DEEP Licensing and Revenue (860-424-3105).

### Active Armed Forces Members

Any active, full-time member of the armed forces may be issued fishing and/or small game firearms licenses for the resident fee. Proof of membership during the calendar year must be carried while using the license.

### Other Recreational Marine Licenses

Special "Personal Use" licenses are required for: a) persons taking lobsters for their own use by up to 10 pots or SCUBA, and B) persons taking menhaden with a single gill net not more than 60 feet in length, for personal use from marine waters only.

- **Personal Use Lobster License:** \$120.00  
(purchase of pot tags also required if using pots)
- **Personal Use Gillnet License for Menhaden:** \$100

Marine "Personal Use" licenses are issued on a calendar year basis, are non-transferable, and are only issued by DEEP Licensing and Revenue at 79 Elm St., Hartford, CT 06106-5127. See [www.ct.gov/deep/fishinglicense](http://www.ct.gov/deep/fishinglicense) for additional information and a license application.

## COMMERCIAL LICENSES

A commercial license is required to take, possess or land (regardless where taken) fish, lobsters, blue crabs, squid, sea scallops, horseshoe crabs and bait species intended for sale from both the inland and marine districts. Contact the DEEP Marine Fisheries Division at 860-434-6043 or write to the Marine Fisheries Division at [deep.marine.fisheries@ct.gov](mailto:deep.marine.fisheries@ct.gov) or P.O. Box 719, Old Lyme, CT 06371 for further information on commercial fishing.

Kierran Broatch with a nice Housatonic River carp.

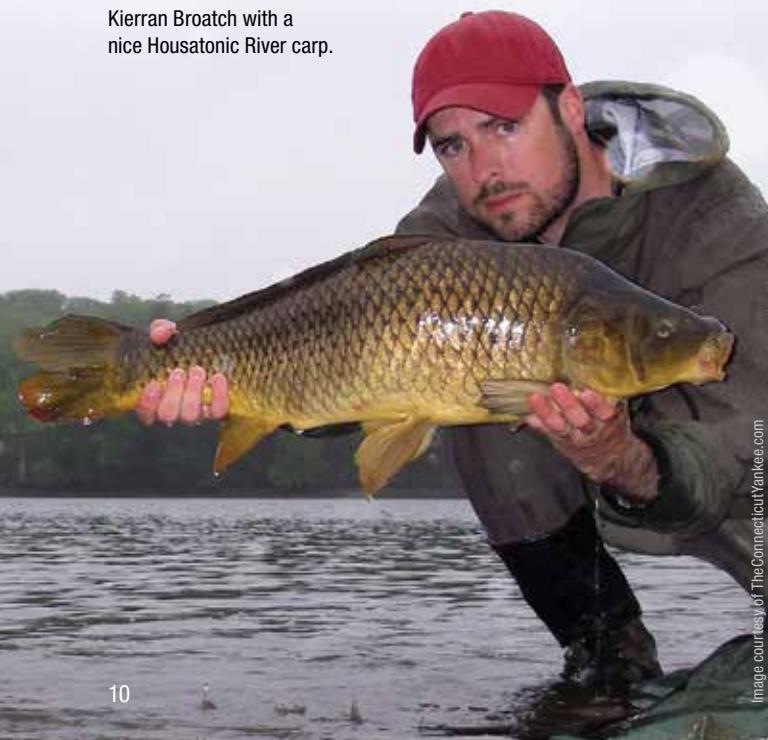


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Resident All Waters (Inland & Marine) Sport Fishing License	\$32.00
Resident Combination Inland Waters Fishing and Firearms Hunting License	\$38.00
Resident Combination Marine Waters Sport Fishing and Firearms Hunting License	\$25.00
Resident Combination All Waters Sport Fishing and Firearms Hunting License	\$38.00
Resident Combination All Waters Sport Fishing License and Bow and Arrow Permit to Hunt Deer and Small Game	\$65.00
Resident Archery Super Sport License to Fish in All Waters, Bow and Arrow Permit to Hunt Deer and Small Game, and Permit to Hunt Wild Turkey During Spring Season on Private Land	\$82.00
Resident Firearms Super Sport License to Fish in All Waters and Firearms Hunt, Firearms Private Land Shotgun or Rifle Deer Permit, muzzleloader private land deer permit, and Permit to Hunt Wild Turkey During Spring Season on Private Land	\$84.00
Age 65 and older (annual) fishing, hunting, combination licenses	Free

Special resident licenses available only from participating town halls and selected DEEP offices.

Blind Inland or Marine Waters fishing licenses (lifetime)*	Free
Inland or Marine Waters fishing licenses (lifetime) for individuals with intellectual disabilities*	Free
Physically handicapped (loss of one or more limbs, or permanent loss of use of one or more limbs) Inland or Marine Waters fishing, hunting, combination licenses (lifetime)**	Free

\* Issuance of a free license to the blind or individuals with intellectual disabilities (as defined in Public Act 11-16) requires proof of disability in the form of a certificate provided by any person licensed to practice medicine in this state.

\*\* Any resident with the loss of a limb or the permanent loss of the use of a limb and a doctor's certificate may be issued a free license. Qualified nonresidents who are residents of states which allow CT residents the same privileges are also eligible.

NON-RESIDENT LICENSES	FEE
Nonresident Inland Waters Fishing License	\$55.00
Nonresident Inland Waters Fishing License for 3 Consecutive Days	\$22.00
Nonresident Marine Waters Fishing License	\$15.00
Nonresident Marine Waters Fishing License for 3 Consecutive Days	\$8.00
Nonresident All Waters Fishing License	\$63.00
Nonresident Combination License to Fish in Inland Waters and Firearms Hunt	\$110.00
Nonresident Combination License to Fish in Marine Waters and Firearms Hunt	\$94.00
Nonresident Combination License to Fish in All Waters and Firearms Hunt	\$120.00

A marine recreational fishing license is required to fish in the marine district.

To obtain permit applications or further information contact the Inland Fisheries Division at 860-424-3474. Convenient fillable PDF forms of the **Importation/Liberation**, **Live Fish Importation** and **Tournament** permits can be found on the DEEP web site ([www.ct.gov/deep](http://www.ct.gov/deep)).

DEEP's Inland Fisheries Division administers a number of permits including the following:

#### **IMPORTATION AND/OR LIBERATION PERMIT (GENERAL)**

Authorizes the importation of live fish or live fish eggs from out-of-state and/or the liberation (stocking) of live fish or live fish eggs into Connecticut waters.

- A **liberation permit** is necessary whenever an **individual** or **organization** stocks live fish or fish eggs into any pond, lake or stream in Connecticut.
- An **importation permit** is required for the importation into Connecticut of live fish or fish eggs.
- See "Note," below.

#### **LIVE FISH IMPORT PERMIT**

Required for **commercial fish hatcheries** and **bait dealers** to import live fish or live fish eggs into the state.

**Note:** No permit is required to import common aquarium species. It is illegal to release any aquarium fish into public or private waters. Possession or importation of a number of fish species is prohibited. These prohibited species include piranha, walking catfish, black, silver

#### **Permits are required for these activities:**

- Stock fish or import fish into the state
- Conduct a fishing tournament or derby
- Use grass carp to manage aquatic plants

& bighead carp, gizzard shad and all species of the family Channidae (snakeheads). For further information and a complete listing, contact Inland Fisheries at 860-424-3474.

#### **IMPORTATION AND/OR LIBERATION PERMIT FOR TRIPLOID GRASS CARP**

Authorizes the importation, possession and liberation of triploid grass carp into inspected/approved ponds. **Possession of diploid grass carp is prohibited.** Triploid grass carp represent one method of controlling nuisance aquatic vegetation. The Inland Fisheries Division inspects all ponds to determine regulatory compliance, particularly to verify that the fish can not escape from the waters in which they were stocked, thereby preventing off-site damage to aquatic habitats. Grass carp information packets and application forms can be obtained by contacting the Inland Fisheries Division at 860-424-3474.

#### **INLAND FISHING TOURNAMENT/DERBY PERMIT**

Required to conduct a fishing tournament or derby on inland waters open to public fishing involving anglers 16 years of age and older. Open water catch-and-release-only tournaments can be granted an exemption from Bass Management Area special regulations (exemptions available for all Bass Management lakes from September 1 through June 30, exemptions granted only for Gardner Lake and Mansfield Hollow Reservoir from July 1 to August 31). Additional guidelines and restrictions may apply for open-water trout tournaments/derbies conducted on waters managed by the state for trout.

#### **BUY ONLINE ENJOY THE CONVENIENCE**

of purchasing fishing, hunting and trapping licenses and permits directly over the internet.

[www.ct.gov/deep/fishing](http://www.ct.gov/deep/fishing)



## **ATTENTION ANGLERS AGE 65 AND OLDER**

- The free resident "lifetime" inland fishing, hunting and trapping licenses for individuals age 65 and older became annual licenses effective October 1, 2009.
- All "age 65 and older" free inland fishing, hunting and trapping licenses obtained since October 1, 2009 must be renewed annually.
- Additionally, all "age 65 and older" free marine fishing licenses must be renewed annually.
- Holders of age 65 and older "lifetime" Connecticut inland fishing licenses obtained prior to October 1, 2009 are not required to reregister, however, should one misplace this "lifetime" license, they will need to obtain a free replacement by registering through the Automated Licensing System (from their home computer or at a participating vendor).
- All individuals with "lifetime" hunting or combination hunting and fishing licenses will need to register themselves in the Automated Licensing System to obtain the appropriate permits and tags along with their unique Conservation ID#.
- For assistance, contact DEEP Licensing and Revenue (860-424-3105).

## **NOTICE TO SPORTSMEN**

A judgement or a plea of guilty, forfeiture of a bond, or payment of a fine for a fishing, hunting, or trapping violation may result in the suspension of your fishing, hunting, or trapping license.

## **DISCARDED FISHING LINE AND OTHER TRASH**

Anglers are reminded that any person who intentionally discards fishing line or other litter in the waters of the state, on public property of the state or on private property not owned by such person is subject to a fine under section 22a-250 of the general statutes.

Each year, DEEP's Wildlife Division receives numerous reports of birds and other animals that have been injured or killed after getting tangled in our trash. Discarded fishing line, hooks, lures and weights are often left behind by unthinking anglers at fishing sites, and have caused serious injury, illness or death to wildlife. Please dispose of these items and all other trash properly.

# Inland District Statewide Species Regulations

## DETERMINING REGULATIONS

A summary of the *Statewide Species Open Seasons, Legal Methods and Length & Daily Creel Limits* is listed in the table on page 12. **The regulations on many water bodies differ from the statewide regulations.**

## Use this two-step process to determine regulations on a specific waterbody:

- Check the table on page 12 for the general statewide regulations.
- Refer to the specific waterbody in the alphabetical listings of *Lakes & Ponds* (pages 22–31) or *Rivers & Streams* (pages 34–42) for special site-specific regulations. If no site-specific

regulations are listed for a waterbody, statewide regulations apply for seasons, methods, and/or limits.

Unless otherwise indicated in the *Lakes & Ponds* and *Rivers & Streams* listings:

- Lakes and ponds are open year-round.
- Rivers & streams are open from 6:00 a.m. on the 3rd Saturday in April through the last day of February (Closed to all fishing from March 1st to 6:00 a.m. on the 3rd Saturday in April).

**The open seasons listed in this table do not apply in areas closed to all fishing during a period of the year.**

## Lower River/Tidal Waters

Designated rivers & streams with no closed season. These include the entire Connecticut and Thames Rivers, and downstream portions of the Coginchaug, Farmington, Housatonic, Mattabesett, Mystic, Naugatuck, Niantic, Quinnipiac and Salmon Rivers. Check individual waterbody listing for boundaries.

For more information on **Legal Methods & Gear, Length Limits, Creel & Possession Limits and Species**, refer to the definitions on pages 16–19.

**Note:** Regulations for several marine species found in the Inland District are subject to change.

SPECIES	NOTES	LEGAL METHODS	AREA	OPEN SEASON*	MINIMUM LENGTH	DAILY CREEL LIMIT		
Alewife/Blueback Herring	Daily creel limit is for both species in aggregate.			Taking of anadromous alewife & blueback herring from all Connecticut waters is prohibited. Emergency closure is in effect. See page 13 for more information. <b>Exception:</b> Landlocked alewife only may be taken from specific lakes. See page 13 for list of lakes. Methods, seasons & creel limits for these lakes are as follows:				
				Angling	Lakes & Ponds (see page 20)	Open year-round*	None	25
				Scoop Net	Lakes & Ponds (see page 20)	April 1 – June 15	None	25
American Eel	Spearing and bow and arrow use prohibited in streams or stream sections stocked with trout. Spearing prohibited in all lakes & ponds. The taking of elver eel, glass eel and silver eel is prohibited.	Angling, Icefishing, Bobbing, Bow and Arrow, Spearing	All areas	Open year-round*	6"	50		
American Shad	—	Angling	Lakes & Ponds, Rivers & Streams	3rd Saturday in April – June 30	None	6		
			Lower Rivers/ Tidal Waters	April 1 – June 30	None	6		
Atlantic Salmon	Taking of Atlantic Salmon is prohibited. <b>Exception:</b> Atlantic Salmon Broodstock Fisheries (see page 13)							
Largemouth Bass & Smallmouth Bass	Daily creel limit is for both species in aggregate.	Angling, Icefishing	Lakes & Ponds	Open year-round*	12"	6		
			Rivers & Streams	Open year-round*	None	6		
			Connecticut River	Open year-round	12"	6		
Carp, Suckers & Lampreys	Spearing and bow and arrow use prohibited in streams or stream sections stocked with trout. Spearing prohibited in all lakes & ponds.	Angling, Icefishing, Bobbing, Bow and Arrow, Spearing	All areas	Open year-round*	None	None		
Chain Pickerel	—	Angling, Icefishing	Lakes & Ponds	Open year-round*	15"	6		
			Rivers & Streams	Open year-round*	None	None		
Hickory Shad	Daily creel limit is in aggregate with American shad.	Angling, Icefishing, Scoop Net	All areas	Open year-round*	None	6		
Kokanee	—	Angling, Icefishing	All areas	3rd Saturday in April – last day in February	None	8		
Northern Pike	—	Angling, Icefishing	All areas	Open year-round*	26"	2		
Panfish	Except White Perch, see below.	Angling, Icefishing, Bobbing	All areas	Open year-round*	None	None		
Smelt	Taking of smelt in rivers & streams is prohibited.	Angling & Icefishing	Lakes & Ponds	Open year-round*	None	50		
Striped Bass	—	Angling	All areas	Open year-round*	28"	2		
Sturgeon	Taking of sturgeon is prohibited.							
Trout (Brook, Brown, Lake, Rainbow)	—	Angling, Icefishing	Lakes & Ponds, Rivers & Streams	3rd Saturday in April – last day in February	None	5		
			Lower Rivers/ Tidal Waters	Open year-round*	15"	2		
White Perch	—	Angling, Icefishing, Bobbing	Connecticut River (including Coves & Tributaries) Tidally influenced Rivers & Streams	Open year-round*	7"	30		
			Lakes & Ponds All other Rivers & Streams	Open year-round*	None	None		
Walleye	—	Angling, Icefishing	All areas	Open year-round*	18"	2		

\*Except in areas closed to all fishing during a period of the year.

# Broodstock Atlantic Salmon & River Herring

## BROODSTOCK ATLANTIC SALMON: Seasons, Creel Limits & Methods for the period from December 1, 2012–March 31, 2014

	OPEN SEASON	DAILY CREEL LIMIT	LEGAL METHODS (all seasons)
RIVERS	December 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013	One (1) salmon per day	Fishing for Atlantic Salmon is limited to use of a single fly or artificial lure with a single free-swinging hook. Additional weight may not be added to the line. <b>Snagging is strictly prohibited.</b>
	April 1, 2013 to 6:00 a.m., April 20, 2013	Salmon fishing closed	
	6:00 a.m., April 20, 2013 through September 30, 2013	One (1) salmon per day	
	October 1, 2013 through November 30, 2013	Catch and release only	
LAKES	December 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014	One (1) salmon per day	Seasons and Methods in lakes stocked with broodstock Atlantic salmon are the same as for trout in that water body except that the Daily Creel Limit is One (1) salmon per day.

### ATLANTIC SALMON BROODSTOCK FISHING

The DEEP stocks surplus broodstock Atlantic salmon during the fall, generally from mid-October through early December. Approximately 800 to 1,600 surplus salmon are stocked each year into three designated Broodstock Areas and into selected lakes and ponds (beginning in 2007, Beach Pond, Crystal Lake, Mashapaug Lake and Mount Tom Pond all have been stocked at various times). These fish are typically two to five years old and weigh from 2 to 20 pounds. They are the progeny of sea-run Atlantic salmon that have been raised in hatcheries for the purpose of producing eggs for the Connecticut River restoration effort. Surplus broodstock are fish that are no longer needed in the restoration program. Stocked salmon in rivers surviving until March will begin to move downstream to the saltwater during the high spring flows. Consequently, broodstock are seldom caught after March.

### Fishing for broodstock Atlantic salmon in rivers is allowed only in the following areas:

- Naugatuck River:** From the confluence of the East and West Branches (Torrington) downstream to the Housatonic River.
- Housatonic River:** Entire river downstream of the Derby Dam.
- Shetucket River:** Downstream from the Scotland Dam (Windham) to the Water Street Bridge (Norwich).

### Salmon are Stocked Into Three Designated Broodstock Areas:

- Naugatuck River:**
  - From Route 118, Litchfield-Harwinton, downstream to the Thomaston Dam (Upper section).
  - From Prospect Street, Naugatuck, downstream to Pines Bridge Road, Beacon Falls (Lower section).
- Shetucket River:** From the Scotland Dam, Scotland, downstream to the Occum Dam, Norwich.

### Designated Broodstock Area Fishing Restriction

From October 1 to March 31, angling for all species in the salmon broodstock areas is restricted to fishing methods that are legal for Atlantic salmon (a single fly or a lure with a single free-swinging hook only). Additional weight may not be added to the line. Anglers are reminded that the season is closed from March 1<sup>st</sup> to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in April for all species other than broodstock Atlantic salmon except in the upper Naugatuck River Broodstock Area. This area is within the Naugatuck River TMA, which is open year-round for trout (catch-and-release only).

### Important Notes

The availability of surplus Atlantic salmon broodstock, stocking dates, and the regulations governing the fishery are subject to change. Details

are provided to newspapers and are posted on the DEEP website at [www.ct.gov/deep](http://www.ct.gov/deep). Several lakes (Beach Pond, Crystal Lake, Mashapaug Lake, and Mount Tom Pond) have also recently been stocked with broodstock salmon and additional lakes may be stocked in the future. Regulations for salmon in lakes differs from those for rivers, please see the entries for these lakes in the Lakes & Ponds section for more information. If you are unsure of the regulations, please contact DEEP Fisheries staff at Hartford (860-424-3474), Marlborough (860-295-9523), Harwinton (860-485-0226), or Litchfield (860-567-8998).

### ALEWIFE & BLUEBACK HERRING

#### Emergency Fishery Closure is in effect:

Taking of anadromous alewife and blueback herring is **prohibited** from all Connecticut waters including Long Island Sound.

Alewife and blueback herring (collectively termed “river herring”) runs have been declining. While the reasons for the decline are not fully understood, the DEEP believes it is mostly due to predation by increasingly abundant striped bass. Healthy river herring populations are needed to provide food for many species.

To restore herring runs, the DEEP is taking a number of actions including removing dams, building fishways, reintroducing pre-spawn adults into streams that had previously supported runs, and eliminating harvest. An immediate recovery is not expected. However, this closure may reduce the threat of further declines and enable river herring populations to recover more quickly in favorable years.

This emergency closure will be in place through at least March 2014 and will likely be extended. Check the DEEP website ([www.ct.gov/deep](http://www.ct.gov/deep)) or contact DEEP Inland Fisheries (860-424-3474) or Marine Fisheries (860-434-6043) for more information.

### Landlocked alewife

Landlocked alewife populations are established in several Connecticut lakes and ponds. Landlocked alewife may be taken by angling or scoop net only from the following lakes:

Amos Lake	Crystal Lake (Ellington)	Rogers Lake
Ball Pond	Highland Lake	Squantz Pond
Beach Pond	Quassapaug Lake	Uncas Lake
Candlewood Lake	Quonnipaug Lake	Waramaug Lake

Alewife



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Blueback Herring



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Atlantic  
Salmon

# Environmental Conservation Police

## DEEP'S ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION POLICE



### Greetings,

As we look forward to the beginning of another fishing season, the Environmental Conservation Police would like to remind everyone of the value and importance of practicing good ethics and being respectful of the environment while enjoying the outdoors. Recreating on the water, whether it is fishing or boating, is a privilege and we must protect it.

Please keep in mind that some of our public access areas are adjacent to private property. When utilizing these areas, please be considerate of the private landowners who, in some areas, may be allowing us a right of way through their property. I encourage each one of you to express your thanks to them if possible which helps our Agency continue such beneficial partnerships. Be respectful of all private property when recreating, whether it's fishing from a boat or wading from the shoreline. Remember, do not cast into a designated swimming area. This not only creates conflicts with landowners but it is also illegal. When out fishing and boating, sportsmen should set the example by never leaving anything behind. Whether it's the packaging of a new lure, fishing line, bait containers or food wrappers, all trash should be taken away to ensure the area is left in its natural state. Wildlife can be injured by trash that is left behind or dumped into the water. By practicing ethical behavior you are not only showing that you care for the environment but are also setting an example for future generations. Getting out for a day on the water can be a pleasurable experience for everyone and it all starts with you doing your small part to keep it clean and safe. Remember, please wear your life jacket when boating! I also encourage you to be vigilant and report suspected poaching activity or illegal behavior to our toll free call hotline at 1-800 842-4357. Thank you and have an enjoyable and successful fishing season!

Thank you and good luck!

Colonel Kyle Overturf  
Director-State Environmental Conservation Police  
Bureau of Outdoor Recreation

### Fishing Violations and Fines

- Fishing without a license: \$87.00
- Violation of sport fishing regulations (includes closed season, bag and size limits, methods of take and specific area restrictions): \$154.00 per count
- Destruction of posted notice: \$87.00
- Failure to carry fishing license while fishing: \$87.00
- Violation of salmon fishing regulations: \$87.00
- Fishing while license or privilege suspended: \$150.00
- Illegal fishing for or taking of fish or bait in the Inland District: \$154.00 per count
- Unauthorized fishing in reservoir: \$250.00
- Unauthorized obstruction of streams or ponds: \$250.00
- Illegal fishing near fishways: \$250.00
- Operation of a motorboat on Bantam River: \$50.00
- Transporting vessel or trailer without properly inspecting for, removing and disposing of vegetation. \$95.00

The list above is only a partial listing of violations and their fines. These and other fisheries violations will be accompanied by a suspension of your hunting, fishing and trapping license(s). Help protect our natural resources for future outdoor sports enthusiasts, obey the law and report suspected violations by calling 1-800-842-HELP.



Officer Keith Williams patrolling for illegal jet-ski activity.

## BE A RESPONSIBLE ANGLER

Protecting both the resource and your access to the resource requires more than simply knowing and following the fishing regulations!

### RESPECT PRIVATE PROPERTY

- Do not cast onto docks or into permitted swim areas (when in doubt, cast elsewhere).
- Ask permission before fishing from shore, or wading on private property.

### DON'T LITTER, DON'T POLLUTE

- Keep your boat and motor properly maintained.
- Retrieve all lures and gear.
- Don't release live bait.
- Leave your fishing area cleaner than you found it!

### BE A SAFE BOATER

- Obey boating regulations, and check your safety gear frequently!

### BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR

- Treat fellow anglers, other recreational users and property owners with courtesy.
- Always be willing to share both the resource and your knowledge.

AND ALWAYS USE COMMON SENSE AND BE COURTEOUS!

## DON'T LET THIS HAPPEN AGAIN!

### DON'T LITTER

**Dispose of  
fishing line,  
lures, hooks  
and all other  
trash items  
properly.**



Dead osprey found hanging from its nest in Old Lyme, CT. Discarded fishing line, which is often picked up by ospreys to place in their nests, was wrapped around the bird's neck.

Photo courtesy of long-time DEEP Wildlife Division volunteer Hank Golet, who took the image prior to removing the dead bird.

# New Programs

## COMMUNITY FISHING

As part of DEEP's "No Child Left Inside" initiative, DEEP initiated a pilot program ("Urban fishing") in 2006 to enhance fishing opportunities in Connecticut's major population centers.

- The initial site for this program, **Bunnells Pond** in Bridgeport's Beardley Park, was added to the spring trout stocking schedule in 2006.
- In 2007, **Keney Park Pond** (Hartford), **Lake Wintergreen** (Hamden/New Haven), and **Mohegan Park Pond** (Norwich) were added to the Urban Fishing program. DEEP began stocking trout into Keney Park Pond and Lake Wintergreen that spring. Trout had already been stocked into Mohegan Park Pond for a number of years.
- Trout can typically provide a spring (and possibly fall) fishery in these areas. To provide a second, and year-round fishery, DEEP decided to stock channel catfish into the Urban Fishing Areas.
- In 2008, the program expanded into the City of Waterbury, designating **Lakewood Lake** and **Upper Fulton Park Pond** as Urban Fishing Areas. Lakewood Lake was added to the list of areas stocked with channel catfish, and the current stocking of Upper Fulton Park with trout will continue.
- To better reflect both the location of many of these areas and program goals, the program was renamed "**Community Fishing**" in late 2010.
- In the first six years (2007–2013) of catfish stocking, a total of 29,600 adult-size (14–18", 2-lb. plus) channel catfish have been stocked into the Community Fishing Areas. An additional 3,750 9–12" fish were also released into Lake Wintergreen.
- In 2012, two new ponds located in urban areas, Freshwater Pond (Enfield) and Pickett's Pond (Derby) were stocked with a total of 1,000 adult size catfish. These two areas will be evaluated for inclusion in the Community fishing Program.

## CHANNEL CATFISH

- In 2007, DEEP began a channel catfish stocking program in an effort to provide an additional year-round fishery for a large game fish. This was the first time that DEEP has released catfish into state waters.
- The catfish stocked by DEEP are farmed fish obtained from commercial suppliers in Arkansas.
- In addition to the 28,450 catfish stocked in the **Community Fishing Ponds** (formerly "Urban Fishing Areas") during the first six years of the program, 54,800 9–12" catfish were released into the following waters:

Lower Bolton Lake	Maltby Lakes 2 & 3	Pattaconk Lake
Black Pond	Quonniapaug Lake	Silver Lake
- All these lakes were assessed as having adequate shore access and a sufficient forage base to support another population of large gamefish.
- DEEP expects the 9–12" fish released into these lakes will survive for many years and grow to much larger size. To jump start the fishery, 800 of the larger 14–18" catfish were also stocked in 2007.
- DEEP currently stocks catfish annually. As with other fisheries programs, both the channel catfish stocking and the Community Fishing programs will be assessed periodically for effectiveness.
- In 2012, following program assessment, catfish stocking of Quonniapaug Lake was discontinued and four new water bodies (Hopeville Pond, Kenosia Lake, Quinebaug Lake, Stillwater Pond) were stocked with a total of 7,000 9–12" catfish.

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# Definitions

The following provisions are taken from the inland district sport fishing regulations, and do not apply to taking fish from licensed commercial hatcheries, private waters legally registered with DEEP, or to commercial fishing in the inland district. Information on commercial fishing in the inland and marine districts is available on request.

**ANGLING** Fishing with hook and line, which must be personally attended. No more than two lines, with or without rods, may be used at one time. Each line may have any combination of hooks, flies or lures, of which a maximum of three hooks may be baited.

**BAIT** Any animal or vegetable, or their parts, living or dead, used with a hook for the purpose of attracting and catching fish. Any fish legally acquired, except largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, chain pickerel, northern pike, trout, salmon, carp and goldfish may be used as bait.

**BAIT SPECIES** The following species of fish, amphibians, aquatic insects and crustaceans may be taken by sport fishermen for personal use (a recreational fishing license is required), but may only be sold if taken under an inland commercial bait license.

- **Bait species:** Common shiner, golden shiner, fallfish, creek chub, spottail shiner, bridle shiner, blacknose dace, longnose dace, pearl dace, bluntnose minnow, fathead minnow, cutlips minnow, chub sucker, white sucker, killifish, mummichog, Atlantic & tidewater silverside, sand lance, frogs (except northern leopard frog), crayfish (except rusty crayfish), perch bugs, hellgrammies and mayfly nymphs.

• **The legal methods for taking the bait species listed above are as follows:**

- **Rivers & streams:** Bait species may be taken at any time with seines not over 15 ft. long and 4 ft. deep, bait traps not over 20 inches long and 15 inches in diameter, and umbrella nets not over 4 ft. by 4 ft.
- **Lakes & ponds:** Bait species may be taken at any time with bait traps not over 20 inches long and 15 inches in diameter and umbrella nets not over 4 ft. by 4 ft. Seines shall not be used in lakes and ponds except those designated by the DEEP as open to commercial taking of bait. Where posted, taking, use or possession of fish as bait is prohibited in lakes and ponds.
- **All inland waters:** During the open season for fishing, the species listed above may also be taken by hand, angling and scoop net.

**BARBLESS HOOK** A curved, pointed device, without a barb, used to catch fish. Barbless hooks may be single, double or treble, and each point must be without a barb. For the purposes of this regulation, hooks manufactured with a barb are considered barbless if the barb has been bent down to the hook, broken off or otherwise made ineffective.

**BOBBING** Fishing with a ball or mass of worms or other bait attached to a hookless line held in the hand or a line attached to a rod held in the hand.

**BOW AND ARROW FISHING** Common carp, white suckers, American eels and sea lampreys may be taken with a bow and arrow. These species may be taken by archery in streams and stream sections not stocked with trout, and in lakes and ponds, and only taken during the open season for fishing in those waters. Use of crossbows is prohibited. A fishing license is required.

**CAST NET** A net weighted at the edges which is cast out over bait to capture it in shallow water. The use of cast nets is prohibited in inland waters.

**CHILDREN'S FISHING AREA** Angling in such areas is restricted to children under sixteen years of age when posted as such.

**CLOSED SEASON** That period of time during which all fishing is prohibited in the area specified.

**DAILY CREEL LIMIT** The quantity or number of fish of a species or species group that can be taken by an individual angler during the period from 12:01 a.m. to midnight.

**DOWNRIGGER** A device, supplemental to a fishing line, used to deploy, via an electric or handpowered winch, reel or spool that projects over

the side or stern of a boat and is used as a hoist, main line and terminal weight, one or more fishing lines to a desired depth in the water column.

**FISHHOOK or HOOK** A curved, pointed device, with or without barb, used to catch fish. Hooks may be single, double or treble and each point shall be considered as a single hook.

**FISHING OR SPORT FISHING** Taking or attempting to take fish. In the Inland District, fishing is limited to angling, bow and arrow fishing, bobbing, ice fishing, snagging or snatching, spearing, scoop netting, and taking or attempting to take fish by hand.

**FLOAT (BOBBER)** Any buoyant object attached to a fishing line. No floats may be used unless personally attended.

**FLY** A single or double hook dressed with hair, feathers, tinsel, thread, yarn or similar material to which no bait, spinner, spoon, plug or other device is added.

**FLY FISHING** Angling with the use of a fly reel, fly rod, fly line, leader and a fly or flies. Extra weight may be built into the fly in its construction, as in a weighted nymph, and additional weight may be attached to the leader or line. The use of strike indicators is permitted.

**GAFF** A spear or hook, with or without a handle, used for holding or lifting fish. The use of a gaff to land or assist in landing a fish is prohibited in the inland district.

**HAND-HELD JIG** A rod, jig stick or line held in the hand used for fishing through the ice.

**ICE FISHING** Not more than six tip-ups, floats (bobbers), similar devices, or hand-held jigs or any combination thereof not exceeding six in the aggregate may be used at one time. Not more than three baited hooks, with or without attractors, or three ice flies, or three artificial lures, or any combination thereof not exceeding three in the aggregate may be used with each tip-up, float (bobber), or similar device or hand-held jig. Devices must be personally attended. The name and address of the user must be legibly stamped on or attached to all devices.

**INLAND DISTRICT** Is the area inland of the demarcation lines as listed on page 44.

**LEADCORE LINE** A fishing line constructed with a metal core.

**MINIMUM LENGTH** Measured from the tip of the snout to the end of the tail. No person shall possess any fish less than the lengths specified and any fish less than the minimum length, shall, without avoidable injury, be immediately returned to the water from which taken.

**PANFISH** Includes yellow perch, white perch, calico bass, rock bass, bullheads, all species of catfish, and all species of sunfish.

**POSSESSION LIMIT** The total number of fish of any species or species group that may be possessed by one person either on the person, on the waters of the state, the shores of these waters, or in any type of vehicle and may not exceed the creel limits for one day, as listed in this pamphlet. Fish so possessed shall be intact to the extent that neither the heads nor tails have been removed. Note that this does not restrict the number of legally acquired fish that may be kept in storage at home.

**SCOOP NET** A manually operated, flexible mesh net attached to a hoop which is attached to a handle. The hoop may not be over 36 inches across the widest point and the mesh bag may not be more than 36 inches in depth at its deepest point. The use of any such net constructed of metal mesh or stiff plastic mesh is prohibited.

**SEINE NET** A net weighted at the bottom, with top floats, that is used to encircle fish.

**SET LINE** A line with one or both ends secured to the shore, or to a fixed or buoyant object in the water which is used for fishing and is not personally attended. Use of set lines in the inland district is prohibited.

**SLOT LENGTHS** Length limits designated to reduce or increase the taking of fish by anglers.

- **Protected slot lengths:** Lengths between which fish may not be kept by anglers.
- **Open slot lengths:** Lengths between which fish may be kept by anglers.

**SNAGGING or SNATCHING** The taking of fish by foul hooking, that is hooking fish in any part of the body other than the mouth. Snagging is prohibited in all waters in the Inland District except that, in streams open to fishing throughout the year, menhaden, alewives and blueback (glut) herring may be taken by these methods. Anglers are reminded that there currently is an emergency ban on the taking of anadromous alewife and blueback herring (see page 13).

**SPEARING** The use of any pointed instrument, with or without barbs, propelled solely by hand. Common carp, American eels, white suckers and sea lampreys may be taken by spearing in streams or sections of streams not stocked with trout during the open seasons for fishing in such waters. Prohibited in lakes and ponds. Underwater spear fishing and the use of any type of spear gun is prohibited in all waters within the Inland District.

**STRIKE INDICATOR** Means a brightly colored, highly visible tab, sleeve or bead or similar material used in fly fishing. Such devices may be attached to the line or leader when used in areas restricted to fly fishing only.

**TAKE or TAKING** Killing, capturing or otherwise rendering into possession, any fish or bait species, or attempting to kill, capture or rendering into possession, or assisting in taking or attempting to take any fish or bait species.

**TROUT** Include brook (charr), brown, lake, and rainbow trout and their hybrids.



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## FISHWAYS and FISHING

Fishing is prohibited in the area immediately downstream or upstream of a fishway, generally for a distance of 250 feet from the fishway. Note that at some fishways, this distance may vary from 250 feet.

At locations where the distance from the fishway does differ from 250 feet, the boundaries of the "no-fishing" area will be as posted by DEEP (look for signs and/or large rocks painted red marking the boundaries).

Anglers with questions about the "no-fishing" zones around any of the over 50 fishways in the state should contact DEEP's Diadromous Fisheries Restoration Program (Inland Fisheries Division) at 860-434-6043.

## DISABLED ACCESS

These areas in the Inland District provide fishing access with primary use intended for persons with disabilities. Check the *Coastal Launch* and *Coastal State Park Sections* (pages 51–52) for areas in the Marine District.

- **Angus Park Pond, Glastonbury:** Off Manchester Road (Route 83) turn east on Fisher Road: Located on upper dike in Town Park.
- **Beachdale Pond, Voluntown:** Route 149 next to boat access area.
- **Beaver Brook Ponds, Windham:** Off Back Road at dam/access area.
- **Bigelow Pond, Union:** At boat launch in Bigelow Hollow SP.
- **Billings Lake, North Stonington:** At dam adjacent to boat access area.
- **Black Pond, Meriden-Middlefield:** Adjacent to boat ramp.
- **Bladens Brook, Seymour:** Access only by permission of Seymour Land Conservation Trust.
- **Connecticut River-Haddam Meadows State Park, Haddam:** Dock at the boat launch in Haddam Meadows State Park.
- **Connecticut River-Salmon River Cove, East Haddam:** Dock at state boat launch.
- **Coventry Lake (Wangumbaug Lake), Coventry:** At state boat launch.
- **Day Pond, Colchester:** Off Route 149 at dam in Day Pond SP.
- **Eagleville Lake, Coventry-Mansfield:** On dam off Route 275.
- **Eight Mile River, East Haddam:** Devil's Hopyard SP.
- **Farmington River—West Branch, Barkhamsted:** Off dirt road south of Route 318.
- **Farmington River, Unionville:** On Farmington Land Trust ([www.farmingtonlandtrust.org](http://www.farmingtonlandtrust.org)) property upstream from Route 177 (between River Road and Railroad Avenue, southerly side of river).
- **Gardner Lake, Salem-Montville-Bozrah:** On dam at Lake Road.
- **Higganum Reservoir, Haddam:** Off Route 81 on northeast shore.
- **Highland Lake, Winchester:** At state boat launch.
- **Holbrook Pond, Hebron:** On dam adjacent to access area.
- **Hopeville Pond, Griswold:** At end of State Park campground.
- **Lake Saltonstall, Branford:** At SCCRWA access area off Hosley Avenue.
- **Mansfield Training Center Pond, Mansfield:** Located just east of the junction of Routes 44 & 32.
- **Mashapaug Lake, Union:** Off the dock at boat launch in Bigelow Hollow SP.
- **Mill River, Hamden:** At Clark's Pond Dam.
- **Pattaconk Lake (Russell Jennings Pond), Chester:** Located between dam and beach in Pattaconk Recreation Area.
- **Salmon Brook (East Branch), Granby:** East side of river just above Route 20.
- **Salmon River Fly Area, Colchester:** 0.9 miles north of Route 16 on River Road.
- **Salmon River, East Hampton:** South end of picnic area off Gulf Road just south of Route 16.
- **Saugatuck Reservoir, Easton-Redding-Weston:** Parking area near dam.
- **Scoville Reservoir, Wolcott:** At town boat launch.
- **Southford Falls Pond, Oxford-Southbury:** In Southford Falls SP.
- **Squantz Pond, New Fairfield:** Near Squantz Pond SP boat launch.
- **Stratton Brook Park Pond, Simsbury:** In Stratton Brook SP.
- **Walkers Reservoir (East), Vernon:** Turn south near Route 31 and I-84 junction on Reservoir Road.

# Consumption Advisory

## ARE THE FISH I CATCH SAFE TO EAT? 877-458-FISH

The summary of advisories issued in the past by the Connecticut Department of Public Health and Department of Energy & Environmental Protection is updated annually and included as a reminder to anglers. These advisories apply to recreationally-caught fish from Connecticut waters. Individuals in the high risk group should be particularly careful in their fish consumption.

Proper cleaning and cooking methods include: removing the skin, "lateral line" area, belly flaps and dark meat, and broiling or grilling. These methods can reduce PCB levels by 50%.

## For More Information

Including the fish consumption fact sheet, a special fact sheet for pregnant women, foreign language summaries, and for updates visit the Department of Public Health (CTDPH) website at: [www.ct.gov/dph/fish](http://www.ct.gov/dph/fish) or call CTDPH.

- **Have health questions:** call CTDPH at 860-509-7740 or toll-free at 877-458-FISH (3474).
- **Have fishing questions:** call CTDEEP at 860-424-FISH (3474).

ADVISORY	WATERBODY	FISH SPECIES	HIGH RISK GROUP <sup>a</sup>	LOW RISK GROUP <sup>b</sup>	CONTAMINANT
<b>Statewide Freshwater Fish</b>	<b>All Fresh Waterbodies</b> (See more restrictive advice for specific waterbodies listed below)	Trout	No Limits on Consumption <sup>c</sup>	No Limits on Consumption	—
		All other fish	One meal per month	One meal per week	Mercury
<b>Specific Freshwater Fish</b>	Dodge Pond, Wyassup Lake, Lake McDonough, Silver Lake (Berlin)	Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass, Pickerel	Do not eat	One meal per month	Mercury
	Housatonic River above Derby Dam (except as listed below for lakes on Housatonic River)	Trout, Catfish, Eels, Carp, Northern Pike	Do not eat	Do not eat	PCBs
		Bass, White Perch	Do not eat	One meal per 2 months	PCBs
		Bullheads	One meal per month	One meal per month	PCBs
		Panfish (Sunfish, Yellow Perch, etc.)	One meal per month	One meal per week	PCBs
	Lakes on Housatonic River: (Lillinonah, Zoar, Housatonic)	Bass, White Perch	One meal per month	One meal per month	PCBs
		Other Species	See advice for river	See advice for river	PCBs
	Quinnipiac River above Quinnipiac Gorge	All species	Do not eat	Do not eat	PCBs
	Q Gorge/Hanover Pond (Meriden)	All species	One meal per month	One meal per month	PCBs
	Eight Mile River (Southington)	All species	Do not eat	Do not eat	PCBs
	Connecticut River	Carp	Do not eat	One meal per 2 months	PCBs
		Catfish	Do not eat	One meal per month	PCBs
	Versailles, Papermill Ponds & connecting section of Little River (Sprague)	All species	Do not eat	Do not eat	Mercury, PCBs
	Furnace Brook (Cornwall)	Trout	One meal per month	One meal per month	PCBs
	Blackberry River downstream of "Blast Furnace" (North Canaan)	Smallmouth Bass	One meal per month	One meal per month	PCBs
	Konkapot River (North Canaan)	White Sucker	Do not eat	One meal per month	Mercury
	Brewster Pond (Stratford)	Catfish & Bullheads	Do not eat	Do not eat	Chlordane
	Union Pond (Manchester)	Carp, Catfish, Bass	Do not eat	Do not eat	Chlordane
<b>Specific Saltwater Species</b>	Long Island Sound and connected rivers	Striped Bass	Do not eat	One meal per month	PCBs
		Bluefish over 25" <sup>d</sup>	Do not eat	One meal per month	PCBs
		Bluefish 13–25" <sup>d</sup>	One meal per month	One meal per month	PCBs
		Weakfish	One meal per month	One meal per month	PCBs
	Mill River (Fairfield) (excluding Southport Harbor)	Blue Crab	Do not eat	Do not eat	Lead

a **High Risk Group** includes pregnant women, women planning to become pregnant within one year, nursing mothers and children under six.

b **Low Risk Group** includes everyone not in the High Risk Group.

c It is prudent for the High Risk Group to eat no more than one large trout (over 15") from lakes and ponds per month.

d Bluefish under 13" are not on the advisory because they have not been found to contain PCBs at levels sufficient to merit an advisory.

# Record Freshwater Fish

Red type signifies a new record for 2012.

COMMON NAME	WEIGHT lbs. oz.	LOCATION CAUGHT	ANGLER	YEAR CAUGHT	
American Eel	10	3	Shetucket River, Norwich	Charles J. Lobacz	1993
American Shad	9	4	Connecticut River, Windsor	Edward Cypus	1981
Bluegill	2	4	Private Pond, Madison	Daniel Gesner	1996
Brook Trout	9	3	Blackwells Brook, Brooklyn	David Andes	1998
Brown Bullhead	4	15	Prospect Pond, Southington	Robert Richey	1990
Brown Trout	18	5	Saugatuck Reservoir, Easton	Tony Urbanowicz	2011
Brown Trout (Sea-run)	10	8	Saugatuck River, Westport	Ronald J. Merly	2006
Calico Bass	4	0	Pataganset Lake, East Lyme	James M. Boos	1974
Chain Pickerel	8	9	West Twin Lake, Salisbury	Alden L. Foss	2005
Channel Catfish	29	6	Mashapaug Lake, Union	Appleton Barrows	2004
Common Carp	43	12	Connecticut River	Michael Hudak	2012
Fallfish	2	4	Farmington River, Simsbury	Chad Tessman	2012
Kokanee	2	14	East Twin Lake, Salisbury	Tom Pasko	2011
Lake Trout	29	13	Wononscopomuc Lake, Salisbury	Dr. Thompson	1918
Largemouth Bass	12	14	Mashapaug Lake, Union	Frank Domurat	1961
Northern Pike	29	0	Lake Lillinonah, Brookfield	Joseph Nett	1980
Pumpkinseed	1	3	Lake Marie, Windham	Robyn Rogers	1973
Rainbow Trout	14	10	Mansfield Hollow Reservoir, Mansfield	Michael V. Ludlow	1998
Rock Bass (tie)	1	3	Colebrook Reservoir, Colebrook	Ernie Gonsalves	1989
			Shenipsit Lake, Tolland	James Bonan	1995
Smallmouth Bass	7	12	Shenipsit Lake, Tolland	Joseph Mankauskas, Jr.	1980
Tiger Trout	7	14	Quassapaug Lake	Jerry Barth	2011
Walleye	14	8	Candlewood Lake, New Fairfield	George Britto	1941
White Catfish	12	12	Connecticut River, Middletown	John L. Shatas	1999
White Perch	2	15	Candlewood Lake, New Fairfield	Don Loftus, Jr.	1996
Yellow Perch	2	13	Black Pond, Woodstock	Miller B. Bassett	1973

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# Aquatic Invasive Species



## Help stop the spread!

A number of aquatic invasive species are established in Connecticut and more are threatening to invade. This year's Angler's Guide focuses on the zebra mussel, as it has notably expanded its distribution in Connecticut during the last several years.

### ► ZEBRA MUSSEL

Zebra mussels are now found in a number of locations scattered throughout the **Housatonic River and its impoundments**.

Until late 2010 when adult zebra mussels (*Dreissena polymorpha*) were found in Lake Zoar and Lake Lillinonah, zebra mussels had been found (1998) in CT only in East Twin Lake and West Twin Lake (Salisbury). Since 2010, adult mussels have also been found in Lake Housatonic and free-floating juveniles (veligers) have been sampled at several sites in the river in Connecticut from the Massachusetts line downstream to Lake Lillinonah. Surveys completed in late 2012 confirm the continuing presence of zebra mussels adults and free-floating juveniles (veligers) in the Housatonic River and its major impoundments in Connecticut.

One possible source of these mussels is downstream migration from Laurel Lake in Lee/Lenox, Massachusetts. Its short outlet stream drains directly into the Housatonic River. In 2009, an abundant population of zebra mussels was documented in Laurel Lake. Adult mussels were also found that year in the Housatonic River in Massachusetts downstream of the confluence with Laurel Lake's outlet stream. Since then additional small populations have been found at sites in the river in Massachusetts.

The non-native zebra mussel was first found in North America in Lake St. Clair (Michigan/Ontario) in 1988. Since then they have spread throughout the Great Lakes, the Mississippi River system and most of New York State including Lake Champlain and the Hudson River, and then into a number of western and southwestern states.

Zebra mussels have fairly specific water chemistry requirements and are limited to waters with moderate to high calcium concentrations and pH. In Connecticut, suitable habitat for zebra mussels is mostly limited to a number of water bodies in western portions of the state. Under highly favorable conditions, this invasive mussel can disrupt aquatic ecosystems and is notorious for clogging water intakes and fouling boat hulls and engine cooling water systems.

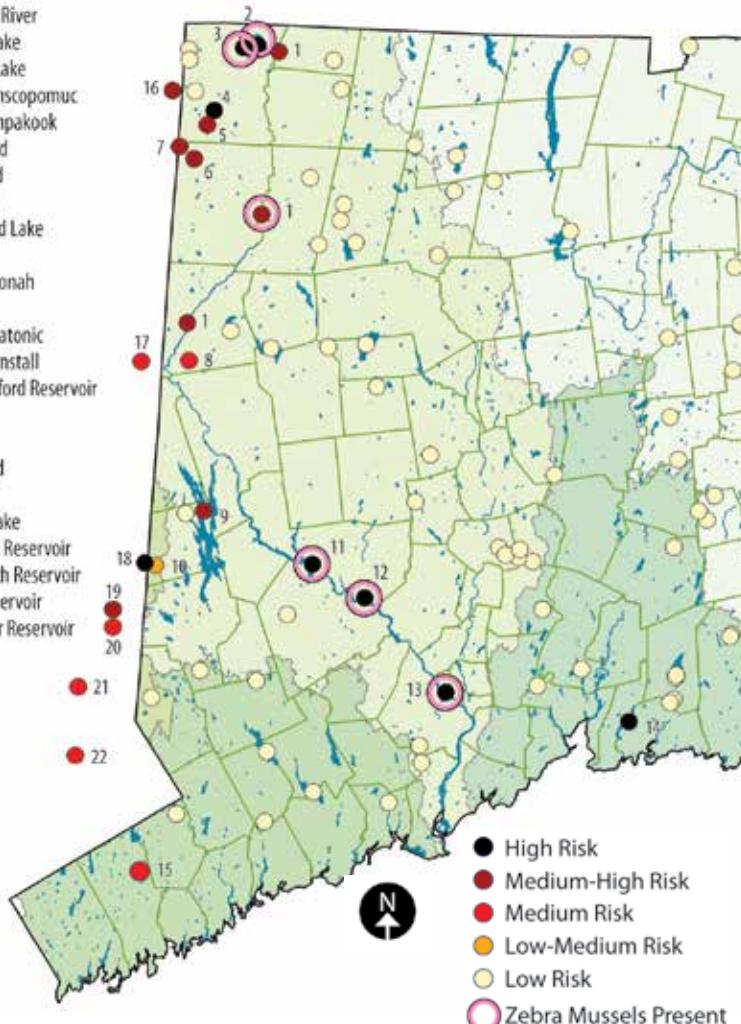
Zebra mussels and other aquatic invasive species can be inadvertently spread by boats, gear and bait buckets. Easy "Clean, Drain & Dry" methods to help prevent their spread can be found on the next page.

## Zebra Mussels in Connecticut

Their current known distribution and the susceptibility of additional Connecticut water bodies to colonization by zebra mussels.

1. Housatonic River
2. East Twin Lake
3. West Twin Lake
4. Lake Wononscopomuc
5. Lake Wononpakooc
6. Mudge Pond
7. Indian Pond
8. Hatch Pond
9. Candlewood Lake
10. Ball Pond
11. Lake Lillinonah
12. Lake Zoar
13. Lake Housatonic
14. Lake Saltonstall
15. East Stamford Reservoir

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16. Rudd Pond
  17. Ellis Pond
  18. Putnam Lake
  19. Bog Brook Reservoir
  20. East Branch Reservoir
  21. Titicus Reservoir
  22. Cross River Reservoir



In 2011 and 2012, Biodiversity LLC. conducted zebra mussel surveys in northwest Connecticut, including the upper Housatonic River, to determine the presence or absence of zebra mussels. Selected physical, chemical, and biological attributes of the surveyed water bodies were also documented and combined with existing data to develop a risk assessment for those water bodies. Additionally, a risk assessment was developed that included other water bodies in the state for which relevant water chemistry data were available. Above is a map showing the susceptibility of these water bodies (plus some close by NY waters) to colonization by zebra mussels. All areas assessed as being at medium to high risk of colonization by zebra mussels are located in western Connecticut. (Figure adapted from Biodiversity LLC. report).

The full report prepared for DEEP by Biodiversity LLC. can be found online at [www.ct.gov/dep/fishing](http://www.ct.gov/dep/fishing).

- Remove all aquatic organisms, mud & debris!



## YOU CAN HELP!

CLEAN, DRAIN, DRY. You can help prevent the spread of problem species by following these simple suggestions.

### BEFORE LEAVING A BOAT LAUNCH

- **CLEAN**—Inspect your boat, trailer and equipment. Remove and discard all aquatic plants and animals, mud and debris you may have picked up while on the water.
- **DRAIN**—Completely drain all water from the boat, including bilge water, livewells and engine cooling systems.

### AT HOME

- **DRY**—Dry anything that came in contact with the water (boats, trailers, trailering vehicle) for at least one week.  
or
- **WASH**—Rinse boat, trailer and equipment with hot water (high pressure if possible). A bleach solution can be used to clean livewells. Dispose of all rinse materials properly!

### REMEMBER

- Do not dump your bait bucket or release live bait! Avoid introducing unwanted plants and animals. Unless your bait was obtained on site, dispose of it in a suitable trash container.
- Do not transport fish, other animals or plants between water bodies. Release caught fish, other animals and plants only into the waters from which they came.

### IT'S THE LAW! (CGS 15-180, CGS 22a-381d)

- Boaters must inspect their vessel for vegetation and listed invasive invertebrates (zebra mussel, quagga mussel, Chinese mitten crab, New Zealand mud snail, Asian clam, rusty crayfish) and properly remove and dispose of any vegetation or invasives before transporting the vessel. You can be fined \$95 per violation.
- The importation, transportation, sale, purchase, possession, cultivation or distribution of a number of invasive plants including the following aquatic plants is prohibited:
  - Curly leaved pondweed, Fanwort, Eurasian water-milfoil, Variable water milfoil, Water chestnut, Egeria, Hydrilla, Common reed, Purple loosestrife, Pond water-starwort, Parrotfeather, Brittle water-nymph, American water lotus, Yellow floating heart, Giant salvinia, Yellow iris, Watercress, Onerow yellowcress. Violators can be fined \$50 per plant!

## Some of the Other Invasives Found in Connecticut

Many boaters and anglers are familiar with freshwater invasive plants, in Connecticut these include:

**EURASIAN WATER MILFOIL** was first found in Connecticut in 1979 and has been documented in a number of locations in Connecticut as well as the Connecticut River.

**VARIABLE LEAF MILFOIL** was first discovered in Connecticut in 1936 and can now be found in a number of locations throughout Connecticut.

**HYDRILLA** was first discovered in 1989 and can now be found in a few locations scattered throughout the state. Very aggressive and can outcompete native and invasive species.

**FANWORT** was first observed in Connecticut in 1937 and is now widely distributed throughout the state.

**WATER CHESTNUT** was first discovered in Connecticut in 1999 and can be found in a number of locations throughout the state including scattered sites along the Connecticut River, several tributaries and connected. Water chestnut appears to be expanding its distribution in Connecticut. Annual plant that spreads via sharp, spiny fruits.

### New arrivals to Connecticut include:

**(2011) DIDYMO** is a freshwater alga that under suitable conditions can form extensive blooms. Prefers cold, low-nutrient streams. In Connecticut, didymo has only been found in one area, the upper West Branch Farmington River near Riverton.

**(2012) CHINESE MITTEN CRAB** A juvenile Chinese mitten crab was collected from the Mianus River in Greenwich. This is the first confirmed report of this invasive in CT. This crab reproduces in saltwater but spends most of its life in freshwater.



A Chinese mitten crab captured at Chesapeake Beach, MD in 2007 (image courtesy of the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center).



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## WEBSITES OF INTEREST

These websites can provide a good start to learning more about Aquatic nuisance species.

- **National Invasive Species Council:** [www.invasivespecies.gov](http://www.invasivespecies.gov)
- **Invasive Plant Atlas of New England:** [www.eddmaps.org/ipane](http://www.eddmaps.org/ipane)
- **ANS task force:** <http://www.anstaskforce.gov>
- **Northeast Aquatic Nuisance Species Panel:** <http://www.northeastans.org>
- **Protect Your Waters:** [www.protectyourwaters.net](http://www.protectyourwaters.net)
- **Connecticut Sea Grant:** [www.seagrant.uconn.edu](http://www.seagrant.uconn.edu)
- **Connecticut Invasive Plant Working Group:** [www.cipwg.uconn.edu](http://www.cipwg.uconn.edu)
- **USGS Nonindigenous Aquatic Species:** <http://nas.er.usgs.gov>

More information on these and other invasive species in Connecticut can be found online at: [www.ct.gov/deep/invasivespecies](http://www.ct.gov/deep/invasivespecies).

Please prevent new introductions of invasive plants and animals; CLEAN, DRAIN, DRY your boat and gear.

# Lakes & Ponds

Statewide regulations for seasons, legal methods, and limits (page 12) apply unless a site-specific regulation is listed for a water body.

The following lakes and ponds are available for public fishing through the courtesy of the owners or state ownership.

## Determining fishing regulations is a simple two-step process:

1. Check the regulation table (page 12) for general statewide Species, Legal Methods, and Limits regulations.
2. Look up the **waterbody** in the alphabetical list of lake and ponds to find any special regulations that apply. If no site-specific regulations are listed for a waterbody, statewide regulations apply.

## Lake and Pond Legend

- Public boat launching area
- Cartop boat launching area
- Facilities for disabled
- State campground
- Shore fishing access
- Family friendly fishing location
- State picnic area

*Italics* Access/stocking information

(T SMB) Most common species (those in **bold type** should provide the best fishing) – see key to fish species abbreviations at right

**ALLEN BROOK POND**, Wallingford,  
(see Wharton Pond)

**ALEXANDER LAKE**, Killingly (215 acres)

- Note:** No public access.
- Species:** (LMB SMB CP S BB WP YP)
- Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–last day February.
- Other:** The possession and use of any live alewives, blueback (glut or river) herring, gizzard, hickory or threadfin shad as bait is prohibited. Motor size limit—12 cu in (Approx. 10 hp).

**AMOS LAKE**, Preston (113 acres)

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- TROUT MANAGEMENT LAKE / BASS MANAGEMENT LAKE**
- Species:** (T CP LMB BB AE YP S)
  - Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–March 31.
  - Largemouth & smallmouth bass:** 12" to 18" protected slot limit. Daily creel limit—6 bass, only 1 may be 18" or greater.
  - Trout:** From March 1–March 31, Daily creel limit—1, 16" minimum length.
  - Other:** 8 mph speed limit. See 2013 Boater's Guide for summer exemption.

**ANDERSON POND** (Blue Lake), North Stonington (57 acres)

- Species:** (LMB CP CB S BB YP)

**ANGUS PARK POND** (Eastbury Pond), Glastonbury (9.4 acres)

- Species:** (T CP LMB S BB YP)
- Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–October 31.
- Other:** Boats and canoes prohibited.

**ASHLAND POND**, Griswold (89 acres)

- Species:** (LMB CP YP S)

**ASPINOOK POND**, Lisbon/Griswold/Canterbury (301 acres)

*Informal boat access off Butts Bridge Road, no facilities. Commercial launch (fee charged) at private campground off Ross Hill Road.*

- Species:** (LMB WP YP S CA CB)
- Other:** Butts Bridge is the demarcation line between the pond and the Quinebaug River.

The boating laws and regulations provided in this guide are brief summaries of selected state boating safety statutes and regulations, and local ordinances. For complete boating regulations and additional information, please refer to the *2013 Connecticut Boater's Guide* which can be obtained from the DEEP Boating Division (860-434-8638).

## Key to Fish Species Abbreviations

American eel	AE	rainbow smelt	RA
brown bullhead	BB	smallmouth bass	SMB
common carp	CA	sunfish	S
calico bass	CB	trout	T
chain pickerel	CP	walleye	WA
channel catfish	CC	white catfish	WC
kokanee salmon	K	white perch	WP
largemouth bass	LMB	yellow perch	YP
northern pike	NP		

### BASS

### TROUT

### KOKANEE

### NORTHERN PIKE

### WALLEYE

### CATFISH

### COMMUNITY FISHING

### PONDS

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are color-coded for major  
gamefish species

**AVERY POND**, Preston (36 acres)

- Species:** (CP LMB YP BB S)
- Other:** 8 mph speed limit.

**BABCOCK POND**, Colchester (119 acres)

- Species:** (LMB YP S CP BB)
- Other:** 8 mph speed limit.

**BACKWATER POND**, Thompson

- Children's Pond:** Fishing restricted to children under age 16 in town park.
- Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–November 30.

**BALD MOUNTAIN POND**, Stafford (1 acre)

- Species:** (T BB S)
- Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–last day February.

**BALDWINS POND**, Meriden (5.4 acres)

- Species:** (T)
- Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–last day February.

**BALL POND**, New Fairfield (83 acres)

- Species:** (T LMB BB S YP)
- Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–last day February.
- Other:** Vessels with motors attached prohibited.

**BANTAM LAKE**, Morris-Litchfield (947 acres)

### NORTHERN PIKE LAKE

- Species:** (NP SMB LMB WP CB YP S BB)
- Northern Pike:**
  - » May 1–Nov. 30: Daily creel limit—2, 26" minimum length.
  - » Dec. 1–last day Feb.: Daily creel limit—1, 36" minimum length.
  - » March 1–April 30: Closed to northern pike fishing.
- All Other Species:** Open year round, statewide regulations apply.
- Other:** Motors prohibited 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. Use of internal combustion motors prohibited on the Bantam River between Bantam Lake and the inlet to Little Pond.

**BARBER POND**, Bloomfield (9.4 acres)

- Species:** (S)
- Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–last day February.
- Other:** Boats and canoes prohibited except between May 16 and October 31. Use of all motors prohibited.

**BASHAN LAKE**, East Haddam (273 acres)

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- BASS MANAGEMENT LAKE**
- Species:** (T LMB SMB CP CB YP S)
  - Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–last day February.
  - Largemouth & smallmouth bass:** 12" to 16" protected slot limit. Daily creel limit—6 bass, only 2 may be 16" or greater.
  - Other:** 35 mph speed limit days, 6 mph limit ½ hour after sunset to 8 a.m.

## Lakes and Ponds open year-round (no closed season) unless otherwise stated.

### BATTERSON PARK POND, Farmington (140 acres)



#### WALLEYE LAKE

- **Species:** (CB YP WP S LMB WA)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–October 31.
- **Other:** Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

### BAUMMER POND, Naugatuck (2.7 acres)



- **Species:** (T BB S)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–last day February.

### BEACH POND, Voluntown – Rhode Island (372 acres)



#### WALLEYE LAKE

- **Species:** (T LMB SMB CP S YP WA)
- **Note:** Connecticut or Rhode Island fishing license legal on entire pond. Rhode Island regulations apply for bass and pickerel.
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–last day February.
- **Largemouth & smallmouth bass:** Daily creel limit—5 bass, 12" minimum length.
- **Chain Pickerel:** Daily creel limit—5, 14" minimum length.
- **Broodstock Atlantic salmon** have been stocked several times into this lake, first in 2007 and most recently in April 2009. Regulations for salmon are the same as for trout except: Daily creel limit—1 Atlantic salmon.
- **All Other Species:** CT Statewide regulations apply.
- **Other:** No more than six tip-ups may be used when ice-fishing.

### BEACHDALE POND, Voluntown (46 acres)



- **Species:** (LMB T YP BB)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–last day February.
- **Other:** 8 mph speed limit.

### BEACHLAND POND, West Hartford (1.1 acres)

- **Children's Pond:** Fishing restricted to children under age 16.
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–November 30.

### BEAVER BROOK PONDS

(Bibbins Ponds), Windham (20 acres)



- **Species:** (T)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–last day February.
- **Other:** Boats and canoes prohibited except from May 16 to October 31. Motors prohibited.

### BEAVER PARK LAGOON, New Haven (8.5 acres)



- **Species:** (AE LMB CA S BB)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–October 31.

### BESECK LAKE, Middlefield (116 acres)



- **Species:** (LMB YP CB S)
- **Other:** 8 mph speed limit. See 2013 Boater's Guide for summer exemption.

### BESSE PARK POND, Torrington (4.5 acres)



- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–November 30.

### BICENTENNIAL POND (Mansfield Town Pond), Mansfield (6 acres)



- **Species:** (T S LMB BB)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–October 31.

### BIGELOW POND, Union (25 acres)



- **Species:** (T YP LMB S)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–last day February.
- **Other:** Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

### BILLINGS LAKE, North Stonington (97 acres)



#### BASS MANAGEMENT LAKE

- **Species:** (T LMB YP CP S CB BB)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April to last day February.
- **Largemouth & smallmouth bass:** 12" to 16" protected slot limit. Daily creel limit—6 bass, only 2 may be 16" or greater.

### BISHOP SWAMP (Jurovaty Pond), Andover (53 acres)

Informal cartop launch.

- **Species:** (LMB CB S BB)
- **Other:** Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

### BLACK POND, Meriden-Middlefield (76 acres)



#### BASS MANAGEMENT LAKE / CATFISH LAKE

Channel catfish first stocked in 2007.

- **Species:** (T LMB CP BB CB S CC)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–last day February.
- **Largemouth & smallmouth bass:** 12" to 16" protected slot limit. Daily creel limit—6 bass, only 2 may be 16" or greater.

- **Other:** Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

### BLACK POND, Woodstock (74 acres)



- **Species:** (T LMB SMB CP YP BB S CB)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–last day February.
- **Other:** Motors limited to 5 hp.

### BLACK ROCK LAKE (Branch Brook), Watertown (21 acres)



- **Species:** (T)
- **Season:** Open 3rd Saturday April–last day February.

### BLACK ROCK POND, Watertown (9.5 acres)



In Black Rock State Park.

#### TROUT PARK

- **Species:** (T LMB)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–last day February.
- **Trout:** Daily creel limit—2.
- **Other:** All vessels prohibited.

### BLUE LAKE (see Anderson Pond)



### BOLTON LAKES (Lower, Middle, Upper), Bolton-Coventry-Vernon (346 acres)



#### BASS MANAGEMENT LAKE / CATFISH LAKE

Channel catfish first stocked into Lower Bolton Lake in 2007.

- **Species:** (YP BB CP LMB SMB S CC)
- **Largemouth & smallmouth bass:** 12" to 16" protected slot limit. Daily creel limit—6 bass, only 2 may be 16" or greater.
- **Other:** Motors limited to 6 hp.

### BOLTON NOTCH POND, Bolton (17 acres)



- **Species:** (LMB S YP)

### BRANFORD SUPPLY PONDS, Branford (26 acres)



- **Species:** (T LMB S CP)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–last day February.

### BREAKNECK POND, Union-Massachusetts (92 acres)



Walk-in access (approximately 1.2 miles from north end of Bigelow Pond).

- **Note:** Connecticut or Massachusetts license legal on entire pond.
- **Species:** (S YP CB CP LMB)
- **Other:** Use of internal combustion engines prohibited. Motor vehicle access prohibited.

### BROAD BROOK MILLPOND, East Windsor (19 acres)



- **Species:** (T LMB YP S)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–last day February.
- **Other:** Motors prohibited.

### BULL POND, Harwinton (20 acres)

Informal cartop access.

- **Species:** (BB LMB BC)
- **Other:** Motors prohibited.

### BUNNELL'S POND (Beardsley Park Pond), Bridgeport (33 acres)



#### COMMUNITY FISHING POND / CATFISH LAKE

Channel catfish first stocked in 2007.

- **Species:** (S CC T)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–November 30.
- **Other:** Ice fishing prohibited.

### BURR POND, Torrington (85 acres)



- **Species:** (BB LMB S)
- **Other:** 8 mph speed limit.

### BUTTERNUT POND, East Windsor (1.4 acres)

- **Children's Pond:** Fishing restricted to children under age 16.
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–October 31.

### CANDLEWOOD LAKE, Danbury-New Fairfield-Sherman-New Milford-Brookfield (5064 acres)



#### TROUT MANAGEMENT LAKE

- **Species:** (T LMB SMB YP WC WP CB BB S)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–March 31.
- **Trout:** From March 1–March 31; Daily creel limit—1, 16" minimum length.
- **Other:** 45 mph daytime speed limit, 25 mph from ½ hour after sunset to ½ hour before sunrise.

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## CEDAR LAKE, Chester (69 acres)



- **Species:** (T YP LMB CP BB S)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–last day February.
- **Other:** 6 mph speed limit.

## CHATFIELD HOLLOW POND

(see Schreeder Pond)

## LAKE CHAMBERLAIN, Bethany (107 acres)

### BASS MANAGEMENT LAKE

- **Species:** (LMB CP S)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–November 30.
- **Largemouth & smallmouth bass:** 12" to 16" protected slot limit; Daily creel limit—6 bass, only 2 may be 16" or greater.
- **Note:** Shore fishing only. Fishing by permit from South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority 203-562-4020.

## CHRISTENSEN'S POND, Granby (1.5 acres)



- **Species:** (T S)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–last day February.

## CITY HALL POND, Milford

- **Children's Pond:** Fishing restricted to children under age 16.
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–November 30.

## CLARKS POND (Mill River), Hamden



- **Species:** (T)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–last day February.
- **Other:** Boats and canoes prohibited.

## COLEBROOK RIVER LAKE, Colebrook-Massachusetts (826 acres)



- ### BASS MANAGEMENT LAKE
- **Note:** Connecticut or Massachusetts fishing license legal on entire pond from demarcation posters downstream to the dam.
  - **Species:** (T RA LMB SMB WC)
  - **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–last day February.
  - **Largemouth & smallmouth bass:** 12" to 16" protected slot limit; Daily creel limit—6 bass, only 2 may be 16" or greater.
  - **Other:** 20 mph speed limit. The possession and use of any live alewives, blueback (glut or river) herring, gizzard, hickory or threadfin shad as bait is prohibited.

## COLONY POND (Abe Stone Park Pond), Ansonia (3.6 acres)

- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–November 30.

## COMPENSATING RESERVOIR (see Lake McDonough)

## CONGAMOND LAKES

(South Pond, Middle Pond, and North Pond),  
Suffield-Massachusetts (465 acres)



- **Note:** Connecticut or Massachusetts fishing license is legal on all three lakes.
- **Species:** (T LMB BB YP CP AE S)
- Massachusetts regulations apply as follows:
- **Season:** open year-round.
- **Trout:** Daily creel limit—3
- **Bass:** Daily creel limit—5, 12" minimum length.
- **Chain pickerel:** Daily creel limit—5, 15" minimum length.
- **Other:** Not more than two hooks may be used during periods of open water fishing and not more than five hooks may be used when ice fishing.

## COVENTRY LAKE (Wangumbaug Lake), Coventry (373 acres)



### BASS MANAGEMENT LAKE / WALLEYE LAKE

- **Species:** (T YP LMB SMB WA S CB)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–last day February.
- **Largemouth & smallmouth bass:** 12" to 16" protected slot limit. Daily creel limit—6 bass, only 2 may be 16" or greater.
- **Other:** The possession and use of any live alewives, blueback (glut or river) herring, gizzard, hickory or threadfin shad as bait is prohibited. 6 mph speed limit from sunset to 1 hour after sunrise all days, and on Sundays noon to 4:00 p.m. from May 15 to September 15, and from noon to 2:00 p.m. on July 4. 40 mph limit all other times.

## CRESCENT LAKE, Southington (51.2 acres)



- **Species:** (LMB S YP)
- **Other:** Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

## CRYSTAL LAKE, Ellington-Stafford (183 acres)



### TROUT MANAGEMENT LAKE

- **Species:** (T YP CP SMB LMB S)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–March 31.
- **Trout:**
  - » From 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–last day February, 12" to 16" protected slot

limit. Daily creel limit—5, only 1 may be 16" or greater.

» From March 1–March 31; Daily creel limit—1, 16" minimum length.

• **Broodstock Atlantic salmon have been stocked several times into this lake, first in 2007 and most recently in December, 2011. Regulations for salmon are the same as for trout except:** Daily creel limit—1 Atlantic salmon.

• **Other:** 6 mph speed limit from sunset to 9 a.m., and on Sundays from noon to 3:00 p.m. 45 mph speed limit at all other times.

## CRYSTAL LAKE, Middletown (32 acres)



- **Species:** (LMB YP BB S)
- **Other:** Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

## DAY POND, Colchester (7.4 acres)



### TROUT PARK

- **Species:** (T S WC)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–last day February.
- **Trout:** Daily creel limit—2.
- **Other:** All vessels prohibited.

## DODGE POND, East Lyme (34 acres)



- **Species:** (T LMB CB YP)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–last day February.
- **Other:** Use of all motors prohibited.

## DOG POND, Goshen (66 acres)



- **Species:** (LMB CP YP CB BB S)

## DOOLEY POND, Middletown (19 acres)



- **Species:** (LMB YP S)
- **Other:** 8 mph speed limit.

## EAGLEVILLE LAKE, Coventry-Mansfield (77 acres)



Brigham Road Bridge (Plains Road) is the demarcation line between the lake and the Willimantic River.

- **Species:** (LMB SMB CP S YP BB)
- **Other:** 8 mph speed limit.

## EASTBURY POND (see Angus Park Pond)

## EAST TWIN LAKE (Washining Lake), Salisbury (569 acres)



Commercial launching ramp, fee charged. Boat livery.

### TROUT MANAGEMENT LAKE / KOKANEE LAKE

- **Species:** (T LMB CP YP S BB CB K)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–last day February.
- **Trout & Kokanee combined:** Daily creel limit—8 for both species in aggregate, of which no more than 5 may be trout.
- **Other:** 35 mph daytime speed limit, 6 mph from ½ hour after sunset to ½ hour after sunrise. Also 6 mph within 200 feet of vessel or dock. The possession and use of any live alewives, blueback (glut or river) herring, gizzard, hickory or threadfin shad as bait is prohibited. The use of radios by fishermen is prohibited from 11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

## EDGEWOOD PARK POND, New Haven (3 acres)

- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–November 30.

## ENDERS POND, Granby (1 acre)



In Enders State Forest (Route 219).

- **Species:** (T S)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–last day February.

## FACTORY POND (Norwalk River), Redding-Wilton (12 acres)

- **Species:** (T)

- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–last day February.

## FACTORY POND (Town Grove Pond), Salisbury (2 acres)



- **Children's Pond:** Fishing restricted to children under age 16.
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–November 30.

## FARMILL (ISINGLASS) RESERVOIR, Shelton (4 acres)

- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–December 31.

- **Species:** (LMB S)

- **Note:** Permit required to fish—contact Aquarion Water company at 203-452-3511.

## Lakes and Ponds open year-round (no closed season) unless otherwise stated.

### FERNRIDGE PARK POND, West Hartford (0.7 acres)

- **Children's Pond:** Fishing restricted to children under age 16.
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–November 30.

### FISHER MEADOWS POND (Spring Lake), Avon (41 acres)



Within Fisher Meadows Park.

- **Species:** (LMB CA S)

### FITCHVILLE POND, Bozrah (59 acres)

- **Species:** (T LMB CP S)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–last day February.

### FOUNTAIN LAKE RESERVOIR, Ansonia-Seymour (6 acres)



- **Species:** (T LMB S)

- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–last day February.

### FRESHWATER POND (Freshwater Brook), Enfield (8 acres)



- **Species:** (T)

- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–last day February.

### GARDNER LAKE, Salem-Montville-Bozrah (529 acres)



### BASS MANAGEMENT LAKE / WALLEYE LAKE

- **Species:** (T SMB LMB YP CP CB S WA BB WC)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–last day February.
- **Largemouth & smallmouth bass:** Daily creel limit—2, 16" minimum length.
- **Other:** 6 mph speed limit from sunset to 8:00 a.m.

### GAY CITY POND, Hebron (5.1 acres)



- **Species:** (T CP BB YP)

- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–last day February.

- **Other:** All vessels prohibited.

### GLASGO POND, Griswold (168 acres)



- **Species:** (LMB YP BB CB S)

### GORTON POND, East Lyme (52 acres)



- **Species:** (LMB CB YP BB S)

- **Other:** 8 mph speed limit.

## CANDLEWOOD LAKE DEPTH MAP

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### GOULD MANOR POND, Fairfield (2 acres)

- **Children's Pond:** Fishing restricted to children under age 16.
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–November 30.

### GREAT HILL POND, Portland (76 acres)

Informal cartop/carry-in access only (30 yards).

- **Species:** (LMB CP YP CB S BB WC)
- **Other:** Motors limited to 6 hp or less. 12 mph speed limit.

### GREAT HOLLOW POND, Monroe (15 acres)

Within Wolfe Park.

#### TROUT PARK

- **Species:** (T)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–November 30.
- **Trout:** Daily creel limit—2

### GREEN FALLS RESERVOIR (Green Falls Pond), Voluntown (48 acres)



- **Species:** (T LMB BB S)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–October 31.
- **Other:** Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

### GRIGGS POND, Woodstock (38 acres)



Walk in access from Route 198 (200 yards).

- **Species:** (LMB YP S BB)
- **Other:** Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

### HALLS POND, Eastford-Ashford (82 acres)



#### BASS MANAGEMENT LAKE

- **Species:** (LMB S YP CB CP)
- **Largemouth & smallmouth bass:** 12" to 16" protected slot limit. Daily creel limit—6 bass, only 2 may be 16" or greater.
- **Other:** 8 mph speed limit.

### HALLVILLE POND (Indiantown Brook), Preston (10 acres)

Informal cartop access.

- **Species:** (T)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–last day February.

### HAMILTON RESERVOIR, Union-Massachusetts (412 acres)



- **Species:** (T LMB SMB YP CB S BB)
- **Note:** Connecticut or Massachusetts fishing license legal on entire pond. Massachusetts regulations apply as follows:

- **Season:** Open year-round.
- **Trout:** Daily creel limit—3
- **Large & smallmouth bass:** Daily creel limit—5 total, 12" minimum length.
- **Chain pickerel:** Daily creel limit—5, 15" minimum length.
- **Northern pike:** Daily creel limit—1, 28" minimum length.
- **Other:** Not more than two hooks may be used during periods of open water fishing and not more than five hooks may be used when ice fishing.

### HAMPTON RESERVOIR, Hampton-Eastford (88 acres)



- **Species:** (LMB YP CP S BB)

- **Other:** Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

### HANCOCK BROOK LAKE, Plymouth (20 acres)



Open 8:00 a.m. to sunset. Walk-in access only after Columbus Day until the 3rd Saturday in April.

- **Species:** (T)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–last day February.

### HANOVER POND, Meriden (70 acres)

Town operated boat launch.

- **Species:** (LMB S)
- **Other:** Steerage speed only.

### HANOVER RESERVOIR, Canterbury-Sprague (21 acres)

Walk-in access (approximately 600 yards from Little River Road in Canterbury).

- **Species:** (T LMB S)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–last day February.

### HATCH POND, Kent (72 acres)



- **Species:** (YP BB CP LMB CB S)
- **Other:** 8 mph speed limit.

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## LAKE HAYWARD (Shaw Lake), East Haddam (174 acres)



### BASS MANAGEMENT LAKE

- **Species:** (T LMB YP CP S CB BB AE)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–last day February.
- **Largemouth & smallmouth bass:** 12" to 16" protected slot limit. Daily creel limit—6 bass, only 2 may be 16" or greater.
- **Other:** Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

## HELEN KELLER SCHOOL POND, Easton



- **Children's Pond:** Fishing restricted to children under age 16.
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–November 30.

## HEWITT FLYFISHING POND (Gallup Pond), North Stonington (2 acres)



- **Species:** (T LMB YP S BB)
- **Methods:** Fly fishing only.
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–October 31.
- **Other:** All vessels prohibited.

## HEWITT POND (Lower Hewitt Pond), North Stonington (2 acres)

- **Species:** (T S BB)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–last day February.
- **Other:** All vessels prohibited.

## HIGGANUM RESERVOIR, Haddam (31 acres)



Public right-of-way, passable for cars.

- **Species:** (T S)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–last day February.
- **Other:** 8 mph speed limit.

## HIGHLAND LAKE, Winchester (445 acres)



### TROUT MANAGEMENT LAKE / BASS MANAGEMENT LAKE

- **Species:** (T LMB YP SMB CB S)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–March 31.
- **Largemouth & smallmouth bass:** Daily creel limit—2, 16" minimum length.
- **Trout:**
  - » From 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–last day February, 12" to 16" protected slot limit. Daily creel limit—5, only 1 may be 16" or greater.
  - » From March 1–March 31; Daily creel limit—1, 16" minimum length.

- **Other:** 6 mph speed limit from ½ hour after sunset to ½ hour before sunrise (and from 5 p.m. on Sundays from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day). 45 mph speed limit on weekends and holidays.

## HODGE POND, Voluntown (10 acres)

Public right-of-way, carry-in access.

- **Species:** (LMB CP YP S BB)

## HOGBACK RESERVOIR (see West Branch Reservoir)

## HOLBROOK POND, Hebron (83 acres)



Handicapped access at dam.

- **Species:** (LMB YP CB S)
- **Other:** 8 mph speed limit.

## HOP BROOK LAKE, Middlebury (26 acres)



Open 8:00 a.m. to sunset. Walk-in access only after Columbus Day until the 3rd Saturday in April.

- **Species:** (T)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–last day February.
- **Other:** Vessels with motors, except electric, prohibited. No ice fishing.

## HOPE LAKE (see Nells Rock Reservoir)

## HOPEVILLE POND, Griswold (137 acres)



Launch open from Opening Day to early October.

- **Species:** (LMB NP CP S WP YP)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–last day February.
- **Other:** 8 mph speed limit.

## HOPEWELL POND/LAKE HOPEWELL (see Huntington Pond)

## HORSE POND, Salem (13 acres)



- **Species:** (T S BB CP LMB)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–last day February.
- **Trout:** Statewide daily creel limit (5) now applies.
- **Other:** Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

## LAKE HOSATONIC, Shelton-Derby-Monroe-Oxford-Seymour (328 acres)



From the Stevenson Dam to the Derby Dam. Boat launch at Indian Well State Park, opens for daytime (8:00 a.m. to sunset) use on April 1st (no other amenities until mid-May). Park officially closes September 30th. Note: boating/fishing access may continue past this date. Contact Park Manager (203-735-4311) for information concerning status of fall boating and fishing access.

## BASS MANAGEMENT LAKE

- **Species:** (SMB LMB WC WP YP AE S CA)

- **Largemouth & smallmouth bass:** Daily creel limit—2, 16" minimum length.

- **Other:** Minimum steerage speed within 25 ft. of shore or dock. 45 mph speed limit daytime, 25 mph from ½ hour after sunset to ½ hour before sunrise.

## HOWELLS POND, Hartland (14 acres)



Public right-of-way, passable for cars.

- **Species:** (T)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–last day February.
- **Other:** Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

## HUNTINGTON POND (Starret Pond, Lake Hopewell, Huntington Park Pond, Redding (15 acres)



- **Species:** (T LMB S)

- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–last day February.
- **Other:** Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

## HURLBURT POND, Putnam (3 acres)



- **Children's Pond:** Fishing restricted to children under age 16.
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–November 30.

## HYDE PARK POND, Stafford (.25 acres)

- **Children's Pond:** Fishing restricted to children under age 16.

- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–November 30.

## HYDE POND, Ledyard (5.4 acres)



- **Species:** (T)

## INDIAN LAKE (Indian Pond), Sharon-New York (196 acres)

• **Note:** Connecticut or New York fishing license legal on entire pond. New York regulations apply for large & small-mouth bass.

- **Species:** (LMB YP)
- **Largemouth & smallmouth bass:** Season—Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–November 30.
- **All Other Species:** Season—Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–March 31.
- **Other:** Not more than five tip-ups and two hand-held jigs allowed for ice fishing.

## ISINGLASS RESERVOIR (see Farmill Reservoir)

## KAATZ POND, Trumbull (2 acres)

- **Children's Pond:** Fishing restricted to children under age 16.
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–November 30.

## KEACH POND (see Peck Pond)

## KENY PARK POND, Hartford (3 acres)



Community fishing pond / catfish lake

- Channel catfish first stocked in 2007.
- **Species:** (T S CC)
  - **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–last day February.

## LAKE KENOSIA, Danbury (60 acres)



### BASS MANAGEMENT LAKE

- **Species:** (LMB S BB YP)
- **Largemouth & smallmouth bass:** 12" to 16" protected slot limit. Daily creel limit—6 bass, only 2 may be 16" or greater.
- **Other:** Operating a boat propelled by an internal combustion engine prohibited.

## KILLINGLY POND, Killingly-Rhode Island (122 acres)

• **Note:** Connecticut or Rhode Island fishing license legal on entire pond.

- **Species:** (LMB SMB S YP CP)
- **Largemouth & smallmouth bass:** Daily creel limit—5 bass, 12" minimum length.
- **Chain Pickerel:** Daily creel limit—5, 14" minimum length.
- **All Other Species:** CT statewide regulations apply.
- **Other:** No more than six tip-ups may be used when ice-fishing. Motors limited to 12 cu in (approx. 10 hp).

## Lakes and Ponds open year-round (no closed season) unless otherwise stated.

### LAKE OF ISLES, North Stonington (89 acres)



- **Species:** (LMB CP YP CB S BB)
- **Other:** 8 mph speed limit.

### LAKEVILLE LAKE (see Wononskopomuc Lake)

### LAKEWOOD LAKE (Great Brook Reservoir), Waterbury (73 acres)



### COMMUNITY FISHING POND / CATFISH LAKE

Channel catfish first stocked in 2008.

- **Species:** (LMB S CC)

### LANTERN HILL POND, Ledyard-North Stonington (23 acres)



- **Species:** (T LMB CP CB YP S)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–last day February.

### LEONARD POND, Kent (20 acres)



- **Species:** (YP CB CP BB LMB)

### LAKE LILLINONAH, Brookfield-Bridgewater-Newtown-Southbury-New Milford (1547 acres)



From Bleachery Dam to the Shepaug Dam.

- **Species:** (LMB SMB WP CB WC NP S CA YP)
- **Other:** 45 mph speed limit daytime, 25 mph from ½ hour after sunset to ½ hour before sunrise.

### LILLY POND, Thompson (7.4 acres)

- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–November 30.

### LITTLE POND (Little Bantam), Litchfield (15 acres)

- **Species:** (NP LMB YP S BB)
- **Northern Pike:**
  - » May 1–Nov. 30: Daily creel limit—2, 26" minimum length.
  - » Dec. 1–last day Feb.: Daily creel limit—1, 36" minimum length.
  - » March 1–April 30: Closed to northern pike fishing.
- **All Other Species:** Open year round, statewide regulations apply.

### LITTLE POND (Schoolhouse Pond), Thompson (65 acres)



- **Species:** (T LMB YP CP CB S)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–last day February.

### LONG POND, Ledyard-North Stonington (109 acres)



- **Species:** (T CP LMB CB YP S)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–last day February.
- **Other:** 5 mph speed limit.

### LOWER FULTON PARK POND, Waterbury (2.8 acres)



- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–November 30.

### LOWER STORRS PUMPING POND, Mansfield (2 acre)



- **Species:** (T)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–last day February.

### MAD RIVER FLOOD CONTROL IMPOUNDMENT, Winchester (7.9 acres)



- **Species:** (T)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–last day February.
- **Other:** All vessels prohibited.

### MALTBY LAKES (1,2,3), Orange-West Haven (19, 23 & 25 acres)



- **BASS MANAGEMENT LAKE / CATFISH LAKE**  
Channel catfish first stocked into Maltby Lakes 2 & 3 in 2007.
- **Species:** (T LMB S YP CC)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–November 30.
- **Largemouth & smallmouth bass:** 12" to 16" protected slot limit. Daily creel limit—6 bass, only 2 may be 16" or greater.
- **Note:** Shore fishing only. Fishing by permit from South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority 203-562-4020.

### MAMANASCO LAKE, Ridgefield (89 acres)



- **BASS MANAGEMENT LAKE**
- **Species:** (LMB S YP BB CB)
- **Largemouth & smallmouth bass:** 12" to 16" protected slot limit. Daily creel limit—6 bass, only 2 may be 16" or greater.
- **Other:** Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

### MANITOONK LAKE, Granby (57 acres)



- **Species:** (LMB S)
- **Note:** Ice fishing permitted on weekends only.
- **Other:** 5 mph speed limit in restricted areas. Use of motors in excess of 7-½ hp prohibited on Saturdays.

### MANSFIELD HOLLOW RESERVOIR (Naubesatuck Lake), Mansfield-Chaplin-Windham (460 acres)



- **BASS MANAGEMENT LAKE / NORTHERN PIKE LAKE**
- **Species:** (CP LMB NP T YP S CB)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–last day February.
- **Largemouth & smallmouth bass:** 12" to 16" protected slot limit. Daily creel limit—6 bass, only 2 may be 16" or greater.
- **Other:** 8 mph speed limit. Swimming prohibited.

### MANSFIELD TOWN POND (see Bicentennial Pond)



### MANSFIELD TRAINING SCHOOL PONDS, Mansfield (1.1 & 2.3 acres)



- **Species:** (T S BB)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–last day February.

### MASHAPAUG LAKE, Union (287 acres)



- **BASS MANAGEMENT LAKE / WALLEYE LAKE**
- **Species:** (T LMB SMB CP YP S WA)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–last day February.
- **Largemouth & smallmouth bass:** 12" to 16" protected slot limit. Daily creel limit—6 bass, only 2 may be 16" or greater.
- **Broodstock Atlantic salmon:** have been stocked several times into this lake, first in 2008 and most recently in October, 2009. Regulations for salmon are the same as for trout except: Daily creel limit—1 Atlantic salmon.
- **Other:** 10 mph speed limit.

### LAKE McDONOUGH (Compensating Reservoir), New Hartford-Barkhamsted (391 acres)



- **Species:** (T LMB SMB YP S)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–November 30.
- **Note:** 10 mph motorboat speed limit. Boat launch owned and operated by MDC (\$6.00 parking fee, \$6.00 launching fee). Launch area open from 3rd Saturday April through Labor Day. Boat launch hours: 10:00 a.m.–sunset weekdays, 8:00 a.m.–sunset weekends, except 6:00 a.m.–sunset on Opening Day. Boats must be off lake by 7:30 p.m. Reservoir shore fishing access from sunrise to 9:00 p.m. (except from 6:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m. on Opening Day). Contact MDC (860-379-3036, 860-379-0916) for updated fees and hours.

### McGOVERN POND, West Hartford (1 acre)

- **Children's Pond:** Fishing restricted to children under age 16.
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–November 30.

### MESSERSCHMIDT POND, Deep River-Westbrook (73 acres)



- **Species:** (LMB CP BB YP AE)
- **Other:** Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

### MILL POND, Newington (2.7 acres)



- **Children's Pond:** Fishing restricted to children under age 16.
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–November 30.

### MILL WOODS PARK POND, Wethersfield (7.3 acres)



- **Children's Pond:** Fishing restricted to children under age 16.
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–November 30.

### MILLERS POND, Durham (33 acres)



- **Carry in boat access (300 yards).**
- **Species:** (LMB YP T S)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–last day February.
- **Other:** Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

### MIRROR LAKE (Hubbard Park Pond), Meriden (7.4 acres)



- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–November 30.

### MITCHELL POND, East Haddam (4 acres)



- **Species:** (LMB S)
- **Other:** Boats and canoes prohibited.

### MOHAWK POND, Cornwall-Goshen (16 acres)



- **Species:** (T LMB)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–last day February.
- **Other:** Use of all motors prohibited.

### MOHEGAN LAKE, Fairfield (15 acres)



- **Species:** (T)
- **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–October 31.

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## MOHEGAN PARK POND (Spaulding Pond), Norwich (14 acres)



### BASS MANAGEMENT LAKE / TROUT PARK / COMMUNITY FISHING POND / CATFISH LAKE

Channel catfish first stocked in 2007.

- Species: (T S BB LMB CC)
- Season: Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–November 30.
- **Largemouth & smallmouth bass:** Daily creel limit—2, 16" minimum length.
- **Trout:** Daily creel limit—2.

## MONO POND, Columbia (113 acres)



- Species: (LMB YP CP S)
- Other: 8 mph speed limit.

## MOODUS RESERVOIR (Upper, Lower), East Haddam (486 acres)



### BASS MANAGEMENT LAKE

- Species: (LMB CP CB S YP)
- **Largemouth & smallmouth bass:** 12" to 18" protected slot limit. Daily creel limit—6 bass, only 1 may be 18" or greater.
- **Other:** 35 mph speed limit days, 6 mph limit ½ hour after sunset to 8 a.m.

## MOOSUP POND, Plainfield (96 acres)

- Species: (T S LMB YP BB)
- Season: Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–last day February.

## MOREY POND, Union-Ashford (45 acres)



- Species: (BB CP LMB YP S)
- Other: 8 mph speed limit.

## MOUNT TOM POND, Morris-Litchfield-Washington (56 acres)



- Species: (T S LMB CB CP YP)
- Season: Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–last day February.
- **Broodstock Atlantic salmon:** were stocked into this lake in November, 2010. Regulations for salmon are the same as for trout except: Daily creel limit—1 **Atlantic salmon**.
- **Other:** Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

## MUDGY POND, Woodstock-Massachusetts (38 acres)



- Note: No public access. Connecticut or Massachusetts fishing license legal on entire pond. Connecticut regulations apply.
- Species: (LMB CP YP S BB)
- Other: 5 hp limit.

## MUDGE POND (Silver Lake), Sharon (207 acres)



### BASS MANAGEMENT LAKE

- Species: (LMB CP YP S BB)
- **Largemouth & smallmouth bass:** 12" to 18" protected slot limit. Daily creel limit—6 bass, only 1 may be 18" or greater.



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- **Other:** Motors limited to 7-½ hp. Speed limit 6 mph. Use of motors prohibited from ½ hour after sunset to sunrise and anytime within 200 feet of town beach.

## NAUBESATUCK LAKE (see Mansfield Hollow Reservoir)

## NELLS ROCK RESERVOIR (Hope Lake), Shelton (10.3 acres)



- Species: (T)
- Season: Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–last day February.

## NORTH FARMS RESERVOIR, Wallingford (64 acres)



- Species: (LMB BB S CP CB)
- Other: 8 mph speed limit.

## NORTH STREET POND, Milford

- **Children's Pond:** Fishing restricted to children under age 16.
- Season: Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–November 30.

## NORTHFIELD BROOK LAKE, Litchfield (8 acres)



Open 8:00 a.m. to sunset. Walk-in access only after Columbus Day until the 3rd Saturday in April.

- Species: (T)
- Season: Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–last day February.

## NORTHFIELD CUTLERY COMPANY POND, Litchfield

Public right-of-way, passable for cars.

- Species: (LMB S)

## NORWICH POND, Lyme (30 acres)



- Species: (T LMB S CP)
- Season: Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–last day February.
- **Other:** Operation of motorboats prohibited.

## PACHAUG POND, Griswold (841 acres)



### NORTHERN PIKE LAKE

- Species: (LMB CP NP WP CB YP S BB)

## PAGE PARK LAGOON, Bristol (1.5 acres)



- **Children's Pond:** Fishing restricted to children under age 16.
- Season: Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–November 30.

## PAINES POND, Ashford (2 acres)



- Species: (T)
- Season: Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–last day February.

## PAPERMILL POND (see Southford Falls Pond), Oxford-Southbury (2.4 acres)

## PARK POND, Winchester (74.9 acres)



- Species: (LMB S YP BB CP CB)
- Other: 8 mph speed limit.

## PASTURE POND, Plainfield



- At Quinebaug Valley State Hatchery
- **Children's Pond:** Fishing restricted to children under age 16.
  - Season: Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–September 30.

## PATTACONK LAKE (Russell Jennings Pond), Chester (56 acres)



Carry-in boat access only (75 yards).

### CATFISH LAKE

Channel catfish first stocked in 2007.

- Species: (T LMB YP S CC CB)
- Season: Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–last day February.
- **Other:** 8 mph speed limit. Use of internal combustion engines prohibited during July and August.

## PATTAGANSETT LAKE, East Lyme (128 acres)



- **BASS MANAGEMENT LAKE**
- Species: (LMB CB S CP YP AE)
- **Largemouth & smallmouth bass:** 12" to 18" protected slot limit. Daily creel limit—6 bass, only 1 may be 18" or greater.
- **Other:** 8 mph speed limit. See 2013 Boater's Guide for summer exemption.

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### PECK POND (Keach Pond), Thompson-Putnam-Rhode Island (14 acres)

-  **Note:** Connecticut or Rhode Island fishing license legal on entire pond. Rhode Island regulations apply as follows:  
• **Species:** (T LMB SMB CP YP S BB CB)  
• **Season:** 2nd Saturday April–last day February.  
• **Largemouth & smallmouth bass:** Daily creel limit—5 bass, 12" minimum length.  
• **Chain Pickerel:** Daily creel limit—5, 14" minimum length.  
• **TROUT:** No minimum length. Daily creel limit—5 from 2nd Saturday in April to November 30th. Daily creel limit—2 from December 1st to last day February.

### PERRY POND, Thompson-Massachusetts (4 acres)

-  **Note:** Connecticut or Massachusetts fishing license legal on entire pond. Connecticut regulations apply.  
• **Species:** (LMB CP YP S BB)

### PICKEREL LAKE, Colchester-East Haddam (82 acres)

-  **BASS MANAGEMENT LAKE**  
• **Species:** (LMB CB S CP)  
• **Largemouth & smallmouth bass:** 12" to 16" protected slot limit. Daily creel limit—6 bass, only 2 may be 16" or greater.  
• **Other:** 8 mph speed limit. See 2013 Boater's Guide for summer exemption.

### PICKETT'S POND (Osborndale State Park), Derby (9 acres)

-  **Species:** (T)  
• **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–last day February.

### PIERPONT POND (Lake Naraneka), Ridgefield (38 acres)

-  **Species:** (LMB S)  
• **Other:** Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

### PINE ACRES LAKE, Hampton (190 acres)

-  **Species:** (LMB S YP BB)  
• **Other:** Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

### PINE LAKE (Shelton Reservoir #2), Shelton (7.3 acres)

-  **Species:** (LMB S)  
• **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–December 31.

### LAKE POCOTOPAUG, East Hampton (502 acres)

-  **Note:** No public access.  
• **Species:** (LMB SMB CP WA WP YP S)  
• **Walleye:** Daily creel limit—2, 20" minimum length.

### POWERS LAKE, East Lyme (144 acres)

-  **Species:** (LMB CP S YP CB)  
• **Other:** 8 mph speed limit.

### PROSPECT PARK POND, Prospect (1 acre)

-  **Species:** (T)  
• **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–October 31.

### QUADDICK RESERVOIR, Thompson (408 acres)

-  **Species:** (LMB SMB S CP YP WP CB BB)  
• **Other:** 35 mph speed limit.

### NORTHERN PIKE LAKE

- **Species:** (LMB NP CP CB YP BB S)

### LAKE QUASSAPAUG, Woodbury-Middlebury (297 acres)

-  **Note:** No public access, icefishing prohibited.  
• **Species:** (T SMB S CB BB LMB YP CP)  
• **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–last day February.  
• **TROUT:** Daily creel limit—1, 18" minimum length.  
• **Largemouth & smallmouth bass:** Daily creel limit—1 total, 18" minimum length.  
• **Other:** 6 mph speed limit, except 25 mph from Tuesday after Labor Day to 3rd Saturday in April. Use of motors prohibited 11 p.m.–6 a.m.

### QUILLINAN RESERVOIR, Ansonia (12.2 acres)

No facilities, walk in access only.

- **Species:** (LMB S YP)

### QUINEBAUG LAKE (Wauregan Reservoir), Killingly (88 acres)

-  **BASS MANAGEMENT LAKE**  
• **Species:** (T LMB CP S CB YP)  
• **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–last day February.  
• **Largemouth & smallmouth bass:** Daily creel limit—2, 16" minimum length.  
• **Other:** Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

### QUONNIPAUG LAKE, Guilford (99 acres)

-  **Note:** Icefishing prohibited.

### TROUT MANAGEMENT LAKE / CATFISH LAKE

Channel catfish first stocked in 2007.

- **Species:** (T LMB BB SMB CP S YP AE CC)  
• **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–March 31.  
• **TROUT:** From March 1–March 31, Daily creel limit—1, 16" minimum length.  
• **Other:** Motors limited to 6 hp. Operation of motorboats prohibited from 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

### RAINBOW RESERVOIR, Windsor (240 acres)

-  **Species:** (LMB SMB S CP YP WP CB BB)  
• **Other:** 35 mph speed limit.

### RED CEDAR LAKE, Lebanon (127 acres)

-  No maintained/developed launch facilities, informal cartop access only.  
• **Species:** (LMB YP S CB CP)

### ROGERS LAKE, Lyme-Old Lyme (260 acres)

-  **TROUT MANAGEMENT LAKE**  
• **Species:** (T LMB CP CB YP BB S AE)  
• **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–March 31.  
• **TROUT:** From March 1–March 31, Daily creel limit—1, 16" minimum length.  
• **Other:** Motors limited to 135 hp. 6 mph speed limit sunset to 10:00 a.m. See 2013 Boater's Guide for additional restrictions.

### ROSELAND LAKE, Woodstock (96 acres)

-  Access courtesy of Roseland Park – fee charged – weekends. Hours 7:00 a.m. to sunset, unimproved boat launch, boat livery.  
• **Species:** (LMB CA CP YP CB S T BB)  
• **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–last day February.

### ROSS POND, Killingly (31 acres)

-  **Species:** (LMB CP S)  
• **Other:** Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

### SAINT MARTHA'S POND, Enfield

-  **Species:** (T S BB)  
• **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–last day February.

### SALMON BROOK POND, Glastonbury

-  **Species:** (T S YP)  
• **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–last day February.

### SALTERS POND, Manchester (3 acres)

-  **Species:** (S LMB CP)

### LAKE SALTONSTALL, Branford-East Haven (422 acres)

-  **BASS MANAGEMENT LAKE / WALLEYE LAKE**  
• **Species:** (T LMB S WA CB YP WP)  
• **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–November 30.  
• **Largemouth & smallmouth bass:** Daily creel limit—1 bass, 18" minimum length.  
• **Other:** Use of live bait prohibited.  
• **Note:** Fishing by permit from South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority 203-401-2654. Boat rentals available (no other vessels allowed).

### SAUGATUCK RESERVOIR, Easton-Redding-Weston (827 acres)

-  **WALLEYE LAKE**  
• **Species:** (T LMB SMB S WA)  
• **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–December 31.  
• **Note:** Permit required to fish—contact Aquarion Water Company at 203-452-3511. Fishing permitted from west shore only.  
• **Other:** The possession and use of any live alewives, blueback (glut or river) herring, gizzard, hickory or threadfin shad as bait is prohibited. Boating, wading and flotation devices prohibited.

### SAVIN LAKE, Lebanon (49 acres)

-  Carry-in boat access (30 yards).  
• **Species:** (LMB YP WP S BB CP)  
• **Other:** Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

### SAWMILL PARK POND, Ledyard

-  **Species:** (T)  
• **Season:** Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–last day February.

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## SCHREEDER POND (Chatfield Hollow Pond), Killingworth (4 acres)



In Chatfield Hollow State Park. Walk-in access only during off-season.

### TROUT PARK

- Species: (T S)
- Season: Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–last day February.
- Trout: Daily creel limit—2.
- Other: All vessels prohibited.

## SCOVILLE RESERVOIR, Wolcott (121 acres)



- Species: (T LMB S YP CP CB)
- Other: Operation of vessels prohibited from sunset to sunrise. Use or possession of internal combustion engines prohibited.

## SEYMOUR RESERVOIRS (1, 2, 3 & 4), Oxford (4.4, 35, 11.5 & 37.4 acres)

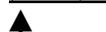
No facilities, walk-in access only.

- Species: (LMB S YP)

## SHAW LAKE (see Lake Hayward)

## SHELTON RESERVOIR #2 (see Pine Lake)

## SHENIPSIT LAKE, Ellington-Tolland-Vernon (532 acres)



- Species: (LMB CB SMB WP YP T CP)
- Season: Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–October 31.
- Note: Use of boats restricted to those stored on site. Contact the Shenipsit Lake Boat Storage Facility (860-875-1850) for additional information concerning fishing access and to check boat storage space availability.
- Other: The possession and use of any live alewives, blueback (glut or river) herring, gizzard, hickory or threadfin shad as bait is prohibited.

## SILVER LAKE (Peat Works Pond), Berlin-Meriden (146 acres)



- ### CATFISH LAKE
- Channel catfish first stocked in 2007.
- Species: (CB LMB S BB CP CC)
  - Other: 8 mph speed limit. See 2013 Boater's Guide for summer exemption.

## SIMSURY TOWN PARK PONDS, Simsbury

- Species: (S)
- Season: Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–June 15.

## SOCHRIN POND, Seymour

- Children's Pond: Fishing restricted to children under age 16.
- Season: Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–November 30.

## SOMERSVILLE MILL POND (Scantic River), Somers (41 acres)



Unimproved town launch.

- Species: (T LMB S CP CB YP BB)
- Season: Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–last day February.
- Other: 6 mph speed limit.

## SOUTHFORD FALLS POND (Papermill Pond), Oxford-Southbury (2.4 acres)



In Southford Falls State Park.

### TROUT PARK

- Species: (T S)
- Season: Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–last day February.
- Trout: Daily creel limit—2.

## SOUTH SPECTACLE POND, Kent (85 acres)

Public right-of-way, not passable for cars.

- Species: (LMB YP S)

## SPAULDING POND (see Mohegan Park Pond)

## SQUANTZ POND, New Fairfield, Sherman (270 acres)



### TROUT MANAGEMENT LAKE / WALLEYE LAKE

- Species: (CA WA T LMB SMB YP S WP)
- Season: Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–March 31.
- Trout: From March 1–March 31, 16" minimum length, Daily creel limit—1.
- Other: Motors on boats launched at Squantz Pond State Park launch ramp limited to 25 hp. 45 mph daytime speed limit, 25 mph from ½ hour after sunset to ½ hour before sunrise. Fishing from shore prohibited behind fence along shore in State Park from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

## STANLEY QUARTER POND, New Britain (6.4 acres)



- Children's Pond: Fishing restricted to children under age 16.
- Season: Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–November 30.

## STARRET POND (see Huntington Pond)

## STATE LINE POND, Stafford (75 acres)



Next to Route 32.

- Species: (YP S BB CP)

## LAKE STIBBS (Southbury Training School Pond), Southbury (5 acres)



- Species: (T)
- Season: Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–last day February.

## STILLWATER POND, Torrington (94 acres)



- Species: (T LMB YP S)
- Season: Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–last day February.
- Other: Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

## STRATTON BROOK PARK POND, Simsbury (2.3 acres)



### TROUT PARK

- Species: (T)
- Season: Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–last day February.
- Trout: Daily creel limit—2

## STROH PARK POND, Windsor (1.4 acres)

- Season: Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–November 30.

## TAFTVILLE RESERVOIR, Norwich (25 acres)



Access through Raymond Ouellet Park.

### BASS MANAGEMENT LAKE

- Species: (LMB T S)
- Season: Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–last day February.
- Largemouth & smallmouth bass: Daily creel limit—2, 16" minimum length.

## TAFTVILLE POND, Lisbon (117 acres)



Small town boat launch (ramp open April 1 to November 30).

- Species: (LMB, SMB CB S YP CA)

## TANKERHOOSSEN LAKES, Vernon (10 acres)

- Species: (T LMB CP S YP BB)
- Season: Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–last day February.

## TETREAULT POND, Killingly (39 acres)

- Species: (CP S YP)
- Other: 8 mph speed limit.

## TOLLGATE POND, Greenwich (7 acres)

- Species: (LMB S BB)
- Season: Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–October 31.

## TWIN BROOKS PARK POND, Trumbull (4 acres)

- Species: (T)
- Season: Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–last day February.
- Note: Ice fishing prohibited by town ordinance.

## TYLER POND, Goshen (187 acres)



- Species: (T YP LMB CB CP BB S)
- Season: Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–last day February.

## UNCAS LAKE (Hog Pond), Lyme (69 acres)



- Species: (T LMB AE CP YP S)
- Season: Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–last day February.
- Other: Operation of motorboats prohibited.

## UPPER BASIN POND, Windsor Locks

- Children's Pond: Fishing restricted to children under age 16.
- Season: Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–November 30.

## UPPER FULTON PARK POND, Waterbury (2.1 acres)



### COMMUNITY FISHING POND

- Species: (T)
- Season: Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–last day February.

## VALLEY FALLS POND, Vernon (4.1 acres)



### TROUT PARK

- Species: (T S)
- Season: Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–last day February.
- Trout: Daily creel limit—2

## WALKERS RESERVOIR (East), Vernon (5.1 acres)



- Species: (T YP S BB)
- Season: Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–October 31.
- Other: All vessels prohibited.

## Lakes and Ponds open year-round (no closed season) unless otherwise stated.

### WANGUMBAUG LAKE

(see Coventry Lake), Coventry

### LAKE WARAMAUG, Kent-Warren-Washington (656 acres)



Carry-in boat access in Lake Waramaug State Park (approximately 100 foot carry to water). Boating access is also available to the general public at the town boat launch (annual launch permit fee and daily inspection fee) in Washington. Required inspection of boat and trailer for invasive plants. Boats and trailers failing inspection will not be allowed to use launch. Days and hours of operation vary seasonally, contact the Washington Park and Recreation Department (860-868-1519) for more information.

- Species: (LMB SMB CP YP BB S)

### WARDS MILLPOND (Branford River), Branford (7.3 acres)



- Species: (T)
- Season: Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–last day February.

### WARNER POND (Kazan's Pond), Newtown. (11.7 acres)

No facilities, walk in access only.

- Species: (LMB S YP)

### WASHINGTON PARK POND, Windsor

- Children's Pond: Fishing restricted to children under age 16.
- Season: Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–November 30.

### WAUREGAN RESERVOIR

(see Quinebaug Lake)

### WEST BRANCH (Hogback) RESERVOIR, Hartland-Colebrook (201 acres)



- Species: (T YP S SMB RA)
- Season: Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–last day February.
- Other: The possession and use of any live alewives, blueback (glut or river) herring, gizzard, hickory or threadfin shad as bait is prohibited.

### WEST HILL POND, New Hartford-Barkhamsted (261 acres)



### TROUT MANAGEMENT LAKE /

#### KOKANEE LAKE

- Species: (T K SMB YP S LMB RA)
- Season: Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–March 31.
- Trout: from March 1–March 31, 16" minimum length, Daily creel limit—1.

- **Trout & K combined:** Daily creel limit—8 for both species in aggregate, of which no more than 5 may be trout (except 1 trout from March 1–March 31).

- **Other:** The possession and use of any live alewives, blueback (glut or river) herring, gizzard, hickory or threadfin shad as bait is prohibited. 15 mph speed limit except 6 mph between sunset and sunrise. From Memorial Day through September 15th motors limited to 8 hp.

### WEST PEQUONNOCK RESERVOIR, Monroe (1.4 acres)

- Species: (LMB S)
- Season: Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–December 31.
- Note: Permit required to fish—contact Aquarion Water Company at 203-452-3511.

### WEST SIDE POND, Goshen (42 acres)



#### BASS MANAGEMENT LAKE

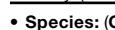
- Species: (T LMB YP S BB)
- Season: Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–last day February.
- **Largemouth & smallmouth bass:** 12" to 16" protected slot limit. Daily creel limit—6 bass, only 2 may be 16" or greater.

### WEST THOMPSON LAKE, Thompson (239 acres)



- Species: (LMB SMB CP CB WP S YP CA)
- Other: Speed limit 5 mph.

### WEST TWIN LAKE (Washinee Lake), Salisbury (290 acres)



- Species: (CP LMB S CB YP)
- Other: 35 mph daytime speed limit, 6 mph from ½ hour after sunset to ½ hour after sunrise. Also 6 mph within 200 feet of vessel or dock. The possession and use of any live alewives, blueback (glut or river) herring, gizzard, hickory or threadfin shad as bait is prohibited.

### WHARTON POND (Allen Brook Pond), Wallingford (5 acres)

In Wharton Brook State Park.

#### TROUT PARK

- Species: (T)
- Season: Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–last day February.
- Trout: Daily creel limit—2.
- Other: All vessels prohibited.

### WHITNEY FLOOD CONTROL POND (Patten Brook), Stafford (2 acres)



- Species: (S BB CP)

### WILLIAMS POND (Lake Williams), Lebanon (272 acres)



Informal cartop access from dam on Route 207.

- Species: (LMB CP YP S BB CB)

### WINCHESTER LAKE, Winchester (246 acres)



#### NORTHERN PIKE LAKE

- Species: (LMB CP YP S NP CB BB)
- Other: 8 mph speed limit.

### LAKE WINFIELD (see Zeiner Pond), Plymouth



### LAKE WINNEMEAUG, Watertown (113 acres)



- Species: (LMB S CB WP BB YP)
- Other: 7 mph speed limit. Vessels with internal combustion engines attached are prohibited.

### LAKE WINTERGREEN, Hamden (44 acres)



#### COMMUNITY FISHING POND / CATFISH LAKE

Channel catfish first stocked in 2007. West Rock Ridge State Park — Public right-of-way not passable to cars.

- Species: (S LMB YP T CC)
- Season: Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–last day February.
- Other: Use of internal combustion engines prohibited.

### WONONSKOPOMUC LAKE (Lakeville Lake), Salisbury (348 acres)



#### BASS MANAGEMENT LAKE

- Species: (T LMB CP YP S BB)
- Season: Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–October 31.
- **Largemouth & smallmouth bass:** 12" to 16" protected slot limit. Daily creel limit—6 bass, only 2 may be 16" or greater.
- Other: The possession and use of any live alewives, blueback (glut or river) herring, gizzard, hickory or threadfin shad as bait is prohibited. Motors restricted to 12 cu in. Town operated boat launch-fee charged. Launch open daily 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. from 3rd Saturday in April to Labor Day. From Labor Day through October 31st launch open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. weekdays, and from 7 a.m. to 12 noon on weekends. Boat livery.

### WOOD CREEK POND, Norfolk (148 acres)



- Species: (LMB BB YP CP)

### WYASSUP LAKE, North Stonington (99 acres)



#### BASS MANAGEMENT LAKE

- Species: (CP YP T LMB BB AE)
- Season: Open 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday April–last day February.
- **Largemouth & smallmouth bass:** Daily creel limit—2, 16" minimum length.
- Other: 8 mph speed limit. See 2013 Boater's Guide for summer exemption.

### ZEINER POND (Lake Winfield), Plymouth (16 acres)



No longer stocked with trout.

- Season: Open year-round.

### ZEMKO POND, Salem (8 acres)

Walk-in access from Round Hill Road (300 yards).

- Species: (LMB S)

### LAKE ZOAR, Monroe-Oxford-Newton-Southbury (909 acres)



#### WALLEYE LAKE

From the Shepaug Dam to the Stevenson Dam.

- Species: (SMB WP LMB CB WC S YP)
- Other: 45 mph speed limit daytime, 25 mph from ½ hour after sunset to ½ hour before sunrise.



A 10 lb. plus broodstock Seeforellen strain brown trout from the Kensington State Fish Hatchery that was stocked in March, 2013 in preparation for Opening Day.

# Group Fishing Licenses

## GROUP FISHING LICENSES

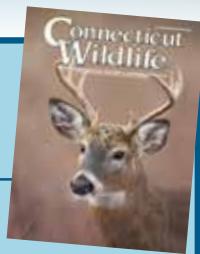
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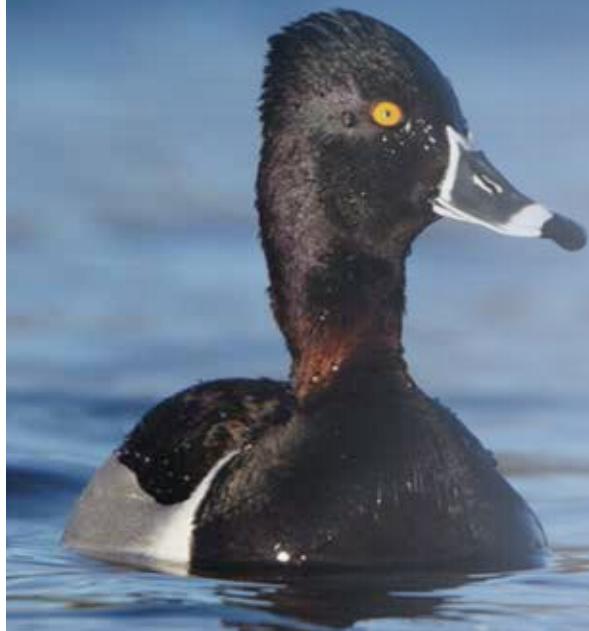
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## LOOKING TO GET THE LEAD OUT?

*Lead is a metal which, in sufficient quantities, can negatively affect the nervous and reproductive systems of animals and humans. Most fishing jigs and sinkers have historically been made with lead.*



Wildlife such as eagles, loons, and other waterfowl can be poisoned by lead they've consumed. Hooked fish can ingest or retain attached lead fishing tackle such as hooks and jigs, and become a potential pathway of lead exposure for predatory birds consuming fish containing such lead fishing gear. In addition, lost or discarded lead fishing weights and other lead fishing tackle of smaller sizes can be ingested by wildlife, particularly dabbling and diving water birds such as swans, ducks, geese and loons.

There are alternatives to lead, made from non-poisonous materials such as tin, bismuth, steel, tungsten and glass that are available at established sporting goods retailers and on the internet. These will be more expensive than lead, but will be more environmentally benign, and as demand continues to grow, prices are expected to drop.

Consider asking for non-lead alternatives when purchasing new tackle or replacing old.

Websites for more information on lead sinkers include:

- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency: [www.pca.state.mn.us/sinkers](http://www.pca.state.mn.us/sinkers)
- US EPA: <http://water.epa.gov/scitech/swguidance/fishshellfish/animals.cfm>
- NY DEC: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/7908.html>

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# Connecticut Freshwater Fish

Largemouth Bass



Smallmouth Bass



Carp



Chain Pickerel



Walleye



Brown Trout



Rainbow Trout



Brook Trout



Bowfin



Northern Pike



Rock Bass



Yellow Perch



White Perch



Channel Catfish



Brown Bullhead



Bluegill



Black Crappie



Pumpkinseed



American Shad



Redbreast Sunfish



White Catfish



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## REMINDER TO ANGLERS!

FISHING IN OR CASTING INTO PERMITTED SWIM AREAS IS PROHIBITED



State regulations prohibit fishing in or into a swim area that's been permitted by DEEP. Additionally, vessels cannot be operated within a permitted swim area, and there's a 100 foot "no-wake" zone around the perimeter.

Swim areas that have been permitted by DEEP will be marked by white buoys with orange markings, and there should be a permit number posted on the buoys. They may or may not have small orange barrier floats to further demarcate the area.

Should questions arise concerning the validity of the swim area (*no permit numbers or the area appears to have been changed / enlarged or keeps moving*), please contact DEEP's Boating Division at 860-434-8638.

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# Rivers & Streams

Statewide regulations for seasons, legal methods, and limits (page 12) apply unless a site-specific regulation is listed for a water body.

The following rivers and streams or sections thereof are available for public fishing through the courtesy of the landowner, or where indicated by posters, through cooperative agreement, lease, or state ownership.

## Determining fishing regulations is a simple two-step process:

1. Check the regulation table (page 12) for general statewide Species, Legal Methods, and Limits regulations.
2. Look up the waterbody in the alphabetical list of lake and ponds to find any special regulations that apply. If no site-specific regulations are listed for a waterbody, statewide regulations apply.

## Special Management Areas For Trout

(alternative regulations such as extended seasons, minimum lengths & reduced creel limits):

- **Trout Management Areas (TMA):** High quality fisheries offering year-round opportunities.
- **Trout Parks:** Easy to fish, frequently stocked areas.
- **Trophy Trout Streams:** Stocked with a higher proportion of larger fish.
- **Sea-run Trout Streams:** Areas where DEEP is working to establish populations of anadromous brown trout.
- **Wild Trout Management Areas (WTMA):** There are three classes of WTMAS:
  - Class 1: Abundant wild trout, not stocked.
  - Class 2: Wild trout and some stocked fry & fingerlings.
  - Class 3: Some wild trout, most also stocked with catchable size & fingerling size trout.

## Lower River/Tidal Waters

Designated rivers & streams with no closed season including the entire Connecticut and Thames rivers, and downstream portions of the Coginchaug, Farmington, Housatonic, Mattabesett, Mystic, Naugatuck, Niantic, Quinnipiac, and Salmon rivers.

## Public Access to Fishing Waters

Public access to fishing waters is restricted to rights-of-way designated by poster or by permission of landowner. On state-leased streams, fishermen must wade or stay near the stream bank as indicated by signs.

## Rivers and Streams Legend

- Public boat launching area
  - Facilities for disabled
  - State campground
  - Family friendly fishing location
  - State picnic area
- Italics* Access/stocking location information
- (T BN) Indicates degree of stocking and/or presence of wild trout:
- T Light/moderately stocked
  - T Heavily stocked
  - BK Wild brook trout
  - BN Wild brown trout

Other fish species are listed for several rivers, see Key to Fish Species Abbreviations in Lakes and Ponds section (page 22).

**BASS**

**TROUT**

**BROODSTOCK SALMON**

Special Management Areas are color-coded for major gamefish species

### **ABBEY BROOK**, Somers (T BK)

Intermittent sections from Ninth District Road downstream to Somersville Mill Pond.

### **ALLYNS BROOK**, Durham (T)

Intermittent sections from Route 17 downstream to the Coginchaug River.

### **ANGUILLA BROOK**, Stonington (T)

Intermittent sections from Route 184 downstream to Route 1.

### **ASPETUCK RIVER**, Easton-Weston (T)

Intermittent sections from Route 58 along Route 136 to the Saugatuck River.

### **BALL POND BROOK** (includes Disbrow Pond), New Fairfield (T BN)

Intermittent sections from Bigelow Road through Routes 37 and 39 to Sawmill Road.

### **BANTAM RIVER** (West Branch), Litchfield (T)

Intermittent sections from the Goshen-Litchfield town line at Brooks Road through Route 63 to the confluence with the Bantam River Inlet near Route 202.

### **BANTAM RIVER** (inlet to Bantam Lake), Litchfield (T)

Intermittent sections from Route 202 to approximately one half mile upstream of confluence with Bantam Lake.

### **BANTAM RIVER** (outlet from Bantam Lake), Litchfield (T)

Downstream of Bantam Lake from Bantam to Smokey Hollow Road in West Morris.

- **Methods:** Fly fishing only where indicated by posters.

### **BARTLETT BROOK**, Lebanon (T)

Intermittent sections from Brewster Pond downstream to Yantic River.

### **BEACON HILL BROOK**,

Bethany-Naugatuck-Beacon Falls (T BK BN)

From Route 63 crossing in Bethany to confluence with Naugatuck River.

### **WILD TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA (Class 3)**

From Route 63 crossing in Naugatuck downstream to confluence with Naugatuck River:

- **Trout:** 9" minimum length.

### **BEAVER BROOK**, Barkhamsted (T BK)

Intermittent sections from West Center Hill Road through Peoples State Forest (Beaver Brook/Greenwoods Roads) to Route 318.

### **BEAVER BROOK** (includes Fire Ponds), Franklin-Sprague (T BN)

Intermittent sections along Route 207 to the Shetucket River.

### **BEAVER BROOK**, Windham-Scotland (BK BN)

### **MERRICK BROOK WILD TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA (Class 1)**

In Talbot Wildlife Management Area from Route 14 to Merrick Brook:

- **Season:** Open year-round.
- **Methods:** Barbless single-hook artificial lures and flies only.
- **Trout:** Catch and Release Only.

### **BELCHER BROOK**, Berlin (T)

Intermittent sections from Four Rod Road to Lower Lane.

### **BIBLE ROCK BROOK**, Haddam-Middletown (T)

Intermittent sections along Route 154.

### **BIGELOW BROOK**, Eastford-Union (T)

Intermittent sections from Mashapaug Lake to Natchaug River.

### **BIRDSEYE BROOK**, Cornwall (T)

Within the Mohawk Ski Area.

### **BLACKBERRY RIVER**, Norfolk-Canaan (T BN)

From ½ mile west of Route 272 along Route 44 and Lower River Road to confluence with Housatonic River.

### **WILD TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA (Class 3)**

From Whiting River to confluence with Housatonic River.

- **Trout:** 9" minimum length.

### **BLACKLEDGE RIVER**,

Bolton-Hebron-Marlborough (T)

Intermittent state-owned sections from Gay City State Park to the Salmon River.

- **Trout:** 9" minimum length — Downstream of Route 94, Glastonbury, to the Salmon River.

### **BLACKWELL BROOK**, Brooklyn-Canterbury (T)

Intermittent sections from Woodward Road to the Quinebaug River.

**Rivers & streams open season is from 6:00 am on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in April to the last day of February unless otherwise stated.**

**BLADENS RIVER,** Woodbridge-Seymour (T BK)

From  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile below Bethmour Road along Route 67 to  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile below Chatfield Street, includes tributary (Hopp Brook) along Miller Road.

**BRANCH BROOK,** Watertown (T)



**TROUT PARK**

Within Black Rock State Park:

- **Trout:** Daily creel limit—2.

**BRANFORD RIVER,** Branford-North Branford (T)

Intermittent sections from Route 22 to I-95.

**BROAD BROOK,** Ellington (T BK BN)

Intermittent sections along Muddy Brook Road, and from Broad Brook Mill Pond to Scantic River.

**BROAD BROOK,** Preston (T)

Intermittent sections from Swantown Road to Old Jewett City Road.

**BUCK BROOK,** Portland (T)

In Meshomasic State Forest.

**BUCKHORN BROOK,** Enfield (T)

Intermittent sections from Town Farm Road downstream to the Scantic River.

**BUNGEE BROOK,** Eastford-Woodstock (T)

Intermittent sections from Route 171 downstream to the Still River.

**BUNNELL BROOK** (Burlington Brook), Burlington (T)

From Covey Road, then along Route 4 to confluence with Farmington River:

- **Trout:** 9" minimum length downstream of Covey Road.

**BUTTERNUT BROOK,** Litchfield (T)

Upstream of Route 202 to confluence with the Bantam River.

**BUTTONBALL BROOK,** Chaplin (T)

Intermittent sections from Route 6 downstream to the Natchaug River.

**BYRAM RIVER,** Greenwich (T)

From Merritt Parkway to Glen Ridge Road.

**CANDLEWOOD HILL BROOK,** Haddam (T)

Intermittent sections along Candlewood Hill Road.

**CARR BROOK** (Cox Brook), Portland (T)

Intermittent sections from South Road downstream to Penfield Hill Road.

**CARSE BROOK,** Sharon (T)

Smith Hill Road to Housatonic River.

**CATTLE LOT BROOK,** Marlborough (T)

From Quinn Road downstream to Dickinson Creek.

**CEDAR SWAMP BROOK,** Mansfield (T)

Intermittent sections from Route 44 downstream to Ravine Road.

**CEDAR SWAMP BROOK,** Stafford (T BK)

Nipmuck State Forest from Crooked Road downstream to Roaring Brook.

**CEDAR SWAMP BROOK,** Sterling (BK)

Intermittent sections from Portertown Road to the Moosup River.

**CHATFIELD HOLLOW BROOK,** Killingworth (T)



**TROUT PARK**

In Chatfield Hollow State Park:

- **Trout:** Daily creel limit—2.

**CHERRY BROOK,** Canton (T BN BK)

From Routes 179 and 309, along Route 179 through Canton Center.

- **Trout:** 9" minimum length downstream of Route 179.

**CHOATE BROOK,** Preston (T)

Intermittent sections from Route 165 to the Quinebaug River.

**COGINCHAUG RIVER,** Durham-Middlefield-Middletown (T)

Intermittent sections from Route 17 in Durham through Wadsworth Falls State Park.

**LOWER RIVER/TIDAL WATERS—no closed season**

Downstream from Route 3 bridge to confluence with Mattabesett River.

- **Trout:** Daily creel limit—2, 15" minimum length.

**CONNECTICUT RIVER,** Enfield to Old Lyme



**LOWER RIVER/TIDAL WATERS—no closed season**

Includes entire river in Connecticut

- **Species:** (AE CA CB LMB NP SMB S WA WC WP YP)

- **Large & smallmouth bass:** 12" minimum length.

- **Trout:** Daily creel limit—2, 15" minimum length.

- **Northern pike:** 24" minimum length.

- **Alewives/Blueback Herring:** Special closures may be in effect (see page 13).

- **Methods:** Barbless single-hook artificial lures and flies only.

- **Trout: Catch and Release Only.**

- **Note:** Wild Trout Management Area includes a portion of the Pootatuck River upstream and downstream of the confluence as posted by DEEP.

**DEEP RIVER,** Deep River (T)

Intermittent sections from Hoopole Hill Road downstream to Pratt Read Reservoir.

**DELPHI BROOK,** Stafford (BK BN)

Intermittent sections along Route 19.

**DENISON BROOK,** Voluntown (BK)

In Pachaug State Forest, south of Route 138.

**DICKENSON CREEK,** Marlborough (T)

Salmon River State Forest.

- **Trout:** 9" minimum length-Downstream of Route 66 to the Salmon River.

**EAST ASPETUCK RIVER,** New Milford-New Preston (T BN)

Intermittent sections accessible from Routes 45 and 202 to Wells Road.

**WILD TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA (Class 3)**

From Lake Waramaug to confluence with Housatonic River.

- **Trout:** 9" minimum length.

**EAST RIVER,** Guilford (T)

Intermittent sections from Guilford Lakes downstream to Route 1.

**EAST SWAMP BROOK,** Bethel (T)

Intermittent sections from Meckauer Municipal Park through Plumtree's Road to Route 302 (includes unnamed flow-through pond in Meckauer/Bennet Memorial Park).

**Catch and Release improves fishing for future generations.**



# Rivers & Streams

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## EIGHT MILE BROOK, Middlebury-Oxford (T)



Intermittent sections from Judd Hill, through Larkin Trail State Park and Southford Falls State Park to Route 188, then to Barry Road.

### TROUT PARK

Within Southford Falls State Park:

- **Trout:** Daily creel limit—2.

## EIGHTMILE RIVER, East Haddam-Lyme (T)



Devi's Hopyard State Park and intermittent sections below the park to Hamburg Cove.

- **Trout:** 9" Minimum length — From Foxtown Road to the dam at Mt. Archer Road.

### SEA RUN TROUT STREAM

Downstream of dam at Mt. Archer Road:

- **Season:** Open year-round.
- **Trout:** Daily creel limit—2, 15" Minimum length.

## EIGHTMILE RIVER (East Branch), Salem-East Haddam-Lyme (T)

Intermittent sections along Darling Road and Salem Road.

- **Trout:** 9" Minimum length — Downstream of Witch Meadow Road, Salem to the Eightmile River.

## EIGHTMILE RIVER, Southington (BN)

### WILD TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA (Class 1)

Entire river in Southington:

- **Season:** Open year-round.
- **Methods:** Barbless single-hook artificial lures and flies only.
- **Trout:** Catch and Release Only.

## EKONK BROOK, Plainfield (T)

Intermittent sections from Route 14A downstream to the Moosup River.

## EXETER BROOK, Lebanon (BK)

In Bartlett Brook Wildlife Management Area.

## FALLS RIVER, Essex-Westbrook (T)

Intermittent sections along Witchhazel Road downstream to Mares Hill Road.

## FARM RIVER, Branford-East Haven-North Branford (T BN)

Intermittent sections from Northford to I-95.

### WILD TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA (Class 3)

From Mill Road (downstream of Pages Millpond) in North Branford to I-95 bridge (East Haven):

- **Trout:** 9" minimum length.

## SEA RUN TROUT STREAM

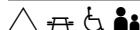
Downstream of I-95 bridge:

- **Season:** Open year-round.
- **Trout:** Daily creel limit—2, 15" minimum length.

## FARMILL RIVER, Monroe-Shelton-Stratford (T)

Intermittent sections from Moose Hill Road (Monroe) to Route 110 just above Housatonic River.

## FARMINGTON RIVER (West Branch and Mainstem), Hartland-Barkhamsted-New Hartford-Canton-Burlington-Farmington-Avon-Simsbury-Bloomfield-East Granby-Windsor (T)



Intermittent sections from Goodwin Dam to RT 4 (Farmington Center). Then from Tariffville Memorial Park (Simsbury) through the Tariffville Gorge (Bloomfield). Then from mouth of tailrace canal below Rainbow Dam to confluence with Connecticut River.

### FARMINGTON RIVER TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA

From Goodwin dam (Hartland) downstream to the old footbridge abutments approximately 1.4 miles downstream of the confluence with the Still River (Barkhamsted).

- **Season:** Open year-round.

#### Trout:

- » Catch and Release Only from September 1 to 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday in April.
- » Daily creel limit—2, 12" minimum length from 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday in April to August 31.

From the old footbridge abutments (Barkhamsted) downstream to the Route 219 bridge (New Hartford). This area includes all of the former West Branch Farmington River Trout Management Area:

- **Season:** Open year-round.

#### Methods:

- **Barbless hooks only.**

#### Trout:

- **Catch and Release Only.**

From the Route 219 bridge (New Hartford) downstream to the route 177 Bridge (Unionville):

- **Season:** Open year-round.

#### Trout:

- » Catch and Release Only from September 1 to 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday in April.
- » Daily creel limit—2, 12" minimum length from 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday in April to August 31.

## LOWER FARMINGTON RIVER

Farmington to Windsor; From Route 177 bridge in Unionville Center downstream to Rainbow Reservoir Dam.

- **Trout:** Daily creel limit—5, 9" Minimum length.

### LOWER RIVER/TIDAL WATERS—no closed season

Windsor; From mouth of tailrace canal below Rainbow Dam to confluence with Connecticut River.

- **Trout:** Daily creel limit—2, 15" minimum length.

- **Note:** All fishing prohibited in tailrace canal and from mouth of tailrace upstream to Rainbow Dam.

## FAWN BROOK, Hebron-Marlborough (T)

Intermittent sections from Route 85 to Route 66 (Salmon River State Forest).

- **Trout:** 9" minimum length downstream of Slocum Road.

## FAWN BROOK (West Branch), Marlborough-Hebron (T)

Intermittent sections from Martin Road to Route 66.

- **Trout:** 9" minimum length downstream of Slocum Road.

## FAWN HILL BROOK, Marlborough (T)

Intermittent sections from Route 66 downstream to Dickinson Creek.

## FENTON RIVER, Mansfield-Willington (T BN)

Intermittent sections from Moose Meadow Road to Mansfield Hollow Reservoir.

### WILD TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA (Class 3)

Entire stream in Mansfield and Willington:

- **Trout:** 9" Minimum length.

## FIVEMILE RIVER, Thompson-Putnam-Killingly (T)



Intermittent sections from New Road to the Quinebaug River.

## FLAT BROOK, East Hampton (T BK)

Intermittent sections along Route 16 downstream to the Salmon River.

## FRENCH RIVER, Thompson (T)

Intermittent sections from North Grosvenordale Pond to Blain Road.

## FRESHWATER BROOK, Enfield (T)

Intermittent sections from Route 220 downstream to the Connecticut River.

## FURNACE BROOK, Cornwall Bridge (BN)



From the bridge on Route 4 upstream approximately 1½ miles, as posted.

### HEATHER REAVES WILD TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA (Class 2)

Upstream from Housatonic River as posted.

- **Trout:** Daily creel limit—2, 12" minimum length.

## FURNACE BROOK, Stafford (T)

Intermittent sections from Staffordville Lake along Route 19 and Furnace Brook Road to Glenville Pond.

## GARDNER BROOK, Bozrah (T)

Intermittent sections from Gardner Lake to Fitchville Pond.

## GIFFORD BROOK, Columbia (T)

At Route 87.

## GILLETTE BROOK, Somers (BK)

Intermittent sections from Battle Street downstream to the Scantic River.

## GREAT BROOK, Chester (T)

Intermittent sections along Wig Hill Road.

## GREAT MEADOW BROOK, Voluntown (T)

Access in Pachaug State Forest.

## GREEN FALLS RIVER, North Stonington-Voluntown (T)

Intermittent sections from Green Falls Dam to Rhode Island.

## GULF STREAM, Somers (T BK)

Intermittent sections from Gulf Road Marsh downstream to the Scantic River.

## HALEYS BROOK, Groton (BK)

Intermittent sections along Route 184.

## HALL MEADOW BROOK, Goshen-Torrington (T BK)

Along Route 272 from Winchester Road to the Hall Meadow Brook Reservoir Dam (John Minetto State Park).

## HAMMONASSET RIVER, Clinton-Killingworth-Madison (T)

Intermittent sections from Route 80 to Route 1.

### TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA

From Lake Hammonasset Dam to Chestnut Hill Road:

- **Season:** Open year-round.
- **Trout:**
  - » **Catch and Release Only** from September 1 to 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday in April.
  - » Daily creel limit—2, 9" minimum length from 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday in April to August 31.

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**SEA RUN TROUT STREAM**

- From Chestnut Hill Road to the breached dam located 300 feet upstream of River Road:
  - » **Season:** Open from 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday in April-last day February.
  - » **Trout:** Daily creel limit—2, 9" Minimum length.
- Downstream of the breached dam located 300 feet upstream of River Road:
  - » **Season:** Open year-round.
  - » **Trout:** Daily creel limit—2, 15" Minimum length.

**HAWLEYS BROOK**, Easton-Weston (BK)

**WILD TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA (Class 1)**

Within the Trout Brook Valley Property (publicly owned):

- **Season:** Open year-round.
- **Methods:** Barbless single-hook artificial lures and flies only.
- **Trout: Catch and Release Only.**

**HOCKANUM RIVER**, Vernon-Ellington-Manchester-East Hartford (T)

Intermittent sections from Rockville to the Connecticut River.

**TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA**

From I-84 in Vernon downstream to crossing under I-84 at Laurel Marsh on the Manchester/East Hartford line:

- **Season:** Open year-round.
- **Trout: Catch and Release Only.**

**HOP BROOK**, Middlebury-Waterbury (T)

From Route 64 to Hop Brook Flood Control Impoundment.

**HOP RIVER** (includes Johnsons Pond), Bolton-Coventry (T)

Intermittent sections along Route 6 to the Willimantic River.

**HOPE VALLEY BROOK**, Hebron (T)

Hope Valley Road downstream to the Jeremy River.

**HORSE BROOK**, Plainfield (T)

Intermittent sections from Pickett Road downstream to Packerville Road.

**HOUSATONIC RIVER** (includes all impoundments from Bleachery Dam to the Massachusetts line), Salisbury-Canaan-Sharon-Cornwall-Kent-Sherman-New Milford (T SMB NP CA)

For Housatonic River Flows at Falls Village: 1-888-417-4837.

- **Thermal refuges:** Areas within 100 feet of the mouths of Kent Falls Brook and Macedonia Brook as posted are closed to all fishing from June 15 to August 31.

**HOUSATONIC RIVER TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA**



From bridge crossing at Routes 112 and 7 (Salisbury/Canaan) to bridge at Routes 4 and 7 (Cornwall/Sharon):

- **Season:** Open year-round except in areas within 100 feet of tributaries that are closed to all fishing from June 15 to August 31, as posted.
- **Trout: Catch and Release Only.**
- **Methods:** Fly fishing only in the 3 mile section upstream from Route 4 bridge, as posted.

**BASS MANAGEMENT AREA (STANLEY TRACT AREA)**



From Dawn Hill Road (Sharon) to Skiff Mountain Road in Kent (approximately 6 miles):

- Area managed for smallmouth, statewide regulations apply.

**BULL'S BRIDGE TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA / BASS MANAGEMENT AREA**

From Bull's Bridge Impoundment Dam (Kent) to Gaylordsville Bridge (Route 7) in New Milford, includes Ten Mile River from NY border to confluence with Housatonic River:

- **Season:** Open year-round except in areas within 100 feet of tributaries that are closed to all fishing from June 15 to August 31, as posted.
- **Trout: Catch and Release Only.**
- **Large & Smallmouth bass: Catch and Release Only.**

**LOWER RIVER/TIDAL WATERS—no closed season**

Derby, Orange, Shelton, Milford, Stratford Downstream from dam on Lake Housatonic (Derby). Walk-in access at Derby Dam off Route 34 (Derby) and Canal Street (Shelton).

- **Trout:** Daily creel limit—2, 15" minimum length.

**HOWELLS POND BROOK**, Hartland (T)

From Howell's Pond in Tunxis State Forest to Mill Street, approximately 1½ miles above West Branch Reservoir.

**HUNTS BROOK**, Montville-Waterford (T)

Intermittent sections from Miller's Pond to Smith Cove.

**INDIAN HOLE BROOK**, Shelton (T)



From falls in Indian Well State Park downstream to railroad bridge:

- **Season:** Open 3rd Saturday in April-November 30.

**INDIAN RIVER**, Killingworth-Clinton (T)

Intermittent sections from Stevens Road downstream to Upper Millpond.

**INDIANTOWN BROOK**, Ledyard-Preston (T)

Intermittent sections from Route 2 to Poquetanuck Cove. Includes Shewville Brook, Gates and Hallville Ponds, and Poquetanuck Brook.

**IRON STREAM**, Guilford-Madison (T)

At Twin Bridge Road.

**JEREMY RIVER**, Hebron-Colchester (T)

Intermittent Sections from Route 66 to the Blackledge River.

- **Trout:** 9" minimum length — Downstream of Grayville Road to the Salmon River.

**JOE CLARK BROOK**, Ledyard (BK)

Intermittent sections from Church Hill Road downstream to Poquetanuck Cove.

**JORDAN BROOK**, Waterford (BK)

Intermittent sections along entire length.

**JUDD BROOK**, Colchester-Hebron

- **Trout:** 9" minimum length downstream of Old Colchester Road to Jeremy River.

**KENT FALLS BROOK**, Kent (T BK BN)



Below base of falls.

**TROUT PARK**

Within Kent Falls State Park:

- **Trout:** Daily creel limit—2

**KETTLETOWN BROOK**, Southbury (T BK BN)

Through Kettletown State Park to Lake Zoar.

**KITT BROOK**, Canterbury (T)

Intermittent sections from Route 14 to the Quinebaug River.

**KNOWLTON BROOK**, Ashford (T)

Route 44 within Natchaug State Forest.

**LAKE WARAMAUG BROOK**, Warren (T)

At Town Hill Road, then along Route 45 from Curtiss Road downstream to North Shore Road.

**LATHROP BROOK**, Plainfield (T)

Intermittent sections from Dow Road downstream to Mill Brook.

**LATIMER BROOK**,

East Lyme-Waterford (T BK BN)

Intermittent sections along Route 161 from Silver Falls to Niantic River.

**SEA RUN TROUT STREAM**

Downstream of I-95 bridge:

- **Season:** Open year-round.
- **Trout:** Daily creel limit—2, 15" Minimum length.

**LAUREL BROOK**, Middletown (T)

From Anderson Road (Laurel Brook Road) through Wadsworth Falls State Park.

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## LEADMINE BROOK, Harwinton-Thomaston (T)

Intermittent sections from Route 4 in Harwinton through Roraback Wildlife Management Area to confluence with Naugatuck River (Thomaston Flood Control Area).

## LITTLE RIVER, Canterbury-Hampton (T)

Intermittent sections from Route 97 to Paper Mill Pond.

## LITTLE RIVER, Putnam (T)

Intermittent sections from Roseland Lake downstream to the Quinebaug River.

## LITTLE RIVER, Oxford-Seymour (T BK BN)

Intermittent sections along Route 67 from 1 mile above Hogback Road to Hoadley's Pond (Seymour).

### WILD TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA (Class 3)

From Towner Lane downstream to Park Road:

- **Trout:** 9" minimum length.

## LONG BRANCH BROOK, Thompson (T)

Intermittent sections from Owen Adams Road to French River.

## LONG MEADOW POND BROOK,

Middlebury-Naugatuck (T)

Intermittent sections from Long Meadow Pond through Guntown Road, along Rubber Avenue to 1/2 mile above the Naugatuck River.

## LONG SWAMP BROOK, Middlebury (T)

Within Bristol Park, along Route 64 through Steinmann Park to Route 188.

## LOWDEN BROOK, Voluntown (BK)

In Pachaug State Forest.

## Macedonia Brook, Kent (T BK BN)



### WILD TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA (Class 3)

Within Macedonia Brook State Park:

- **Trout:** 9" minimum length.

### WILD TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA (Class 1)

From confluence with Bog Hollow Brook to Route 341:

- **Season:** Open year-round.
- **Methods:** Barbless single-hook artificial lures and flies only.
- **Trout: Catch and Release Only.**

## Mad River, Norfolk-Winchester (T)

From Rugg Brook Road through Mad River Flood Control Impoundment to Route 263 crossing.

- **Trout:** 9" minimum length downstream of Grantville Road.

## MARSHEPAUG RIVER, Litchfield (T)

From Shearshop Road downstream through Milton to the East Branch of the Shepaug River.

## MARY BROWN BROOK, Putnam (BK)

Intermittent sections from East Putnam Road downstream to the Five Mile River.

## MASHAMOQUET BROOK, Pomfret (T)



Intermittent sections from Taft Pond through Mashamoquet State Park to Quinebaug River.

## MATTABESSET RIVER,

Berlin-Middleton (NP CA LMB T)

Intermittent sections in Berlin from Brook Street to Lower Lane.

## LOWER RIVER/TIDAL WATERS—no closed season:

Downstream from Route 372 bridge to confluence with Connecticut River.

- **Trout:** Daily creel limit—2, 15" minimum length.

## MEADOW BROOK, Colchester

- **Trout:** 9" minimum length downstream of Route 16.

## MENUNKETESUCK RIVER, Killingworth (T)

Intermittent sections from Reservoir Road to Pleasant Valley Road.

## MERRICK BROOK, Scotland (T BK BN)

Intermittent sections from Kemp Road to Route 14.

### MERRICK BROOK WILD TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA (Class 1)

Within Talbot Wildlife Management Area (WMA), and also extending upstream of the WMA as posted.

- **Season:** Open year-round.
- **Methods:** Barbless single-hook artificial lures and flies only.
- **Trout: Catch and Release Only.**

## MIANUS RIVER, Greenwich-Stamford (T)

Intermittent sections accessible 1/4 mile upstream of June Road to Palmer's Hill Road (just above Mianus Pond).

### SEA RUN TROUT STREAM

• Entire river upstream of Mianus Pond Dam (just above Boston Post Road):

- » **Trout:** Daily creel limit—2, 9" Minimum length.

- Downstream of Mianus Pond Dam:
  - » **Trout:** Daily creel limit—2, 15" Minimum length.

### EXCEPT IN:

#### TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA

From Merrybrook Road upstream approximately 1 mile to dam as indicated by signs:

- **Season:** Open year-round.

#### Trout:

- » **Catch and Release Only** from September 1 to 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday in April. Single hook flies and artificial lures only from September 1 to 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday in April.
- » Daily creel limit—2, 9" minimum length from 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday in April to August 31.

## MIDDLE RIVER, Stafford (T)

Intermittent sections from Edson Brook to Willimantic River.

## MILL BROOK, Cornwall (T BK BN)

From the Housatonic River upstream along Route 128 for approximately 1 mile.

## MILL BROOK, Plainfield (T BK)

Intermittent sections from its source downstream to the Quinebaug River.

## MILL BROOK, Woodstock (T)

Intermittent sections along Route 171 downstream to Roseland Lake.

## MILL RIVER, Easton-Fairfield (T BN BK)

Intermittent sections from confluence with Canoe Brook, as posted by DEEP, to Mohegan Park Pond, then from base of Samp Mortar Reservoir dam to Sturges Road in Fairfield.

### WILD TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA (Class 1)

From confluence of Canoe Brook, as posted by DEEP, to downstream of third bridge (South Park Avenue) below Easton Reservoir as posted:

- **Season:** Open year-round.
- **Methods:** Barbless single-hook artificial lures and flies only.
- **Trout: Catch and Release Only.**

### TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA

From Merritt Parkway bridge downstream to Mohegan Park Pond.

- **Season:** Open year-round.

#### Trout:

- » **Catch and Release Only** from September 1 to 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday in April.
- » Daily creel limit—2, 9" minimum length from 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday in April to August 31.

## MILL RIVER (includes Axe Shop, Clark's and Woodruff's Ponds), Hamden (T)



Intermittent sections from River Road through Sleeping Giant State Park to Skiff Street. Boats and canoes prohibited, including Axe Shop, Clarks, and Woodruffs Ponds.

### TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA

Within Sleeping Giant State Park:

- **Season:** Open year-round.
- **Trout:**
  - » **Catch and Release Only** from September 1 to 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday in April.
  - » Daily creel limit—2, 9" minimum length from 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday in April to August 31.

## MINE BROOK, Portland (BK)

Along Gadpouch Road in Meshomasic State Forest.

## MOOSUP RIVER, Plainfield-Sterling (T)

Intermittent sections from the Rhode Island line to the Quinebaug River.

### TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA

From Route 14 bridge to confluence with Quinebaug River:

- **Season:** Open year-round.
- **Methods:** Fly fishing only in lower half of section, as posted.
- **Trout: Catch and Release Only.**

## MORGAN BROOK, Barkhamsted (T BN)

Intermittent sections accessible from East West Hill Road to the West Branch-Farmington River.

### WILD TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA (Class 3)

Entire stream:

- **Trout:** 9" minimum length.

## MORRISSEY BROOK

### (NAROMIYOCKNOWHUSUNKATANKSHUNK BROOK)

New Milford-Sherman (T BK BN)

Intermittent sections from Route 39 to Cedar Hill Road, New Milford.

## MOUNT HOPE RIVER, Ashford-Mansfield (T)

Intermittent sections from Route 44 to Mansfield Hollow Reservoir.

## MOUNT MISERY BROOK, Voluntown (T)

Intermittent sections from Hell Hollow Road to the Pachaug River.

## MUDDY BROOK, Woodstock (T)

Intermittent sections from Route 197 to Roseland Lake.

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**MUDY RIVER,** North Haven-Wallingford (T)

Intermittent sections from Northford Road below McKenzie Reservoir (Wallingford), along Tyler Mill Road, Route 150, to Spring Street, North Haven.

**MYRON KINNEY BROOK,** Voluntown (T BK)

Within Pachaug State Forest to Glasgo Pond.

**MYSTIC RIVER,** Groton-Stonington

LOWER RIVER/TIDAL WATERS—no closed season

Downstream of confluence of Haleys Brook and Whitford Brook.

- **Trout:** Daily creel limit—2, 15" minimum length.

**NATCHAUG RIVER,** Eastford-Chaplin-Mansfield-Windham (T)



Intermittent sections along Route 198 to Shetucket River.

**TROPHY TROUT STREAM**

Entire River in Eastford-Chaplin-Mansfield-Windham:

- **Trout:** Daily creel limit—2.

**TROUT PARK**

Within Natchaug State Forest (Eastford):

- **Trout:** Daily creel limit—2.

**NAUGATUCK RIVER** (East Branch), Torrington (T BK BN)

**WILD TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA (Class 3)**

From Newfield Road downstream to the confluence with the West Branch Naugatuck:

- **Trout:** 9" minimum length.

**NAUGATUCK RIVER** (Mainstem), Torrington-Litchfield-Harwinton-Thomaston-Watertown-Waterbury-Naugatuck-Beacon Falls-Seymour-Derby (T)

From the confluence of the East and West Branches in Torrington to the Thomaston Flood Control Dam. Intermittent sections from Thomaston to Waterbury. Platts Mill Road and Route 8 overpass area in Waterbury, through the Naugatuck State Forest to the Route 42 bridge (Pines Bridge Road) in Beacon Falls.

**TROPHY TROUT STREAM**

From the confluence of the East and West Branches to Route 118 (Harwinton-Litchfield) & from the Thomaston Dam to the Kinneytown Dam (Seymour):

- **Trout:** Daily creel limit—2
- **Thermal refuges:** Areas within 100 feet of the mouths of tributaries as posted by DEEP are closed to all fishing from June 15 to August 31.

**BRODSTOCK SALMON AREAS  
(SEE PAGE 13 FOR DETAILS)**

From Route 118 (Litchfield/Harwinton) to the Thomaston Dam & from Prospect Street (Naugatuck) downstream to Pines Bridge Road (Route 42 bridge, Beacon Falls):

- **Methods (all species):** From October 1 through March 31, single fly or lure with a single free-swinging hook only. Additional weight may not be added to the line. Anglers are reminded that the season is closed from March 1 to 6:00 a.m. on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in April for all species except broodstock Atlantic salmon (see Trout Management Area below for year-round catch-and-release fishing for trout).

**NAUGATUCK RIVER TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA**

Litchfield-Harwinton-Thomaston; From Route 118 (Litchfield/Harwinton) to the Thomaston Dam:

- **Season:** Open year-round except in areas within 100 feet of tributaries that are closed to all fishing from June 15 to August 31, as posted.
- **Methods (all species):** From October 1 through March 31, single fly or lure with a single free-swinging hook only. Additional weight may not be added to the line.
- **Trout: Catch and Release Only.**

**LOWER RIVER/TIDAL WATERS—no closed season**

From Kinneytown Dam (Seymour) to confluence with Housatonic River (Derby).

- **Trout:** Daily creel limit—2, 15" minimum length.

**NAUGATUCK RIVER** (West Branch), Torrington (T)

Intermittent sections from Stillwater Pond to Route 4.

**NECK RIVER,** Madison (T)

Intermittent sections from Bradley Corners Road downstream to I-95.

**NEGRO HILL BROOK,** Burlington (BK BN)

**SESSION WOODS WILD TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA (Class 3)**

Upstream of Route 69 (through Sessions Woods Wildlife Management Area):

- **Trout:** 9" minimum length.

**NEPAUG RIVER,** New Hartford (T BK BN)

Intermittent sections from Niles Road to the Route 202 bridge immediately upstream from Nepaug Reservoir.

**NEW CITY BROOK,** Stafford (T)

Intermittent sections from New City Pond to Staffordville Reservoir.

**NIANTIC RIVER,** East Lyme-Waterford

**LOWER RIVER/TIDAL WATERS—no closed season**

Downstream of confluence with Latimer Brook.

- **Trout:** Daily creel limit—2, 15" minimum length.

**NONEWAUG RIVER,** Woodbury (T BK BN)

Intermittent sections from Old Town Farm Road to Route 47.

**NORTHFIELD BROOK,** Litchfield-Thomaston (T)

From Northfield Cutlery Pond to Northfield Flood Control Dam.

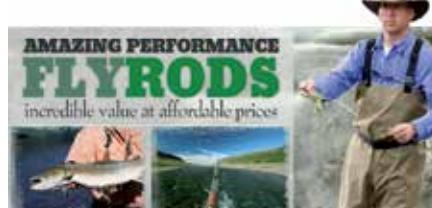
**NORWALK RIVER** (includes Factory and Millers Ponds), Ridgefield-Redding-Wilton-Norwalk (T BN)

Intermittent sections from Haviland Road (Ridgefield) to Riverside Avenue (Norwalk).

**WILD TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA (Class 3)**

Entire stream in Wilton and Ridgefield upstream of Wolf Pit Road:

- **Trout:** 9" minimum length.



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## OIL MILL BROOK, Waterford-East Lyme (BK BN)

### SEA RUN TROUT STREAM

Downstream of I-95 bridge:

- **Trout:** Daily creel limit—2, 15" minimum length.

## OXOBONO BROOK, Montville (T)

Intermittent sections from Oxbono Lake downstream to Route 32.

## PACHAUG RIVER, Griswold-Voluntown (T)

Intermittent sections from Beach Pond to the Quinebaug River. The demarcation line between the Pachaug River and Beachdale Pond is the west side of the bridge on Route 49.

## PARMALEE BROOK, Durham (T)

Intermittent sections from Route 17 downstream to the Coginchaug River.

## PATACONK BROOK, Chester (T)

Intermittent sections along Route 148.

## PEASE BROOK, Lebanon-Franklin (T BN BK)

### WILD TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA (Class 3)

In Pease Brook Wildlife Management Area:

- **Trout:** 9" minimum length.

## PENDETON HILL BROOK, North Stonington (T)

Intermittent sections along Route 49 downstream to the Green Falls River.

## PEQUABUCK RIVER, Plymouth-Bristol-Plainville (T BN)

Through Rockwell Municipal Park in Bristol downstream to Route 177 in Plainville.

- **Trout:** 9" minimum length downstream of Canal Street in Plymouth.

### TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA

From King Street (Routes 229 and 72) in Bristol to Route 177 in Plainville. Includes the section of Coppermine Brook from the confluence with the Pequabuck River to Artisan Street.

- **Season:** Open year-round.
- **Trout:** Catch and Release Only.

## PEQUONNOCK RIVER (includes Tungsten Mine Park Pond), Bridgeport-Trumbull (T)

Intermittent sections from West Pequonock Reservoir (Monroe) along Route 25, then through Old Mine Municipal Park, Trumbull Basin State Park, Twin Brooks Municipal Park, Unity Municipal Park, and Beardsley State Park in Bridgeport.

## TROPHY TROUT STREAM

In Trumbull, from the Whitney Avenue bridge through Trumbull Basin State Park to the Daniels Farm Road bridge:

- **Trout:** Daily creel limit—2

## PINE BROOK, East Hampton-Haddam (T)

Intermittent sections from Route 16 to Salmon River.

- **Trout:** 9" Minimum length downstream of Sexton Road.

## PODUNK RIVER, South Windsor (T)

Intermittent sections from Ellington Road to Route 5.

## POMPERAUG RIVER, Southbury-Woodbury (T)

Intermittent sections from the junction of the Nonnewaug and Weekeepemee Rivers near Route 47 in Woodbury to ¼ mile below Route 172 in Southbury.

## TROPHY TROUT STREAM

Entire river in Woodbury and Southbury (from near Route 47 to the confluence with Lake Zoar):

- **Trout:** Daily creel limit—2.

## POND BROOK, Newtown (T)

Intermittent sections from Routes 6 and 25 to Hanover Road just above Lake Lillinonah.

## PONSET BROOK, Haddam (T)

Intermittent sections from Route 9 downstream to Higganum Reservoir.

## POOTATUCK RIVER, Newtown (T BK BN)

Intermittent sections from Route 25 to Turkey Hill Road, and from Sandy Hook through Rocky Glenn State Park to Walnut Tree Hill Road, just above Lake Zoar.

### DEEP BROOK WILD TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA (Class 1)

Approximately 1 mile (as posted) of Pootatuck River, ½ mile upstream and ½ mile downstream of confluence with Deep Brook.

- **Season:** Open year-round.
- **Methods:** Barbless single-hook artificial lures and flies only.
- **Trout:** Catch and Release Only.

## POQUETANUCK BROOK, Preston (T)

Intermittent sections from Hallville Pond to Poquetanuck Cove.

## QUANDUCK BROOK, Killingly-Sterling (T BN)

Intermittent sections from Rhode Island to Moosup River.

## QUINEBAUG RIVER,

Thompson to Norwich (T SMB S CB WP)

Intermittent sections from the Massachusetts line to the Shetucket River. Within Putnam Town Park. Fishing restricted to children under 16.

- **Season:** Open 3rd Saturday in April–November 30.

## ROARING BROOK, Stafford-Willington (T BN)

Intermittent sections through Nipmuck State Forest to the Willimantic River.

### WILD TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA (Class 3)

From Route 190 (Stafford) to Willimantic River (Willington):

- **Trout:** 9" minimum length.

## SAFSTROM BROOK, East Hampton (T)

Intermittent sections along Wopowog Road in Salmon River State Forest.

- **Trout:** 9" Minimum length downstream of Tartia Road.

## SALMON BROOK, Glastonbury (BK BN)

Intermittent sections from headwaters to Keeney Cove.

### WILD TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA (Class 2)

Entire brook in Glastonbury downstream of Addison Pond:

- **Trout:** Daily creel limit—2, 12" minimum length.

## SALMON BROOK (East Branch) and SALMON BROOK (Mainstem), Granby-East Granby (T BK BN)



From East Street below the gorge in North Granby, along Route 189, crossing Routes 202 and 20, and through Granbrook Town Park to the Farmington River.

- **Trout:** 9" minimum length—entire river from Massachusetts border downstream to the Farmington River.

### WILD TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA (Class 3)

From Route 20 (Granby) to confluence with Farmington River (East Granby).

- **Trout:** 9" minimum length.

## SALMON BROOK (West Branch), Hartland-Granby (T BK BN)

From the Granby-Hartland line, along Route 20 through Simsbury Road. Then Salmon Brook Municipal Park and Route 10, below McCleans Game Refuge.

- **Trout:** 9" minimum length downstream of Route 179 (Hartland) to confluence with East Branch.

## ROARING BROOK, Glastonbury (T BK BN)

Intermittent sections from Route 94 to Connecticut River.

### ERIC C. SCHLUNTZ WILD TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA (Class 3)

From Route 94 to Connecticut River:

- **Trout:** 9" minimum length.

## ROARING BROOK, Haddam (BK)

Intermittent sections along Ruth Hill Road.

## ROARING BROOK, Lyme (T)

Along Route 82.

**Rivers & streams open season is from 6:00 am on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in April to the last day of February unless otherwise stated.**

**SALMON RIVER**, Colchester-East Haddam-East Hampton-Haddam (T)



Intermittent sections from the junction of the Blackledge and Jeremy Rivers to the Leesville Dam.

- **Trout:** 9" Minimum length—entire river downstream to the Route 151 Bridge.

**TROPHY TROUT STREAM**

Entire river in Colchester, East Haddam and East Hampton:

- **Trout:** Daily creel limit—2.

**EXCEPT IN:**

**TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA**

From confluence of Blackledge and Jeremy Rivers downstream to Route 16 bridge:

- **Season:** Open year-round.
- **Methods:** Fly fishing only in midsection of area, as posted.
- **Trout:**
  - » **Catch and Release Only** from September 1 to 6:00 a.m. on the 3rd Saturday in April.
  - » Daily creel limit—2, 9" minimum length from 6:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday in April to August 31.

**LOWER RIVER/TIDAL WATERS—no closed season**

Downstream of Route 151 Bridge to junction with Connecticut River.

- **Trout:** Daily creel limit—2, 15" minimum length.

**SANDY BROOK,**

Barkhamsted-Colebrook-Norfolk (T)

Intermittent sections beginning ¼ mile from the Massachusetts line, along Route 183, through Algonquin State Forest to the confluence with the Still River above Riverton.

- **Trout:** 9" minimum length—entire stream downstream from Massachusetts state line.

**SAUGATUCK RIVER** (includes Cobbs Mill Pond), Danbury-Redding-Weston-Westport (T)

Intermittent sections from Route 7 in Danbury through West Redding along Route 53 to the Mark Twain Library Dam (1 mile above Saugatuck Reservoir). Then intermittent sections from 100 feet below the Saugatuck Reservoir Dam tailrace (as posted) through Lyons Plain to Dorr's Mill Dam and ending at the Merritt Parkway.

**WILLIAM "DOC" SKERICK TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA**

In Westport from Dorr's Mill Dam to the Merritt Parkway:

- **Methods:** Fly fishing only.
- **Season:** Open year-round.
- **Trout:**
  - » **Catch and Release Only** from September 1 to 6:00 a.m. on the 3rd Saturday in April.
  - » Daily creel limit—2, 9" minimum length from 6:00 a.m. on 3rd Saturday in April to August 31.

**SEA RUN TROUT STREAM**

Tidal area downstream of Wood Dam (Westport):

- **Season:** Open year-round.
- **Trout:** Daily creel limit—2, 15" minimum length.

**SAUGATUCK RIVER** (West Branch), Weston-Westport (T)

Intermittent sections from intersection of Routes 53 and 57 (north of Weston Center) to the Saugatuck River.

**SAWMILL BROOK**, Sherman (T BK BN)

From the intersection of Routes 39 and 37 in Sherman Center to Candlewood Lake.

**SCANTIC RIVER,**

East Windsor-Enfield-Somers (T)

Intermittent sections from Massachusetts state line to Connecticut River.

**SETH WILLIAMS BROOK**, Ledyard (BK)

Intermittent sections from headwaters to Whitfords Brook.

**SHEPAUG RIVER**, Roxbury (T)

Intermittent sections along Route 67 from Hodge Park downstream to the Route 67 bridge.

**SHETUCKET RIVER,**

Windham to Norwich (T SMB NP S)



Intermittent sections from Willimantic to Greenville Dam.

**TROPHY TROUT STREAM**

Entire river in Windham, Scotland, Sprague, and Norwich:

- **Trout:** Daily creel limit—2.
- **Thermal refuges:** Areas within 100 feet of the mouths of tributaries as posted by DEEP are closed to all fishing from June 15 to August 31.

**BROODSTOCK SALMON AREA**

(SEE PAGE 13 FOR DETAILS)

From the Scotland Dam (Scotland) downstream to the Occum Dam (Norwich):

- **Methods (all species):** From October 1 through March 31, single fly or lure with a single free-swinging hook only. Additional weight may not be added to the line. Anglers are reminded that the season is closed from March 1 to 6:00 a.m. on the 3rd Saturday in April for all species except broodstock Atlantic salmon.

**SHEWVILLE BROOK**, Preston (T)

Intermittent sections from Indiantown Brook to Hallville Pond.

**SHUNOCK RIVER**, North Stonington (T BK BN)

Intermittent sections from Hewitts Fly Pond to the Pawcatuck River.

**WILD TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA (Class 3)**

Entire stream in North Stonington:

- **Trout:** 9" Minimum length.

**SILVERMINE RIVER** (includes Blanchard and Silvermine Ponds), New Canaan-Norwalk (T)

From Route 106 in New Canaan to the Merritt Parkway.

**SKUNGAMAUG RIVER**, Coventry-Tolland (T)

Intermittent sections from Route 74 to Hop River.

**SNAKE MEADOW BROOK,**  
Plainfield-Sterling (T)

Intermittent sections from its source to the Moosup River.

**SPRAIN BROOK**, Woodbury (T BN)

Intermittent sections from Painter Hill Road, Route 47 to Paper Mill Road.

**STILL RIVER,**

Winsted-Colebrook-Barkhamsted (T)

Intermittent sections in Winsted and from Sandy Brook to Farmington River.

- **Trout:** 9" Minimum length downstream of confluence with the Mad River.

**STILL RIVER**, Eastford-Woodstock (T)

Intermittent sections from Route 171 to the Natchaug River.

**STILL RIVER**, Danbury (T)

From Eagle Street downstream through the town linear park.

**STONY BROOK**, Montville (T BK BN)

**WILD TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA (Class 3)**

Entire stream in Montville:

- **Trout:** 9" Minimum length.

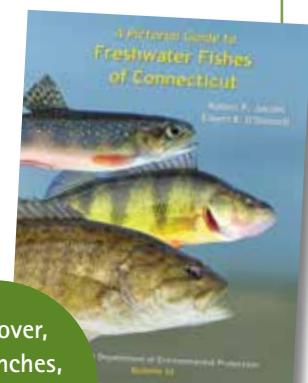
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# Rivers & Streams

**Statewide regulations for seasons, legal methods, and limits (page 12) apply unless a site-specific regulation is listed for a water body.**

## **STONY BROOK**, Suffield (T)

Intermittent sections from South Grand Street to Guild Pond, includes the lower 1/2 mile of Muddy Brook.

## **STRATTON BROOK**, Simsbury (T)



Stratton Brook State Park through Massacoe State Forest.

### **TROUT PARK**

Within Stratton Brook State Park:

- **Trout:** Daily creel limit—2.

## **SUGAR BROOK**, Plainfield (BK)

Within Sugar Brook Wildlife Management Area.

## **SUMNER BROOK**, Middletown (T BK)

Intermittent sections from Millbrook Road downstream to Route 155.

## **SUSQUETONSCUT BROOK**, Bozrah-Lebanon (T)

Intermittent sections from Route 207 to the Yantic River.

## **TANKERHOOSEN RIVER**, Vernon (T BK BN)

Intermittent sections from Valley Falls Road to Hockanum River.

## **BELDING WILD TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA (Class 1)**

The river and its tributaries (as posted) within Belding WMA:

- **Season:** Open year-round.
- **Methods:** Barbless single-hook artificial lures and flies only.
- **Trout: Catch and Release Only.**

## **TAYLOR BROOK**, Woodstock (T)

Intermittent sections from County Road downstream to Mill Brook.

## **TENMILE RIVER**, Cheshire (T)

From Route 70 (Cheshire) to Route 322 in Milldale.

## **TENMILE RIVER**, Lebanon-Columbia (T)

Intermittent sections from Route 87 to the Willimantic River.

## **TENMILE RIVER**, Sherman-Kent (T SMB)

### **BULL'S BRIDGE TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA / BASS MANAGEMENT AREA**

From the New York line to confluence with the Housatonic River:

- **Season:** Open year-round.
- **Trout: Catch and Release Only.**
- **Large & smallmouth bass: Catch and Release Only.**

## **THAMES RIVER**, Norwich to New London (WP YP)

### **LOWER RIVER/TIDAL WATERS—no closed season**

Downstream from Greenville Dam, includes coves.

- **Trout:** Daily creel limit—2, 15" minimum length.

## **WACHOCASTINOOK (RIGA) BROOK**, Salisbury (BK BN)

### **WILD TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA (Class 1)**

Downstream of South Pond within Mt. Riga Corporation property as posted:

- **Season:** Open year-round.
- **Methods:** Barbless single-hook artificial lures and flies only.
- **Trout: Catch and Release Only.**

## **WAPPOQUIA BROOK** (Quaker Meeting House Brook), Pomfret (BK)

Intermittent sections from Route 97 downstream to Mashomoquet Brook.

## **WEEKEEPEEMEE RIVER**, Woodbury (T BK BN)

Intermittent sections from Route 132, Peter Road to the confluence with the Nonnewaug River.

## **WELLS BROOK**, Union (T)

Intermittent sections from Route 171 downstream to Mashapaug Lake.

## **WEPAWAUG RIVER** (includes Clarktown Pond), Orange-Milford (T)

Intermittent sections from Route 34, along Grassy Hill Road to ½ mile above I-95.

- **Children's Area:** From old New Haven-Derby RR upstream approximately 2 miles. Fishing restricted to children under 16.
- **Season:** Open 3rd Saturday in April–November 30.

## **WEST RIVER**, Guilford (T)

Intermittent sections from Quonnipaug Lake to Route 1.

## **WHETSTONE BROOK**, Killingly (T)

Intermittent sections from East Killingly downstream to the Fivemile River.

## **WHITFORD BROOK**, Groton-Ledyard-Stonington (T)

Intermittent sections from Long Pond to the Mystic River.

### **SEA RUN TROUT STREAM**

Downstream of Route 184 bridge:

- **Season:** Open year-round.
- **Trout:** Daily creel limit—2, 15" minimum length.

## **WHITING RIVER**, North Canaan (T)

Intermittent sections from the Massachusetts state line to confluence with Blackberry River.

## **WILLIMANTIC RIVER**, Stafford to Windham (T)



Intermittent sections from Stafford Springs to confluence with Natchaug River.

### **COLE WILDE TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA**

In Tolland and Willington from mouth of Roaring Brook downstream to Route 74 bridge:

- **Season:** Open year-round.
- **Methods:** Fly fishing only.
- **Trout: Catch and Release Only.**

## **WILLOW BROOK**, Cheshire (T BK BN)

Along the bike path beginning at Lock 12 at Route 42 downstream to Mount Sanford Road.

## **WOOD RIVER**, Voluntown (T)

Intermittent sections from Porter Pond to Hazard Pond.

## **WYASSUP BROOK**, North Stonington (BK)

Intermittent sections from Wyassup Lake downstream to Spalding Pond.

## **VANTIC RIVER**, Bozrah-Norwich (T)

Intermittent sections from Camp Moween Road to Thamess River.

### **TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA**

From Barstow Road (Lebanon) downstream to bridge crossing at intersection of Fitchville and Schwartz Roads:

- **Methods:** Fly fishing only in sections at the upper and lower boundaries of TMA, as posted.
- **Season:** Open year-round.
- **Trout:**
  - » **Catch and Release Only** from September 1 to 6:00 a.m. on the 3rd Saturday in April.
  - » Daily creel limit—2, 9" minimum length from 6:00 a.m. on the 3rd Saturday in April–August 31.

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## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Bureau of Natural Resources appreciates all the help it receives from volunteers each year. Typically, volunteers are from organized groups, but there are also some opportunities for individuals. Among the programs in which you may be able to participate:

### Atlantic Salmon and Herring Restoration Programs

For groups: Contact Steve Gephard or Bruce Williams (Inland Fisheries Division) at 860-434-6043

### CT Aquatic Resource Education Program (CARE)

For individuals: Volunteers are trained and certified to teach an introductory course in fishing. Training/Certification is offered once a year in February. Certified instructors must participate in one CARE event per year. Participation may include teaching or assisting the teaching of a 6 hour class in your hometown or helping out at a special event. A desire to pass on your angling knowledge and lots of enthusiasm for the sport are all we require to join the program. See page 4 for more! Contact Tom Bourret or Justin Wiggins of the Inland Fisheries Division at 860-663-1656.

### Volunteer Angler Survey – Saltwater Anglers

For Individuals: See page 46 for details. Contact Rod MacLeod (Marine Fisheries Division) at 860-434-6043.



Thanks for your interest in the health of our fisheries resources!

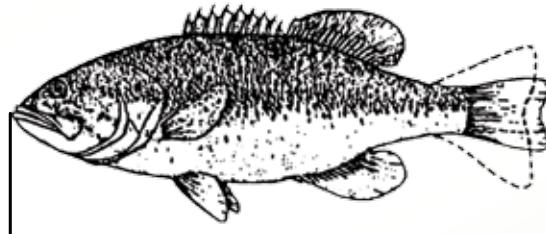
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The Fisheries Advisory Council (FAC) is a group of dedicated citizens from all regions of the state working together for fish and fishing in Connecticut.

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# Marine/Inland Demarcation



## Demarcation Between Marine and Inland District

A marine sport fishing license is required downstream of locations listed below or in areas designated as being entirely in the Marine District.

Unless indicated below, the demarcation line is the first bridge upstream from the river mouth or cove.

- **Alewife Cove:** New London-Waterford. Entirely in Marine District.
- **Beebe Cove:** Groton. Entirely in Marine District.
- **Blackhall River:** Old Lyme. Rte. 156.
- **Branford River:** Branford. Montowese Street.
- **Bride Brook:** East Lyme. First railroad crossing.
- **Byram River:** Greenwich. First railroad crossing.
- **Clinton River:** (Indian River) Clinton. Rte. 1.
- **Connecticut River:** I-95 bridge. Old Lyme-Old Saybrook.
- **Duck River:** Old Lyme. Entirely in Marine District.
- **East Creek:** Guilford. The tide gates at Guilford dock.
- **Housatonic River:** Milford-Stratford. Merritt Parkway.
- **Indian Harbor:** Greenwich. First railroad crossing.
- **Indian River:** Milford. Rte. 122.
- **Jordan Cove:** Waterford. First railroad crossing.
- **Lieutenant River:** Old Lyme. Rte. 156.
- **Menunketesuck River:** Westbrook. Rte. 1.
- **Mianus River:** Greenwich. Dam north of Boston Post Road.
- **Mill River:** Fairfield. Dam at Harbor Road.
- **Mill River:** New Haven. Tide gates at State Street.
- **Mumford Cove:** Groton. Entirely in Marine District.
- **Mystic River:** Stonington-Groton. 500 ft. north of Rte. 1.
- **Niantic River:** East Lyme-Waterford. Golden Spur Bridge, Rte. 1.
- **Norwalk River:** Norwalk. Wall Street.
- **Oyster River:** Milford. Rte. 122.
- **Palmer's Cove:** Groton. Entirely in Marine District.
- **Patchogue River:** Westbrook. Rte. 1.
- **Pawcatuck River:** Stonington. 500 ft. north of Rte. 1.
- **Pequonnock River:** Bridgeport. North Avenue (Rte. 1).
- **Poquonnock River:** Groton. 500 ft. north of Rte. 1.

- **Pequot-Sepos Cove:** Stonington. 500 ft. north of Rte. 1.
- **Quiambaug Cove:** Stonington. 500 ft. north of Rte. 1.
- **Quinnipiac River:** New Haven. Rte. 17.
- **Sasco Brook:** Westport. Buckley's Mill Dam, above Rte. 1.
- **Saugatuck River:** Westport. Kings Highway.
- **Shaws Cove:** New London. Entirely in Marine District.
- **Stonington Harbor, Lambert Cove and Quanaduck Cove:** Stonington. 500 ft. north of Rte. 1.
- **Thames River:** Groton-New London. 500 ft. North of Rte. 1, I-95 bridge.
- **Tokeneke Brook:** Darien. Old Farm Road.
- **Wequetequock River:** Stonington. 500 ft. north of Rte. 1.
- **West River:** Guilford. Rte. 146.
- **West River:** West Haven. Tide gates at Orange Ave. (Rte. 1).

For a complete listing, consult section 26-108-1 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, and section 26-109 of the Connecticut General Statutes. These can be found at [www.ct.gov/deep/laws-reg](http://www.ct.gov/deep/laws-reg).



Jack Wallace and son holding their trophy tautog...fishing is family fun!

## HOW TO CATCH FISH

SPECIES	HABITAT	FISHING METHOD	BAITS & LURES
<b>Striped Bass</b> 	• Large rivers in Spring and Fall • Estuaries and bays in Summer	• Drifting with live bait • Jigging and trolling • Bottom fishing with bait • Casting to fish	• Live bait, menhaden, eels, shad and sand worms • All types of swimming lures, plastic and rubber bait
<b>Black Sea Bass</b> 	• Estuaries and Sound • Rock piles/reefs • Oyster and mussel beds • Pilings and jetties	• Anchored over structure, reefs • Bottom fishing • Fishing with bait	• Sand worms, conch, shrimp, mummichogs, silversides, mussels and clams
<b>Fluke</b> 	• Estuaries and bays • Lower sections of rivers • Hard bottom and channels preferred	• Drifting with bait • Jigging up and down • Casting and slowly moving jig with bait	• Live/dead bait (bunker, mummichogs, shiners & silversides), cut squid strips, baited jigs and plastic baits
<b>Scup</b> 	• Estuaries and bays • Rock piles/reefs • Oyster and mussel beds • Pilings and jetties	• Anchored over structure/reefs • Bottom fishing • Live or dead bait	• Squid or conch strips, sand worms, shrimp, and mussels/clams

Contact your local bait and tackle shop for updated fishing information.  
See page 47 for a list of bait and tackle shops or go to [www.ct.gov/deep/fishing](http://www.ct.gov/deep/fishing).

## IMPORTANT DEFINITIONS OF FISHING TERMS

**Closed Season (Saltwater)** The period of time during which no person shall take, possess or land a particular species taken by sportfishing methods, regardless of where taken. Any species taken to the contrary must be returned immediately, without avoidable injury, to the waters from which it was taken.

- **Anglers cannot be in possession of fish legally taken in another state when on the waters or shores of Connecticut during a closed season for that species in Connecticut.**

**Daily Creel Limit** The number of fish of a species or species group that can be retained by an individual angler during the period from 12:01 a.m. to midnight. Any species taken to the contrary must be returned immediately, without avoidable injury, to the waters from which it was taken.

**"Culling" or "High-Grading"** means discarding or returning a previously retained fish to the water in order to retain a more desirable fish. Any fish placed on a stringer, in a container, cooler, live well or similar device, or otherwise not immediately released to the water shall count against the daily creel limit. "Culling" or "High-Grading" is prohibited in the Marine District!

## NATIONAL SALTWATER ANGLER REGISTRY

Congress, through the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, called on NOAA Fisheries to create a national registry of saltwater anglers. As required by the Magnuson-Stevens Act, NOAA will deliver to congress a report on all the efforts underway to phase in the new Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP)—a partnership working to improve saltwater recreational fishing data collection and provide more informed fisheries conservation.

The registry will improve data collection by creating a universe of saltwater anglers, essentially a phonebook of fishermen. This resource will help reduce bias and improve the efficiency of catch and effort surveys. Instead of asking a random sample of coastal U.S. residents if they've gone fishing (what is currently done), an angler registry would allow surveyors to call upon those who have already identified themselves as saltwater fishermen. The National Saltwater Angler Registry team is in charge of creating this "phonebook" of anglers to ensure that marine anglers are accurately accounted for.

### Anglers please note:

New York, Rhode Island and Massachusetts also have marine license requirements. Though Connecticut has reciprocity with these neighboring states, residents of Connecticut are required to have a CT Resident Marine Waters Sport Fishing License to fish in the Marine District.

Connecticut anglers holding valid Marine Waters Fishing License are exempt from National Saltwater Angler Registry.

For more information, please see [www.countmyfish.noaa.gov](http://www.countmyfish.noaa.gov).

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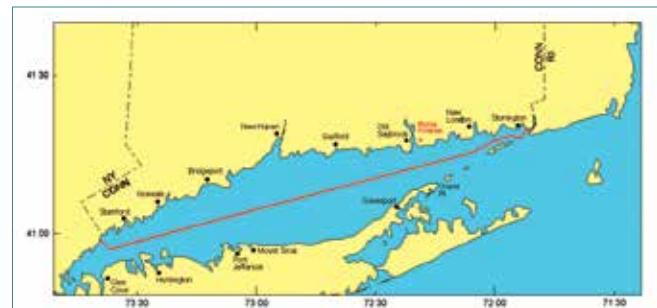


## CONNECTICUT STATE WATERS BOUNDARY

### Fishing Across State Boundary Lines

Anglers are reminded that several states have areas of jurisdiction in Long Island Sound and fishing regulations can vary between these states. When on the waters or shores of each state, anglers must comply with all regulations of that state, regardless of the port they intend to return to. To be legal when crossing state boundary lines, anglers must abide by the most restrictive of the states' regulations for each species.

Latitude/Longitude coordinates depicting the Connecticut boundary line in Long Island Sound and Fishers Island Sound are available in the Marine Fisheries Information Circular which can be found on the DEEP web site: [www.ct.gov/deep/fishing](http://www.ct.gov/deep/fishing). The Information Circular can also be obtained by calling 860-434-6043 or email: [deep.marine.fisheries@ct.gov](mailto:deep.marine.fisheries@ct.gov).



Long Island Sound map is for general reference only. For detailed information, please refer to Navigational Charts.

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# Marine Angler Surveys

## CT DEEP MARINE ANGLER SURVEY

The Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP) is a nation-wide program by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) to establish a reliable database for estimating the impact of recreational fishing on saltwater fish resources. This survey is conducted in all U.S. coastal states. The information is used by Fishery Management Councils, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC), as well as Federal and State resource agencies to create fishery management plans and to evaluate the impact of fishing regulations.

Estimates generated from the MRIP include the:

- total number of fish caught, released and harvested;
- weight of the harvest;
- total number of angler trips;
- number of marine recreational anglers.

Survey questions include: where you were fishing; how long you were fishing; what species you were fishing for; how many did you catch and release; can we measure and weigh your kept fish; what town do you live in; how often do you fish, your name and phone number.

## MARINE VOLUNTEER ANGLER SURVEY PROGRAM

The Marine Fisheries Division is seeking marine recreational anglers who will volunteer to participate in the Connecticut Volunteer Angler Survey (VAS) Program. The VAS Program is designed to collect fishing trip and catch information from marine recreational (hook and line) anglers who volunteer to record their angling activities via a logbook. VAS anglers

contribute valuable fisheries-specific information concerning striped bass, fluke, bluefish, scup, tautog and other important finfish species used in monitoring and assessing fish populations inhabiting marine waters.

\* New for 2013, participants will have the choice of either filling out the traditional paper logbooks and mailing them back in or by entering their data electronically by a computer web based application. In either case, paper logbooks will still be sent out to each angler.

Both the VAS paper logbook and the computer electronic version are easy to enter. Each participating angler is assigned a personal code number for confidentiality. The paper logbook instructions are located on the inside cover and the electronic version will have a specified menu with assisted help information. Upon completion of the paper logbook, tape the pre-postage paid logbook shut and drop it off in the mail. All paper logbooks are returned to each angler for their own personal records upon data entry. Anglers that participate are also provided with updated program results and public hearing notices concerning recreational fishery management regulations.

### Participating is very important for marine fisheries management.

Please contact:

Rod MacLeod  
rod.macleod@ct.gov  
860-434-6043  
CT Department of Energy & Environmental Protection  
Marine Fisheries Division  
P.O. Box 719, Old Lyme, CT 06371



## BLACK SEA BASS INTERESTING FACTS

Black sea bass occurs along the Atlantic Coast of the United States from Cape Cod to Florida.

Black sea bass has an unusual life cycle: they are protogynous hermaphrodites, which mean they start life as a female and when they reach 9–13 inches they change sex to become males initiated by visual cues. Most sea bass are born females. Although some fish are males from the time they reach sexual maturity, most produce eggs when they first mature. The age at which individuals "switch" from female to male is variable, although most fish have done so before they are 6 years old. In heavily exploited populations in which larger, older males are selectively harvested, the resulting death of males causes females to change sex at a younger age and smaller size than would be the case in populations less depleted by fishing.

Black sea bass generally overwinter offshore in deeper water on the continental shelf to 100 fathoms. In the spring, this species displays a general northward and inshore movement, expanding its range as far north as Cape Cod from May to October. During the summer, adult sea bass

gather around rocky bottoms, sunken wrecks, old pilings, and wharves. At this time of year, they are most abundant at depths of less than 120 feet. Young-of-the-year and yearlings tend to summer in estuaries, which are critically important nursery grounds for this species.

Black sea bass reproduce from February to July, with the spawning season starting earliest in the southern portion of their range and progressing northward as spring passes. Off the southern New England coast, they reproduce from mid-May until the end of June. The eggs are buoyant, floating in the water column until they hatch 1½ to 5 days after fertilization. The larvae drift in bays, inlets, and offshore areas; they become bottom-dwelling when they have grown to about ½ inch in length.

The largest black sea bass caught by an angler in Connecticut's waters weighed 7 pounds 8 ounces (Six-Mile Reef, Clinton). A 12-inch fish generally weighs 1 pound, while an 18 to 20-inch fish weighs about 3 pounds. Females mature at 2–4 years of age. Approximate size at maturity is 7 to 8 inches.



Holly Sulzinski with her youth state record black sea bass.

Marcelo Moutinho and family with his state record scup 4 lbs. 2 oz., 19 inches.



## Fishing in Connecticut, Share the Experience...

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Fred Spadaccini and son with their striped bass caught during the Bonus Striped Bass Fishing Program (see page 8 for more information).



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# Connecticut Bait & Tackle Shops

Lauren Chechoski with her youth state record bluefish 14 lbs. 1 oz., 36 inches.



The Wallace's displaying their awesome catch of summer flounder at one of the Enhanced Shore Fishing Access Areas (page 8).



TOWN	SHOP NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE	TOWN	SHOP NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE	
Ashford	Ralph's Bait Shop	14 Lakeview Drive	860-487-3544	North Canaan	Cannan Valley Shop	11 Railroad St.	860-824-7778	
Avon	Orvis Avon	380 West Main St.	860-678-7900	North Stonington	We-Tu Bait & Tackle	617 Lantern Hill Rd.	860-536-6551	
Barkhamsted	Uncles Aaron's Tackle Shack	4 Robertsville Rd.	860-307-7156	Norwalk	Fisherman's World Inc.	2 Fort Point St.	203-866-1075	
Bozrah	Bob's Bait	191 Fitchville Rd.	860-885-0292		Hiller Sports	140 Water St.	203-857-3474	
Branford	Fisherman's Paradise Bait & Tackle	195 S. Montowese St.	203-488-3474		Forest & Field Outdoor Specialties	4 New Canaan Ave.	203-847-4008	
Bridgeport	Lou's Boat Basin	365 Seaview Ave.	203-336-9809		Thayer's Marine & RV	14 Falls Ave.	860-887-8315	
	Orbit Marine Sports Center Inc.	3273 Fairfield Ave.	203-333-3483		Mike's Gun's & Tackle	141 Main St.	860-274-0371	
	Jimmy O's Bait & Tackle	3389 Fairfield Ave.	203-384-6359		Black Hall Marina Bait & Tackle LLC	132 Shore Rd.	860-434-9680	
Bristol	Lee Hardware	370 Riverside Ave.	860-582-7305	Old Saybrook	Ted's Bait & Tackle	35 Ferry Place	860-388-4882	
Brooklyn	Brooklyn Trading Post & Academy	106 Tripp Hollow Rd.	860-774-SHOT		North Cove Outfitters	75 Main St.	860-388-6585	
Byram	Rudy's Bait 'n' Tackle	242 South Water St.	203-531-3168		River's End Tackle	440 Boston Post Rd.	860-388-2283	
Clinton	Tide Water 2	34 Riverside Drive	860-664-9622		Bucky's Bait & Tackle	83 Palmer Neck Rd.	860-599-5972	
Columbia	Center Sports of Columbia	3 Orlando Drive	860-228-1666		Tri-State Bait	88 Westbroad St.,	860-495-5218	
Cornwall Bridge	Housatonic Meadows Fly Shop	13 Route 7	860-672-6064		B & J's Bait & Tackle Shop	29 Academy Lane	860-564-7742	
Cos Cob	Housatonic River Outfitters, Inc.	24 Kent Rd.	860-672-1010		Pine Meadow	352 Main St.	860-379-1952	
Coventry	Sportsman's Den of Greenwich	33 River Rd.	203-869-3234		Pomfret Center	Sue's Bait Box	437 Killingly Rd.	860-963-0212
Danbury	Cheap Baits	3515 Main St.	860-461-2444		Zah's Sport Shop	246 Main St.	860-342-4821	
Darien	Candlewood Bait & Tackle	36 Tamarack Ave.	203-743-2221		Preston	Fish Connection	127 Route 12	860-885-1739
	The Valley Angler	56 Padanaram Rd.	203-792-8324		Quaker Hill	Bob's Rod & Tackle	50 Norwich Rd. (Rt. 32)	860-439-1213
Dayville	Orvis Store	432 Boston Post Rd.	203-662-0844		Rowayton	The Bait Shop Inc.	99 Rowayton Ave.	203-853-3811
	Compleat Angler	555 Post Rd.	203-655-9400		Salisbury	O'Hara's Landing Marina	254 Twin Lakes Rd.	860-824-7583
East Canaan	Bob's Place	132 Ballowville Rd.	860-774-2286		Shelton	TC Marine, Bait & Tackle	445 River Rd.	203-513-2786
	Jim's Bait & Tackle	391 Norfolk Rd.	860-824-5773		Stamford	Pete's Place	124 Jefferson St.	203-356-9383
East Haven	Master Bait & Tackle	439 Main St.	203-467-2248		Fish Tails Bait & Tackle	379 Shippaw Ave.,	203-325-4775	
	Lakeside Deli	99 Stafford Rd.	860-871-8588		Stonington	Don's Dock	228 North Water St.,	860-535-0077
Ellington	Yankee Bait & Tackle	88 Main St.	860-741-5994		King Cove Marina & Kayak Center	926 Stonington Rd. (Rt.1)	860-599-4730	
	Smola's Flyfishing Guide & Service	483 Hazard Ave.	860-763-1856		Stratford	Harborview Bait & Tackle	185 Ferry Blvd.	203-377-5544
Enfield	Rome's Bait & Tackle	335 Salmon Brook St.	860-413-9445		Stratford Bait & Tackle	1076 ½ Stratford Ave.	203-377-8091	
	Byram's Bait & Tackle	35 North Water St.	203-532-0227		The Surfcaster	360 Sniffens Lane	203-610-6965	
Granby	Ken's Tackle Shop	213 Thames St.	860-445-6888		Thomaston	Sanzeri's Bait & Tackle	288 South Main St.	860-283-8654
	Backcountry Outfitters	8 Old Barn Rd.	860-927-3377		Tolland	Trapper's Den Taxidermy	152 Tolland Stage Rd.	860-872-1333
Madison	Captain Morgan's Bait & Tackle	Marine Center, Rt.1	203-245-8665		Torrington	Litchfield Hills Bait & Tackle, LLC	1469 Goshen Rd.	860-307-7726
	Farr's Sporting Goods	2 Main St.	860-643-7111		Union	JT's Fly Shop	664 Buckley Hwy.	860-684-1575
Manchester	Dean's Sporting Goods	261 New Milford Tpke.	860-868-0713		Voluntown	Mike's Bait & Tackle	16 Church St.	860-376-4767
	Marble Dale	Frank's Live Bait	19 West Rd.		Wallingford	Uncle B's Bait & Tackle	854 S. Colony Rd. (Rt.5)	203-294-1180
Marlborough	Lunker City Fishing Specialties	847 Hanover Rd.	203-237-3474		Warren	Housatonic River Outfitters	24 Kent Rd.	860-672-1010
	Fishin Factory III	238 East Main St.	860-344-9139		Waterbury	Mary's Bait Box	405 Lakewood Rd.	203-754-3991
Middletown	Fishin Factory	1426 Meriden-Waterbury Tpke.	860-621-8145		Waterford	Hillyer's Tackle Shop	374 Rope Ferry Rd.	860-443-7615
	Bobby J's Bait & Tackle	354 New Haven Ave.	203-876-1495		Wethersfield	Riverside Grocery	150 Shore Rd.	860-444-0681
Milford	D & D Bait and Tackle	102 Clark Gates Rd.	860-334-3006		Westbrook	Connecticut Outfitters	512 Silas Deane Hwy.	860-296-0110
	Fishbone Bait	67 Pequotsepos Rd.	860-608-7223		Westport	Atlantic Outboard	475 Boston Post Rd.	860-399-6773
Mystic	Shaffer's Boat Livery	106 Mason Island Rd.	860-536-8713		West Haven	Beach Nut Sports Center	314 Boston Post Rd.	860-399-6534
	Dee's Bait & Tackle	93 Clay St.	203-562-7025		Westport	Jack's Shoreline Bait & Tackle	174 Boston Post Rd.	860-664-9424
New Haven	AW Marina Bait & Tackle	178 Pequot Ave.	860-443-6076		Westport	Tidewater Bait & Tackle	362 Boston Post Rd.	860-399-2219
	Hannah Mac's Bait, Tackle & Charters	260 Pequot Ave.	860-449-0129		Westport	Westport Outfitters	609 Riverside Ave.	203-341-9490
New London	Armoury Inc.	233 Litchfield Tpke.	860-868-0001		West Haven	Some-Things Fishy	17 Kimberly Ave. #19	203-933-2002
	Newtown Bait & Tackle	78 South Main St.	203-426-6629		Windsor Locks	The Tackle Box and More	267 Beach St.	203-891-6548
Niantic	J & B Tackle Co. Inc.	23/25 Smith Ave.	860-739-7419		Winsted	Joe's Bass, Bait & Tackle	12 Dickerman Ave.	860-623-7980
	Mackey's Bait & Tackle Shop	158 West Main St.	860-739-2677		Wolcott	Outdoor Artistry Taxidermy & Bait	351 North Main St.	860-480-5765
Noank	Wild Bill's Action Sports & Tackle	93 Marsh Rd.	860-536-6648		Winsted	Northwest Sporting Goods & Supply	178 Rowley St.	860-738-8999
					Wolcott	Sportsmen's Outpost	415 Wolcott Rd. (Rt.69)	203-879-1139

If we missed your shop or you have changes to your information on this list, please contact David R. Molnar, [david.molnar@ct.gov](mailto:david.molnar@ct.gov), or call 860-434-6043.

# Marine Recreational Fishing Regulations



## SPECIES, MINIMUM SIZES, DAILY LIMITS, & FISHING SEASONS

**Effective 2013:** Species regulations are subject to change. For legal purposes, the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies must be consulted. Visit [www.ct.gov/deep/laws-reg](http://www.ct.gov/deep/laws-reg) or contact Marine Fisheries (860-434-6043) for current regulations.



**MINIMUM LENGTH** is measured from the tip of the snout (head) to the end of the tail.

**Enhanced Opportunity Shore Fishing Program:** This Marine Fisheries program is part of a broader Department effort to improve the quality of access and fishing to our Public Trust marine fisheries resources in CT, especially in urban areas. This unique program relies on reduced size limit regulations to allow angler's young and old alike the opportunity to experience the joy and relaxation of outdoor recreation and the satisfaction of catching their own dinner. At the same time, the design of this program assures that marine fish conservation objectives continue to be met.

**Red type signifies new regulations for 2013.**

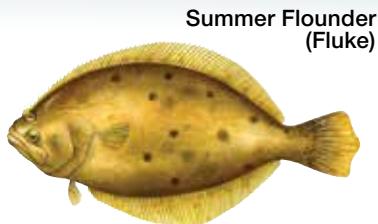
**SPEARFISHING** is an allowed recreational activity, subject to all sport fishing regulations.

SPECIES	NOTES	MINIMUM LENGTH	DAILY CREEL LIMIT (fish per angler)	OPEN SEASON
Alewife/Blueback Herring	The taking of Alewife and Blueback Herring is prohibited.			
American Eel	Eel Pots limited to 2 pots per person, personal use only. <b>Legal Methods:</b> Angling, Snagging, Eel Pot	6"	50	Year Round
American Shad	All state waters closed except the Connecticut River.	None	6 (American and Hickory Shad in aggregate)	Year Round
Atlantic Cod	Visit <a href="http://www.nero.noaa.gov/nero/regs">www.nero.noaa.gov/nero/regs</a> for updated federal regulations.	22"	10	Year Round
Black Sea Bass	Split bag/season, length excludes the tendril.	13"	3 8	June 15 – August 31 September 1 – October 29
Bluefish		None	10 (including snapper bluefish)	Year Round
Haddock	Visit <a href="http://www.nero.noaa.gov/nero/regs">www.nero.noaa.gov/nero/regs</a> for updated federal regulations.	18"	None	Year Round
Hickory Shad		None	6 (American and Hickory Shad in aggregate)	Year Round
Menhaden		None	50 fish or 5 gallons (whichever is the greater amount)	Year Round
Pollock	Visit <a href="http://www.nero.noaa.gov/nero/regs">www.nero.noaa.gov/nero/regs</a> for updated federal regulations.	19"	None	Year Round
Scup (Porgy)	Private Anglers	10.5"	20	May 1 – December 31
	Party/charter vessels	11"	45	September 1 – October 31
	Designated Shore Fishing Access Areas (see <b>Appendix A</b> on page 8)	9"	20	May 31 – December 31
Sea-Run Trout (Brown, Brook, Rainbow)		15"	2 (all species in aggregate)	Year Round
Striped Bass	• No spearing or gaffing	28"	2	Year Round
Summer Flounder (Fluke)	• On the water, fillets must meet minimum length or be accompanied by a legal sized rack (carcass)	17.5"	5	May 15 – October 31
Summer Flounder: <b>Enhanced Opportunity Shore Fishing Program Access Sites</b> (See Appendix A, page 8 for Specific Summer Flounder Shore Fishing Locations)	Designated Shore Fishing Access Areas (see <b>Appendix A</b> on page 8)	16"	5	May 15 – October 31
Tautog (Blackfish)		16"	2	April 1 – April 30 AND July 1 – August 31
		16"	4	October 10 – December 6
Weakfish		16"	1	Year Round
White Perch		7"	30	Year Round
Winter Flounder		12"	2	<b>Open season:</b> April 1 – May 30
Sharks/Tuna	<a href="http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/">http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/</a>			

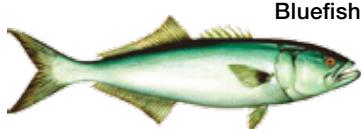
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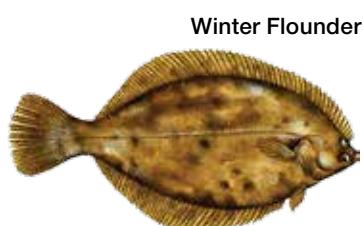
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Summer Flounder (Fluke)



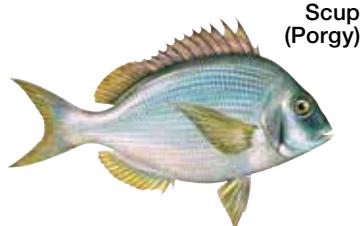
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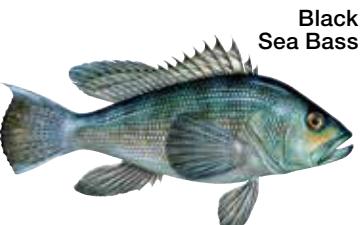
Tautog (Blackfish)



Scup (Porgy)



Weakfish



Black Sea Bass



Hickory Shad



American Shad



Sea-Run Trout



Alewife



White Perch



Blueback Herring



American Eel

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# Recreational Fishing—Bait Species, Blue Crab & Lobster

## TAKING OF BAIT SPECIES

**For personal use/not for sale:** Recreational License required in marine district.



### Fishing gear which may be used to catch bait species

- Cast Nets.
- Minnow Traps: no larger than 20" long by 15" in diameter.
- Umbrella Nets: not more than 4 ft. in length by 4 ft. in width.
- Scoop or Scap Nets: no larger than 36" in diameter.
- Seines: no longer than 30 feet in length.
- Up to two eel pots.
- Hook & Line.
- By hand.

### Legal Bait Species

- Menhaden (license required for gillnetting, see below)
- Striped Killifish and Banded Killifish
- Atlantic Silverside
- Tidewater Silverside
- Mummichogs
- Sea Herring (Atlantic Herring)
- Sand Lances (Sand Eels)
- American Eel
- Sea Lamprey
- Bay Anchovy
- Mullet Species
- Sheepshead Minnow
- Shrimp Species
- Green, Fiddler, Asian Shore and Hermit Crabs
- Other fish of legal length may be used, if taken by Hook & Line only!



## GILLNETTING MENHADEN



### Personal Use Gillnet License Required (\$100.00)

#### Legal Menhaden Capture Methods

Use of a single gillnet, not more than 60 feet in length.

#### Prohibited

The taking of any species other than menhaden.

#### Required

- Annual Report of Catch
- See Personal Use Gillnet License Guidelines for a complete list of requirements.

#### Info

- Call 860-434-6043, ask for the Personal Use Menhaden Gillnet License Guidelines.
- Or go to [www.ct.gov/deep/fishing](http://www.ct.gov/deep/fishing) and search for Open Access Fishing License.

Reduce Catch and Release mortality — please use circle hooks.



## SHELLFISH

**For personal use/not for sale:** Town Shellfishing License required.

### Species Include

- Mussels
- Oysters
- Clams
- Scallops



Contact the town where you plan to harvest shellfish for permit information, or the Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture Division at 203-874-0696. email: [dept.agric@snet.net](mailto:dept.agric@snet.net).

## LOBSTER

### Personal Use Lobster License Required (\$120.00)

#### Legal Lobster Capture Methods:

- Ten pots or less (pot tags required)
- Skin Diving
- SCUBA Diving
- Hand Capturing



#### Required

- Annual Report of Catch
- See Guidelines for Personal Use Lobster Fishing for a list of requirements.

#### Info

- Call 860-434-6043, ask for the Guidelines for Personal Use Lobster Fishing in Connecticut.
- Lobster Gauges can be purchased (\$4) at the Marine Fisheries office in Old Lyme or from DEEP Licensing at:  
79 Elm Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor,  
Hartford, CT 06106-5127  
860-424-3105
- Or go to [www.ct.gov/deep/fishing](http://www.ct.gov/deep/fishing) and search for Open Access Fishing License.



## BLUE CRAB

**For personal use/not for sale:** No license required.

#### Legal Blue Crab Capture Methods:

- Scoop Net, Hand Line, Dip Net, Trot Line
- Star Crab Trap (or similar device)
- Circular Topless Trap (not exceeding 26" in diameter)
- Semi-Circular Cylindrical Trap (12" or less in diameter)



#### Open Season

May 1–November 30.

#### Minimum Shell Width: (Spike Tip to Spike Tip)

- 5" hard shell crabs
- 3½" soft shell crabs

#### Prohibited

- Possession of uncooked blue crab meat without the body shell attached.
- Possession of more than 2 claws per body.
- Possession of egg bearing females.

#### Required

All devices must be attended at all times.

For additional information, refer to the Marine Fisheries Information Circular by visiting the [www.ct.gov/deep/fishing](http://www.ct.gov/deep/fishing) or call the Marine Fisheries Division at: 860-434-6043.

## MARINE FISHING TOURNAMENT/DERBY REGISTRATION

DEEP's Marine Fisheries Division administers a number of permits including the following:

A permit is required to conduct a marine fishing tournament or derby in Connecticut that is open to persons 16 years of age and older as described under section 26-159a-26 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies (see back of application). There is no charge for the permit.



[www.ct.gov/deep/permits&licenses](http://www.ct.gov/deep/permits&licenses)

Joe DeRose holding his tournament winning summer flounder.



# Coastal Boat Launches

**For other boat launches,** see the 2013 CT Boaters Guide ([www.ct.gov/deep/boating](http://www.ct.gov/deep/boating)) and the CT Coastal Access Guide ([www.lisrc.uconn.edu/coastalaccess/index.asp](http://www.lisrc.uconn.edu/coastalaccess/index.asp)). Call 860-424-3034 or e-mail [coastal.access@ct.gov](mailto:coastal.access@ct.gov) for questions or additional information.

## BARN ISLAND, STONINGTON

- Parking:** 60 cars with trailers.
- Toilets:** Chemical, seasonal.
- Conditions:** Large ramp with floating dock.
- Use:** Heavy use on weekends.
- Access:** I-95, Exit 91. South to N. Main Street to Rte. 1. Greenhaven Road to Palmer Neck Road, follow to end.

## BAYBERRY LANE, GROTON

- Parking:** 30 cars with trailers.
- Toilets:** Chemical, seasonal.
- Conditions:** Steep ramp, shallow at low tide.
- Use:** Heavy use on weekends.
- Access:** I-95, Exit 87. Rte. 349 becomes Shennecossett Road, left onto Bayberry Lane.

## BRANFORD RIVER, BRANFORD

- Parking:** 50 cars with trailers.
- Toilets:** Chemical, seasonal.
- Conditions:** Steep ramp, shallow at low tide.
- Use:** Low use.
- Access:** I-95, Exit 53. Rte. 142 left onto Stannard Avenue to Goodsell Point Road.

## CONNECTICUT RIVER, OLD SAYBROOK

- Parking:** 75 cars with trailers.
- Toilets:** Chemical, year round.
- Conditions:** Large ramp with floating dock.
- Use:** Heavy use on weekends.
- Access:** Exit 1 off Rte. 9 North. End of ramp turn right. Located under Baldwin Bridge, (I-95) off Ferry Road.

## DOCK ROAD, WATERFORD

- Parking:** 45 cars with trailers.
- Toilets:** Chemical, seasonal.
- Conditions:** Ramp is steep and narrow; Launching may be difficult during strong southwesterly winds.
- Use:** Moderate use on weekends.
- Access:** I-95, Exit 74. Rte. 213, south on Goshen Road, launch straight ahead.

## THAMES RIVER (KENNETH E. STREETER BOAT LAUNCH), GROTON

- Parking:** 25 cars with trailers.
- Toilets:** Chemical, seasonal.
- Conditions:** Launching may be difficult during strong northwesterly winds.
- Use:** Moderate use on weekends.
- Access:** I-95 North, Exit 85, bear right onto Bridge Street, next right onto Fairview Avenue, launch on left.

## THAMES RIVER, NEW LONDON

- Parking:** 50 cars with trailers.
- Toilets:** Chemical, seasonal.
- Conditions:** Good launching conditions.
- Use:** Moderate use on weekends.
- Access:** I-95 North, Exit 84, left onto Williams Street. Turn east onto State Pier Road, launch at end, under I-95, Goldstar Bridge.

## EAST RIVER, GUILFORD/MADISON

- Parking:** 25 cars with trailers.
- Toilets:** Chemical, seasonal.
- Conditions:** Concrete planks.
- Use:** Moderate use on weekends.
- Access:** I-95, Exit 59. Located on east side of East River. Take Rte. 1 onto Neck Road and follow to end.

## FOUR MILE RIVER, SOUTH LYME

- Parking:** 55 cars with trailers.
- Toilets:** Chemical, seasonal.
- Conditions:** Shallow launching area; low railroad bridge clearance.
- Use:** Low use.
- Access:** I-95, Exit 71. Rte. 156, east on Oakridge Drive, first right to launch area.

## GREAT ISLAND, OLD LYME

- Parking:** 35 cars with trailers.
- Toilets:** Chemical, seasonal.
- Conditions:** Shallow at low tide.
- Use:** Heavy use on weekends.
- Access:** I-95, Exit 70. Rte. 156 east, south to end of Smith Neck Road and Great Island Wildlife Area.

## HOUSATONIC RIVER, MILFORD/DEVON

>> Closed due to bridge construction. <<

## LIGHTHOUSE POINT CITY PARK, NEW HAVEN

- Parking:** 60 cars with trailers.
- Toilets:** Flush facilities in park.
- Conditions:** Launching may be difficult during strong northwesterly winds.
- Use:** Heavy use on weekends.
- Access:** I-95, Exit 51 going south. Go south on Townsend Avenue, right onto Lighthouse Road to park. Operated by the City of New Haven.

## NIANTIC RIVER, WATERFORD

- Parking:** 100 cars with trailers.
- Toilets:** Chemical, year round.
- Conditions:** Large ramp with floating dock.
- Use:** Heavy use on weekends.
- Access:** I-95, Exit 74. ¼ mile northeast of Rte. 156 bridge across Niantic River.

## SAUGATUCK RIVER, WESTPORT

- Parking:** 25 cars with trailers.
- Toilets:** Chemical, seasonal.
- Conditions:** Shallow launching conditions at low tide.
- Use:** Heavy use on weekends.
- Access:** I-95, Exit 17 east side of river. Rte. 136 to Compo Road, first right to launch.

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# Shoreline Fishing in Coastal State Parks

During regular hours, a vehicle parking fee is required to enter most of the state parks. Parking fees are collected from 8 a.m.–6:30 p.m. on weekends and holidays, and 8 a.m.–6:30 p.m. during the week except at state parks marked with an asterisk. For more information please see the coastal state parks website.

\* Parking Fees subject to change.



## Night Fishing Rules

Anglers entering a park by vehicle must obtain a vehicle permit in order to park and fish. No vehicle will be admitted into the day-use area of the park from 6:30 a.m.–8 a.m. Individuals entering the park without a vehicle do not require a permit, but must possess fishing tackle (rod & reel, bait, light, etc.) and engage in fishing.

## BLUFF POINT STATE PARK & COASTAL RESERVE, GROTON

Fishing is allowed 24 hrs.

- **Fish to be caught:** Winter flounder and snapper bluefish can be caught at Poquonnock Cove. Bluefish, striped bass, hickory shad, summer flounder, little tunny and tautog can be caught from the beach.
- **Directions:** I-95, Exit 88 to Route 117 south, right onto Route 1, left onto Depot Road. Follow to end.
- **Parking Fees:** None.

## FORT TRUMBULL STATE PARK, NEW LONDON



Fishing access (handicapped accessible), 24 hour pedestrian access from Riverfront Walk to Fishing Pier on the Thames River.

- **Fish to be caught:** Bluefish, striped bass, summer flounder, hickory shad, scup, tautog, winter flounder and weakfish.
- **Directions:** I-95N, Exit 83 (Huntington Street). I-95S, Exit 84.
- **Parking Fees:** None. Telephone: 860-444-7591.

## FERRY LANDING STATE PARK, OLD LYME



Fishing access (handicapped accessible) consists of a fenced bulkhead area and a fishing/crabbing boardwalk. Parking is available inside the park after hours for fishing/crabbing only.

- **Fish to be caught:** Bluefish, striped bass, summer flounder, catfish, tomcod, winter flounder, hickory shad, and white perch.
- **Directions:** I-95, Exit 70 to Route 156. After ¼ mile make a right onto Ferry Road. Follow to end. Telephone: 860-434-6043.
- **Parking Fees:** None.

## HAMMONASSET BEACH STATE PARK, MADISON



Fishing is allowed only at the Meigs Point Jetty (south end) and at West Beach Jetty during the peak season from 8 a.m. to sunset. Night fishing is permitted along the entire beach (2 miles). **The entire beach (2 miles) is not open to night fishing during the off-season (October–May).**

- **Fish to be caught:** Tautog, winter flounder, bluefish, summer flounder, scup, weakfish and striped bass.
- **Directions:** I-95, Exit 62. Telephone: 203-245-2785.
- **Parking Fees\***
  - **Weekdays:** resident—\$9.00, non-resident—\$15.00
  - **Weekend/Holiday:** resident—\$13.00, non-resident—\$22.00

## HARKNESS MEMORIAL STATE PARK, WATERFORD

Fishing is allowed along the beach. No swimming allowed.

- **Fish to be caught:** Tautog, bluefish, and striped bass can be caught off the rocky point and summer flounder off the beach.
- **Directions:** I-95, Exit 75. Take Route 1 North to Avery Lane on right. Follow Avery Lane to Route 213. Follow Route 213 to the park. Telephone: 860-443-5725.
- **Parking Fees\***
  - **Weekdays:** resident—\$6.00, non-resident—\$10.00
  - **Weekend/Holiday:** resident—\$9.00, non-resident—\$15.00
  - **After 4pm any day:** resident—\$6.00, non-resident—\$7.00

## ROCKY NECK STATE PARK, NANTIC



Fishing is allowed on the jetty year round. The entire beach and jetty is open to fishing during the off-season. Jetty located on right side of beach. **Please note:** When no night rangers are on staff and on major holiday weekends, no vehicles are permitted in park for night fishing.

- **Fish to be caught:** Tautog, winter flounder, bluefish, and striped bass can be caught off the jetty. Crabbing is allowed at designated areas.
- **Directions:** I-95, Exit 72 to Route 156. Telephone: 860-739-5471.
- **Parking Fees\***
  - **Weekdays:** resident—\$9.00, non-resident—\$15.00
  - **Weekend/Holiday:** resident—\$13.00, non-resident—\$22.00

## SHERWOOD ISLAND STATE PARK, WESTPORT



Fishing is allowed at Sherwood Point, East and West Jetty during the open season (April 15–Sept. 30). The entire beach is open to fishing during the off-season from 8 a.m. to sunset only.

- **Fish to be caught:** Tautog, bluefish, scup, summer flounder, winter flounder and striped bass can be caught off Sherwood Point.
- **Directions:** I-95, Exit 18. Telephone: 203-226-6983.
- **Parking Fees\***
  - **Weekdays:** resident—\$9.00, non-resident—\$15.00
  - **Weekend/Holiday:** resident—\$13.00, non-resident—\$22.00

## SILVER SANDS STATE PARK AFTER HOURS FISHING PARKING/ CHARLES ISLAND, MILFORD

Fishing is open throughout the area including the sand spit which extends about a mile from the mainland to Charles Island. Caution is advised when fishing or walking the tombolo. Swift tidal currents during a flood tide can make passage dangerous and persons unfamiliar with the area may be stranded on Charles Island until low tide.

- **Fish to be caught:** Bluefish, striped bass, summer flounder, hickory shad and weakfish.
- **Directions:** I-95, Exit 35. Follow Schoolhouse Road south to Route 1 (Bridgeport Avenue). Turn left onto Route 1 then right at first light (Silver Sands Park Way). Follow Park Way and turn left at next light (Meadowside Road). Follow Meadowside 0.7 mile and turn right at Robert Treat Parkway which then becomes Surf Avenue. Follow Surf Avenue to end at East Broadway and turn right. The After Hours Fishing Parking Lot is at the end of East Broadway.
- **Parking Fees:** None.

## SHORELINE FISHING & PROPERTY RIGHTS



### A Message from the Department of Energy & Environmental Protection's Office of Long Island Sound Programs

Connecticut's intertidal shore belongs to the people. Under the common law public trust doctrine, the public may freely use land and waters waterward of the mean high water line to fish. The public trust area includes beaches, rocky shores and open waters along tidal and navigable waters. Fishing in the public trust area is not trespassing; the DEEP encourages anglers to enjoy their rights to use the public trust lands for fishing. However, anglers should also respect the rights of adjacent landowners by not crossing private property without permission and by leaving the shoreline clean and litter free.

**Call the Office of Long Island Sound Programs for more information at 860-424-3034.**

# State Record Marine Fish

Red type signifies a new record for 2012.

CATEGORY	COMMON NAME	WEIGHT		LENGTH	LOCATION CAUGHT	ANGLER	YEAR CAUGHT
		lbs.	oz.				
NEARSHORE  (Long Island Sound – Fishers Island Sound)	American Eel	4	4		Cedar Island, Clinton	Stanley Zalewski	2009
	Atlantic Bonito	9	4	26.75"	East Rip, Long Island Sound	Yas Saotome	2012
	Black Sea Bass	7	8	25"	Six Mile Reef, Clinton	Mike Lane	2005
	Black Sea Bass	3	4	20"	Long Island Sound	Laurie Macha	2012
	Black Sea Bass (Catch & Release)			23.75"	East Rip, Long Island Sound	Timothy E. Kilbride	2012
	Blackfish (Tautog)	23	9	33"	Two Tree Island	Kendall Owens	2011
	Blackfish (Tautog) (Catch & Release)	13	9	27"	Indian Neck Point, Branford	Jack Martin	2012
	Bluefish	24	13		Norwalk Islands	Charles J. Toth	1979
	Bluefish (Catch & Release)	15	6	37"	Housatonic River	Shawn Lalond	2012
	Conger Eel	5	12		Stonington	Daniel Hatfield	2009
	Cunner	2	12		Dumping Grounds, Groton	Michael Ricitelli	2000
	Hickory Shad	3	4		Niantic River, Niantic	Richard Kozlowski	2003
	Little Tunny (False Albacore)	14	12		Millstone Outfall, Waterford	Robert Bernier	2000
	Oyster Toadfish	2	8		Millstone Point, Waterford	Zach Naoumides	2007
	Oyster Toadfish (Catch & Release)	2	0	14"	Fish Island, Norwalk	George Fisher	2010
	Sandbar (Brown) Shark	118	7		CT River, Old Saybrook	Bruce Kelly	1995
	Scup (Porgy)	3	14		Southwest Reef	Jay Setaro	1992
	Scup (Porgy) (Catch & Release)	2	3	17"	Niantic Bay	Jeff Puglise	2011
	Scup (Porgy)	2	2	17"	Bartletts Reef	Karen Westerberg	2012
	Sheepshead Porgy	10	11		Branford Reef	Clyde Turner	1998
	Squid			11.6" mantle	Niantic	Drew Kenny	2012
	WORLD RECORD Striped Bass	81	15	54"	Outer Southwest Reef	Greg Myerson	2011
	Striped Bass (Catch & Release)	47	0	48"	Valiant Rock	Chris McDowell	2010
	Striped Searobin	4	3	20"	Housatonic River	Howard Wolowitz	2012
	Summer Flounder (Fluke)	14	4		Fayerweather Island	Quinto Fillippino	2006
	Summer Flounder (Fluke)	6	11	25"	Fishers Island	Margaret Rux	2012
	Summer Flounder (Catch & Release)	7	0	25.25"	The Race	Chris McDowell	2010
	Weakfish	17	14		Fayerweather Island	June Andrejko	1986
	Winter Flounder	6	1		Millstone Pt., Waterford	Tom Kobas	1999
	Winter Skate	14	7		Black Point, Niantic	Fred Pinto	2003
OFFSHORE  (Outside of Long Island Sound – Fishers Island)	Albacore	68	14	46.5"	Atlantis Canyon	John Dagon	2012
	Atlantic Bonito	8	14		Block Island Sound	Jack Balint	1997
	Atlantic Cod	45	0		South of Block Island	John Chomen	2004
	Black Sea Bass	7	6		Block Island Sound	Thomas Massini	2009
	Blue Marlin	449	6		Atlantis Canyon	Jeffrey K. Eckert	2001
	Blue Shark	361	0		Ranger Wreck	Robert H. Olsen	1993
	Blue Shark (Catch & Release)			120"	Block Island Sound	Timothy E. Kilbride	2009
	Blue Shark (Catch & Release)			96"	Block Island Sound	Claire C. Kilbride	2009
	Bluefin Tuna	770	0		Block Island Sound	Lester Debetta	1990
	Cunner	3	4		Block Island Sound	Wesley E. Sargent	1998
	Little Tunny	16	13	37"	Butterfish Hole	Vincent Deledda	2011
	Little Tunny (Catch & Release)	6	8	26.5"	Block Island Sound	Timothy E. Kilbride	2009
	Mako Shark	650	0		Block Island Sound	Gregory J. Erisoty	1987
	Pollock	34	2		Block Island Sound	Joe DeCosta	2000
	Scup (Porgy)	4	2	19"	Block Island Sound	Marcelo Moutinho	2012
	Scup (Porgy)	3	11	17.5"	Block Island Sound	Debra A. Ferris	2012
	Striped Bass	50	14		Southwest Ledge, R.I.	Roman Dudus	2002
	Summer Flounder (Fluke)	14	8		Misquamicut Beach	Michael W. Adams, Sr.	1989
	Swordfish	359	0		Fish Tales	Fred J. Malcarne	2004
	Thresher Shark	467	0		Montauk Pt.	Mark Hiller	2006
	White Marlin	108	8		Block Canyon	Frederick Iasiello	1988
	Winter Flounder	4	1		Block Island Sound	Spiros Barberis	1989
	Winter Skate	17	6		Watch Hill, Mystic	William F. Zanks	1995
	Yellowfin Tuna	210	7		Block Canyon	Charles J. Lobacz	1991
EXOTIC MARINE SPECIES  (Rare Species)	Atlantic Stingray (Catch & Release)	14	4	58"	New Haven Breakwater	Larry E. Lainey	2010
	Banded Rudderfish	1	1	12.6"	Pleasure Beach, Jordan Cove	Valinn Ranelli	2011
	Black Drum	15	3		New Haven Breakwater	Howard D. LaFrance	2001
	Black Grouper	1	4	13.5"	Millstone Discharge	Hugh Durham	2012
	Cobia	18	0		East Haven	Nicholas Carafeno	2008
	Gray Triggerfish	4	7		Niantic Bay, Waterford	Christine Small	2007
	Inshore Lizardfish (Catch & Release)	0	8	10"	Milford Point	Dean Vogel, Sr.	2011
	Ladyfish	2	8		Millstone Pt., Waterford	Arnie Costello	1995
	Monkfish	18	6		Weekapaug Point, R.I.	William Zanks	2002
	Scalloped Hammerhead Shark	235	0		Block Island Sound	Richard Bonaccorsi	1992
	Spanish Mackerel	6	5		Branford Beacon	Michael Audet	2003
	Torpedo Ray	89	8		Misquamicut, R.I.	Chuck Adams	2008
	Wahoo	88	0		Fish Tales	Mike Matrison	2005
	BLUE CRAB	Blue Crab		8.25"	Connecticut River	Terry Williams	2012

# Trophy Fish Award Program



## MARINE YOUTH TROPHY STATE FISH RECORDS

Red type signifies a new record for 2012.

COMMON NAME	WEIGHT		LENGTH	LOCATION CAUGHT	ANGER	YEAR CAUGHT
	Ibs.	OZ.				
Black Sea Bass	4	10	23.5"	Faulkner Island	Drake Peterson	2012
	5	0	23"	Block Island Sound	Holly N. Sulinski	2012
Blue Crab	1	1	8.75"	Old Saybrook	Cody Lessard	2005
Bluefish	13	15	35.5"	Housatonic River	Chet Chechoski	2012
	14	1	36"	Housatonic River	Lauren Chechoski	2012
Gray Trigger Fish	3	1	18"	Niantic	Braeden Giller	2010
Hickory Shad	2	4	20"	Connecticut River	Marina Molnar	2009
	2	8	17"	Faulkners Island	Morgan Corsini	2009
Scup (Porgy)	2	8	15.5"	Kelsey Point, Clinton	Theresa Carlton	2010
	3	7	17.25"	Block Island Sound	Bryan Bottone	2011
Striped Bass	55	0	52"	Black Point, Niantic	Alan Guild Jr.	2009
	45	0	46"	Clinton	Carlina Spadaccini	2009
Striped Bass (Catch & Release)	46	0	48"	Long Island Sound	Stephen Lonczak	2012
Summer Flounder	10	4	29.5"	Harkness, Waterford	Jared Macha	2011
Tautog (Blackfish)	10	6	23.75"	Clinton	Nikole Travis	2012
	9	6	23.5"	Waterford	Robert F. Silva III	2012
Weakfish	4	3	22.5"	Long Island Sound	Carlina Spadaccini	2012
Winter Flounder	2	3	18"	Niantic River	Marco Folino	2012
White Perch	1	8	12.5"	Connecticut River	Marina Molnar	2011

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## TROPHY FISH AWARD AFFIDAVIT

Kind of Fish \_\_\_\_\_ Weight \_\_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_\_ Girth \_\_\_\_\_

Where Caught \_\_\_\_\_ Town (port) \_\_\_\_\_

Date Caught \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

### HOW CAUGHT

- Fly Fishing    Bait Casting    Bottom Fishing    Spin Fishing    Live Bait    Trolling    Ice Fishing  
 Day    Night

Kind of Lure or Bait Used \_\_\_\_\_ Catch & Release?  Yes  No



### CAUGHT BY

Angler (print & sign name) \_\_\_\_\_  Youth (under 16 years of age)  Adult

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**MEASURING & WEIGHING** (Print out of weight from a certified scale must accompany affidavit for state records.)

Measured/Weighed at \_\_\_\_\_

Sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

Witness (print name) \_\_\_\_\_

Witness Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

I, (signature & address of witness) \_\_\_\_\_ witnessed the measuring and weighing (Catch-and-Release fish must include an image of the fish next to a measuring device and need not be weighed) of the above-described fish, and verified the weight and measurements. The fish was weighed on a scale inspected by the CT Department of Consumer Protection.

Certification # \_\_\_\_\_ or Vendor Name \_\_\_\_\_ or Inspectors Name \_\_\_\_\_

### AUTHORIZATION AND RELEASE FOR USE OF PHOTOGRAPH (IMAGES)

Please provide a photo or digital image for fish identification purposes. Digital images can be emailed to [david.molnar@ct.gov](mailto:david.molnar@ct.gov)

**Note:** Each individual pictured must sign a release in order for the DEEP to use the picture. Parent/Guardian must sign for minor children.

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**FRESHWATER FISH** mail to: DEEP Inland Fisheries Division, 79 Elm Street, 6<sup>th</sup> floor, Hartford, CT 06106-5127

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### General Rules: Saltwater/Freshwater Fish

- Youth Category is defined as anyone 15 years of age and under.
- Female anglers can qualify for both youth and adult state marine records.
- Saltwater entries must be caught by boats leaving and returning to Connecticut ports. No overnight stays in another state prior to day(s) of fishing.
- Entries must be filed on the **Official Affidavit Form**, page 54.
- Fish must be caught by legal methods, played by only one person.
- Fish must be entered within 30 days of capture.
- Fish caught in hatchery ponds are not eligible.
- Fish must be caught during Connecticut's legal open season.
- **A clear photograph of the fish must accompany the Affidavit Form.**
- Fish must be weighed on scales certified in Connecticut (tackle shops, local markets or delis) or other state certified scales.
- **Please note:** for all potential State Record Fish, a print out of weight from a certified scale must accompany affidavit.

### Marine Qualifying Area Categories

- **Nearshore:** Inside Long Island/Fisher's Island Sound
- **Offshore:** Outside Long Island/Fisher's Island Sound
- **Exotic:** Rare strays to Connecticut caught inside Long Island/Fisher's Island Sound & Offshore Waters.
- **Freshwater:** Caught in freshwater



### Catch and Release Category Rules

- All of the General Rules apply except that the fish does not need to be weighed. A witness must be present.
- **A clear photo must accompany the affidavit. This photo must include the angler holding the fish and also include the fish next to a measuring (yardstick, ruler, or tape measure) device to clearly show the length of the fish.**
- The accompanying photo must be taken at the location where the fish was caught and released.
- Fish can't be taken from the site and then transported back.
- BLE = best length estimate for highly migratory species.
- Minimum Length = Tip of snout to end of tail.
- Marlin & swordfish—measure from lower jaw to fork in tail.
- Shark species—minimum length is fork length.
- Fish must be released alive!

To qualify for a Trophy Fish Award, please see table at right for minimum measurements required.

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### TROPHY FISH AWARD MINIMUM WEIGHTS

Note: Minimum Lengths apply to the catch-and-release category only! The minimum lengths listed below do not apply to the traditional weighed category.

CATEGORY	SPECIES	MINIMUM WEIGHT	MINIMUM LENGTH
FRESHWATER	American Eel	3 lbs	35"
	American Shad	5 lbs	25"
	Atlantic Salmon <sup>1</sup>	15 lbs	31"
	Bluegill	12 oz	10"
	Brook Trout	2 lbs	17"
	Brown Bullhead	2 lbs	15"
	Brown Trout	5 lbs	22"
	Calico Bass (Black Crappie)	2 lbs	15"
	Common Carp	20 lbs	34"
	Chain Pickerel	5 lbs	27"
	Channel Catfish	4 lbs	22"
	Fallfish	1.5 lbs	14"
	Kokanee	1.75 lbs	16"
	Largemouth Bass	6 lbs	22"
	Northern Pike	10 lbs	35"
	Pumpkinseed	8 oz	9"
	Rainbow Trout	4 lbs	21"
	Redbreast Sunfish <sup>3</sup>	8 oz	9"
	Rock Bass	12 oz	11"
	Smallmouth Bass	4 lbs	21"
	Sunfish Hybrids <sup>4</sup>	12 oz	10"
	Tiger Trout	2 lbs	17"
	Walleye	5 lbs	23"
	White Catfish	4 lbs	20"
	White Perch	2 lbs	15"
	White Sucker	3 lbs	15"
	Yellow Bullhead <sup>2</sup>	2 lbs	15"
	Yellow Perch	1.5 lbs	15"
SALTWATER	Albacore	30 lbs	40"
	American Eel	3 lbs	35"
	Atlantic Bonito	4 lbs	20"
	Atlantic Cod	20 lbs	40"
	Atlantic Mackerel	2 lbs	14"
	Black Sea Bass	3 lbs	18"
	Blackfish (Tautog)	8 lbs	22"
	Blue Marlin	100 lbs	BLE (99")
	Blue Shark	175 lbs	BLE (54")
	Bluefin Tuna	400 lbs	60"
	Bluefish	14 lbs	34"
	Cunner	1.5 lbs	12"
	Dolphin Fish (Dorado)	45 lbs	48"
	Hickory Shad	1.75 lbs	20"
	Little Tunny (False Albacore)	5 lbs	24"
	Mako Shark	175 lbs	BLE (54")
	Oyster Toadfish	1 lb	10"
	Pollock	15 lbs	34"
	Scup (Porgy)	2 lbs	17"
	Squid	—	10" Mantle Length; 18" Total Length
	Striped Bass	40 lbs	45"
	Striped Searobin	3 lbs	18"
	Summer Flounder (Fluke)	6 lbs	25"
	Swordfish	100 lbs	BLE (47")
	Thresher Shark	200 lbs	BLE (54")
	Weakfish	7 lbs	30"
	White Marlin	80 lbs	BLE (66")
	White Perch	1.5 lbs	14"
	Winter Flounder	2.5 lbs	17"
	Yellowfin Tuna	150 lbs	60"
	Blue Crab	8"	8"

<sup>1</sup> Includes only hatchery-reared broodstock salmon released into the Broodstock Atlantic Salmon waters and supplemental lakes. Wild Atlantic salmon from the Connecticut River and Long Island Sound are illegal to possess and not covered under this Trophy Fish Award program.

<sup>2</sup> Good photos (both lateral and ventral shots) will have to be required for identifications.

<sup>3</sup> Redbreast Sunfish will require only a good lateral photo.

<sup>4</sup> Most sunfish over 10" are probably hybrids.

# 2013 Tide Table—Saybrook Point

HIGH TIDE PREDICTIONS BETWEEN 6:00 a.m. AND 7:00 p.m. (Adjusted for daylight savings time) — 41.2833 N, 72.3500 W

○ FULL MOON      ● NEW MOON

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
<b>1</b>	12:56 p	1:53 p	12:47 p	3:19 p	4:12 p	6:02 p	6:31 p	7:17 a	8:29 a	8:42 a	9:24 a	8:32 a
<b>2</b>	1:36 p	2:46 p	1:35 p	4:23 p	5:19 p	6:22 a	6:51 a	8:09 a	9:13 a	9:21 a	10:01 a	9:17 a ●
<b>3</b>	2:20 p	3:48 p	2:29 p	5:33 p	6:25 p	7:22 a	7:47 a	8:56 a	9:54 a	9:59 a	9:41 a ●	10:04 a
<b>4</b>	3:14 p	4:58 p	3:33 p	6:06 a	6:50 a	8:14 a	8:36 a	9:40 a	10:33 a	10:35 a ●	10:25 a	10:55 a
<b>5</b>	4:16 p	6:06 p	4:44 p	7:12 a	7:48 a	9:01 a	9:21 a	10:22 a	11:11 a ●	11:13 a	11:13 a	11:49 a
<b>6</b>	5:22 p	6:41 a	5:54 p	8:09 a	8:39 a	9:44 a	10:04 a	11:04 a ●	11:49 a	11:53 a	12:05 p	12:45 p
<b>7</b>	6:00 a	7:37 a	6:28 a	9:00 a	9:24 a	10:27 a	10:47 a	11:45 a	12:28 p	12:36 p	1:01 p	1:42 p
<b>8</b>	6:56 a	8:30 a	7:25 a	9:45 a	10:07 a	11:11 a ●	11:31 a ●	12:26 p	1:08 p	1:25 p	2:01 p	2:42 p
<b>9</b>	7:50 a	9:19 a	8:16 a	10:29 a	10:49 a ●	11:55 a	12:15 p	1:06 p	1:51 p	2:18 p	3:04 p	3:45 p
<b>10</b>	8:42 a	10:08 a ●	10:04 a	11:12 a ●	11:33 a	12:40 p	12:59 p	1:45 p	2:39 p	3:17 p	4:11 p	4:51 p
<b>11</b>	9:33 a ●	10:56 a	10:49 a ●	11:56 a	12:17 p	1:26 p	1:41 p	2:25 p	3:35 p	4:22 p	5:17 p	5:54 p
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<b>13</b>	11:16 a	12:31 p	12:19 p	1:26 p	1:49 p	2:57 p	3:04 p	4:00 p	5:48 p	6:08 a	6:50 a	7:20 a
<b>14</b>	12:06 p	1:18 p	1:04 p	2:12 p	2:37 p	3:42 p	3:47 p	5:00 p	6:53 p	7:11 a	7:38 a	8:04 a
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<b>25</b>	9:19 a	10:08 a ○	9:58 a	10:46 a ○	11:10 a ○	12:40 p	1:13 p	2:28 p	3:41 p	4:01 p	4:10 p	4:11 p
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**TIDAL DIFFERENCES**— Remember that weather conditions affect tidal range & current speeds, sometimes very strongly.

<b>Stonington</b>	Less 1 Hour, 43 Min.	<b>Duck Island</b>	Plus 7 Min.	<b>Bridgeport</b>	Plus 33 Min.
<b>Noank</b>	Less 1 Hour, 33 Min.	<b>Madison</b>	Plus 12 Min.	<b>Greenwich</b>	Plus 34 Min.
<b>Norwich</b>	Less 1 Hour, 25 Min.	<b>Falkner Island</b>	Plus 19 Min.	<b>Stamford</b>	Plus 38 Min.
<b>New London</b>	Less 1 Hour, 11 Min.	<b>Branford Harbor</b>	Plus 24 Min.	<b>Cos Cob Harbor</b>	Plus 38 Min.
<b>Millstone Pt.</b>	Less 1 Hour, 2 Min.	<b>New Haven Harbor</b>	Plus 25 Min.	<b>South Norwalk</b>	Plus 45 Min.
<b>Niantic</b>	Less 10 Min.	<b>Milford Harbor</b>	Plus 26 Min.	<b>Hous. River, Stratford</b>	Plus 1 Hour.
<b>Old Saybrook</b>	See tide chart	<b>Saugatuck River</b>	Plus 31 Min.		

## CONNECTICUT RIVER

Essex	Plus 28 Min.	Portland	Plus 2 Hours, 40 Min.
East Haddam	Plus 1 Hour, 31 Min.	Hartford	Plus 4 Hours, 19 Min.

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## Do you need a fishing license and boat registration?

Please take a few moments to consider each of the questions below. Take your time. Let it come naturally.

### DIRECTIONS

1. Use No. 2 pencil.
2. Do NOT use a No. 1 pencil.
3. We don't know why. Just don't.

1

### Is this your idea of fishing with friends?

- (A) Yes, I am a 1,200-pound brown bear, and these are my friends.
- (B) Yes, I stand at the edge of the falls and catch fish with my mouth.
- (C) No.



2

### Are you your own boat?

- (A) Yes, and please stop staring at my stern.
- (B) No, I'm my own airplane.
- (C) No.



3

### Do you want this in your favorite lake?

- (A) Yes. Landfills are soooo cliché.
- (B) Sure, who doesn't love dipping their toes into a pool of swirling sewage?
- (C) No.



### ANSWERS:

CONGRATULATIONS! You definitely need to be licensed and registered. Because funds generated from your fishing license and boat registration go toward conserving our waterways and providing better fishing and boating for generations to come.

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