

OPENING DAY OF TROUT SEASON: APRIL 15, 2006





INLAND REGULATIONS

Easy two-step process:

- 1. Check the **REGULATION TABLE (PAGES 5-6)** for general statewide regulations.
- Look up the waterbody in the LAKE AND PONDS (PAGES 17-27) or RIVERS AND STREAMS (PAGES 28-37) listings to find any special regulations.

MARINE REGULATIONS: PAGES 42-43

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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 General Statutes of Connecticut must be consulted.

2006 FISHING FORECAST

Anglers,

For 20 years, family fishing classes operated by the Connecticut Aquatic Resources Education (CARE) program have helped over 110,000 citizens enjoy Connecticut's diverse and abundant angling opportunities. Take a look at page 38 of this 2006 CT Angler's Guide for information on how to get involved in fun classes or as a volunteer. In the meantime, be advised that the fishing just keeps getting better. Spring, summer and fall catches of huge walleye over 7 pounds at Lake Saltonstall and Squantz Pond will offer just a glimpse of what the 2006 season has to offer. Ten pound Atlantic salmon should again provide excellent fall and winter fishing on the Naugatuck and Shetucket Rivers.

Many Marine fish stocks continue to improve and anglers can expect quality fishing in 2006. Striped bass, scup, and bluefish are responding to management plans and are very abundant. Summer flounder, black sea bass and tautog stocks are abundant too, with over 50 trophy fish awards being taken in 2005. Saltwater fishing close to home is a great family experience waiting for you in 2006.

Inland: The old saying that records are made to be broken has certainly proven to be true

recently. Even world records! An ice fishing world record (26 lb. 13 oz. channel catfish) was set right here in Connecticut. Plus, two state records were also recently shattered in the chain pickerel (8 lb. 9 oz.) and channel catfish (29 lb. 6 oz.) categories. Over 150 trophy fish awards were issued last year, led by 35 brown trout and 30 for rainbow trout.



Ice fishing World Record channel catfish caught at Mansfield Hollow Reservoir by Daniel Southwick (Millville, MA) in February, 2005.

Marine: There have been six new state records since 2004. Two of the records were in the Offshore Category, a 359 pound swordfish and a 45 pound cod. An 85 pound wahoo was caught in the Exotic Species Category. The Nearshore Category was represented by a 7.5 pound black sea bass (see cover photo) and a 4 pound American eel along with a 1 pound 1 ounce 8 ¾ inch blue crab. The Department is extremely excited about the increase in marine trophy fish awards, a good indication of effective fishery management practices and hopefully a sign of increasing recreational fishing opportunities for anglers in future years.

Throughout Connecticut there are many areas that produce Trophy trout and bass and specific areas intended for families and children. All these areas and more are listed in this quide.

Please contact our Inland Fisheries Office (860-424-3474) or our Marine Fisheries Office (860-434-6043) for more information or if you have any questions.

Good luck & good fishing in 2006,

Edward C. Parker Chief, Bureau of Natural Resources

LICENSES

INLAND LICENSES

Fishing licenses are required for anyone 16 years of age or older fishing in the Inland District (see page 39 for demarcation between Inland and Marine Districts). Licenses are issued on a calendar year basis and expire on December 31st.

LICENSES AVAILABLE AT TOWN HALLS, MANY TACKLE RETAILERS, AND IN PERSON OR BY PHONE FROM THE DEP STORE (860-424-3555):

Resident and Armed Forces Members*

Fishing	\$20.00
Fishing & Small Game Firearms Hunting	\$28.00
<u>Nonresident</u>	
Season Fishing	\$40.00
Three Day Fishing	\$16.00
Fishing & Small Game Firearms Hunting	\$88.00

SPECIAL LICENSES AVAILABLE ONLY FROM YOUR TOWN HALL:

Senior Citizen Lifetime Fishing License (65 and older)	Free
Mentally Retarded or Blind Fishing**	Free
Disabled Persons Fishing***	Free
Disabled Persons Fishing & Firearms Hunting***	Free

- *Any active, full-time member of the armed forces may be issued a fishing and/or small game firearms license for the resident fee. Proof of membership during the calender year must be carried while using the license.
- ** Issuance of a free license to the blind or mentally retarded 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 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.

LOST LICENSE

To obtain a replacement license, return to the town clerk of the town where you originally purchased the license and submit a duplicate license application (\$1.00 fee). You will receive a temporary (5 day) certificate. Submit a copy of the duplicate license application with a \$6.00 fee to Licensing, DEP, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT 06106-5127 and a duplicate license will be issued.

RECREATIONAL MARINE LICENSES

Fishing licenses are not required in the marine district except 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. Marine licenses are issued on a calendar year basis, expire December 31st, are non-transferable, and are issued by DEP Licensing and Revenue at 79 Elm St, Hartford, CT 06106-5127.

Personal Use Lobster License

(Purchase of pot tags also required)	\$60.00
Personal Use Gillnet License for Menhaden	\$50.00

A <u>commercial license is required</u> to take, 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. For further information on commercial fishing contact DEP Marine Fisheries Division at 860-434-6043 or write to Marine Fisheries Office, P.O. Box 719, Old Lyme, CT 06371.

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NOTICE:

Some advertisements in this publication may state that "No sales tax" is due. This is because the retailer is located in a state that does not impose sales or use tax, and the retailer is not registered to collect Connecticut sales and use taxes. While you may not have to pay sales tax in the state where you bought the goods or services, you must pay Connecticut use tax on taxable goods or services purchased for use in Connecticut. For more information, see the Department of Revenue Services' Informational Publication 2005(17), Q&A on the Connecticut Individual Use Tax:

http://www.ct.gov/drs/lib/drs/publications/pubsip/2005/ip05-17.pdf

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.

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 pages 5 & 6. The Regulations on many water bodies differ from the Statewide regulations.

USE THIS TWO-STEP PROCESS TO DETERMINE REGULATIONS ON A SPECIFIC WATERBODY:

- 1. Check the table on pages 5 & 6 for the general statewide regulations.
- 2. Refer to the specific waterbody in the alphabetical listings of LAKES & PONDS (pages 17-27) or RIVERS & STREAMS (pages 28-37) 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 the Lakes & Ponds and Rivers & Streams listings:

- · Lakes and ponds are open year-round.
- Rivers & streams are open from 6:00 am on the 3rd Saturday in April through the last day of February (Closed to all fishing from March 1st to 6:00 am 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, Eight Mile, Farmington, Housatonic, Mattabesset, Naugatuck, Quinnipiac and Salmon Rivers, and Latimer and Whitfords Brooks. 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 10 & 11.

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

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 & 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!

FISHERIES ADVISORY COUNCIL



FISHERIES ADVISORY COUNCIL (FAC) - A group of dedicated citizens from all regions of the state working together for fish and fishing in Connecticut. For more information about the FAC, please call 860-424-3474.

INLAND DISTRICT STATEWIDE SPECIES REGULATIONS

Kind of Fish (notes)	Legal Methods	Area	Open Season ^A	Minimum Length	Daily Creel Limit
			US ALEWIFE & BL CTICUT WATERS I		
, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	Emergency	/ closure is in effe	ect. See page 7 for i	more informa	ation.
Alewife/Blueback Herring (Daily creel limit is for both species in aggregate)	lakes. Se	EXCEPTION: Landlocked alewife only may be taken from specific lakes. See page 7 for list of lakes. Methods, seasons & creel limits for these lakes are as follows:			
	Angling _	Lakes & Ponds	Open Year-round ^A	<u>none_</u>	$-\frac{25}{25}$
	Scoop Net	Lakes & Ponds	April 1-June 15	none	25
©	Angling, Icefishing, Bobbing,	All Areas	Open Year-round ^A	6"	50
American Eel	Bow and Arrow, Spearing	stocked with trout	nd bow and arrow use t. Spearing prohibited er eel, glass eel and si	in all lakes &	ponds.
	Angling	Lakes & Ponds, Rivers & Streams	3 rd Saturday in April-	none	6
American Shad		Lower River / Tidal Waters	April 1-June 30	none	6
	TAI	KING OF ATLAN	ITIC SALMON IS	PROHIBITE	ED .
Address Colleges	Exc	eption: Atlantic	Salmon Broods	tock Fisher	ies
Atlantic Salmon			(see page 7)		
		Lakes & Ponds	Open Year-round ^A	12"	6
Largemouth Bass &	Angling &	Rivers & Streams	Open Year-round ^A	none	6
Smallmouth Bass (Daily creel limit is for both species in aggregate)	lcefishing	Connecticut River	Open Year-round	12"	6
Carp,	Angling, Icefishing, Bobbing,	All Areas	Open Year-round ^A	none	none
Suckers & Contract Co	Bow and Arrow, Spearing		d bow and arrow use p Spearing prohibited ii		
	Angling	Lakes & Ponds	Open Year-round ^A	15"	6
Chain Pickerel ©	& Icefishing	Rivers & Streams	Open Year-round ^A	none	none
Hickory Shad	Angling, Icefishing, Scoop Net	All Areas Note: Daily	Open Year-round ^A creel limit is in aggrega	none ate with Americ	6 an shad

INLAND DISTRICT STATEWIDE REGULATIONS

	2 none					
Northern Pike Angling All Areas Open Year-round 26"						
All Areas Open Year-round Horie	none					
Panfish* Bobbing *except White Perch-see below						
Angling & Lakes & Ponds Open Year-round ^A none Icefishing	50					
Smelt TAKING OF SMELT IN RIVERS & STREAMS IS PROHIBIT	TAKING OF SMELT IN RIVERS & STREAMS IS PROHIBITED					
Angling All Areas Open Year-round ^A 28" Striped Bass	2					
Sturgeon TAKING OF STURGEON IS PROHIBITED						
Trout Lakes & Ponds Rivers & Streams Angling Rivers & Streams last day in February.	5					
(Brook, Brown, Lake, Icefishing Lower Rivers/ Open Year-round ^A 15"	2					
Connecticut River (including Coves & Tributaries) Open Year-round ^A 7" Angling Tidally influenced Icefishing Rivers & Streams	30					
White Perch Bobbing Lakes & Ponds	none					
Walleye Angling & All Areas Open Year-round 18"	2					

ALEWIFE &
BLUEBACK HERRING

ATLANTIC SALMON BROODSTOCK FISHING

The DEP 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. These fish are typically two to five years old and weigh from 2 to 15 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 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 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).



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.

BROODSTOCK AREA FISHING RESTRICTION:

From October 1 to March 31, angling for all species in 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 to the 3rd Saturday in April for all species other than broodstock Atlantic salmon except in the upper Naugatuck River Broodstook Area. This area is within the Naugatuck River TMA, which is open yearround for trout (catch-and-release only).

SEASONS, CREEL LIMITS & METHODS FOR THE PERIOD FROM DECEMBER 1, 2005 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2007:

Seasons

December 1, 2005 through March 31, 2006

April 1, 2006 to 6:00 am April 15, 2006

April 15, 2006 through September 30, 2006 (6:00 am-opening day)

October 1, 2006 through November 30, 2006

December 1, 2006 through March 31, 2007

Creel limits

ONE (1) SALMON PER DAY

SALMON FISHING CLOSED

ONE (1) SALMON PER DAY

CATCH AND RELEASE ONLY

ONE (1) SALMON PER DAY

Methods

Fishing for Atlantic salmon is limited to use of a **SINGLE FLY** or **LURE WITH A** SINGLE FREE-SWINGING HOOK. Additional weight may not be added to the

line

Important Note: 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 DEP website at www.dep.state.ct.us. If you are unsure of the regulations, please contact DEP 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:



Alewife



Blueback Herring

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 DEP 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 DEP 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 2007 and will likely be extended. Check the DEP website (www.dep.state.us) or contact DEP 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 (see page 13). Landlocked alewife may be taken by angling or scoop net only from the following lakes:

Amos Lake Ball Pond Beach Pond

Candlewood Lake Crystal Lake (Ellington) Quonipaug Lake Highland Lake

Quassapaug Lake Rogers Lake

Squantz Pond Uncas Lake Waramaug Lake

PERMITS

Planning to:

STOCK FISH

IMPORT FISH INTO THE STATE CONDUCT A FISHING TOURNAMENT OR DERBY

USE GRASS CARP TO MANAGE AQUATIC PLANTS

Permits are required for these activities

DEP'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 neccessary 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.

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 & 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.

INLAND FISHING TOURNAMENT/DERBY PERMIT

Required to conduct a fishing tournament or derby on 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.

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.

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 DEP web site (www.dep.state.ct.us).

CANDLEWOOD LAKE DEPTH MAP

The Connecticut DEP is proud to present for 2006 our new Candlewood Lake depth map with all new bathymetric measurements.

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 - Produced using state-of-the-art GPS technology.
 - Field work and compilation ran from 1999 to 2005, and the final product is a color chart which measures 23 by 36 inches.
 - The best and most current information on Candlewood Lake depths available.
 - Maps are fully laminated. That means the weather won't damage it.

Available from the DEP STORE- \$10.95

- Order by phone: **860-424-3555**

- shop online: www.dep.state.ct.us

- Visit our Hartford store or order by mail

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A MESSAGE FROM DEP'S ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION POLICE

Hello Outdoor Sports Enthusiasts,

As another year unfolds with yet more opportunities to enjoy the outdoors through fishing, let's take a minute and remember the kids. Children and young adults represent the future of our natural resources. They will become the caretakers of this important gift and our outdoor sports heritage. To be good caretakers they must have solid background knowledge that they can use to guide us into the future.

I urge you to take every opportunity to teach our youth about the outdoors and the art and skills of fishing. Give them the opportunity to take part in the many excellent programs that are available to learn about outdoor skills and nature. Offer them an alternative to video games and TV and help them become good caretakers.

If our youth do not have knowledge of and respect for nature or the desire to partake of its opportunities or to help protect it, nature and we will suffer for it. Remember to teach good ethics and how they can help to protect our natural resources. If you suspect that poaching activity is taking place, please call our toll free TIP hotline at 1-800-842-4357 and report it. Only through our collective efforts can we help ensure that our outdoor heritage and our natural resources will endure for all to enjoy.

Thank you, be safe and good luck.

Col. Eric C. Nelson, Director Division of State Environmental Conservation Police Bureau of Outdoor Recreation



- Fishing without a license: \$77.00
- 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: \$77.00
- Failure to carry fishing license while fishing: \$77.00
- Violation of salmon fishing regulations: \$77.00
- Illegal importation/liberation of live fish: \$75.00 for each fish
- 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

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.



Sgt. Robert Zablansky of the DEP Environmental Conservation Police helps Steven Sipolski of Lebanon with his "dream catch", a broodstock Atlantic salmon he caught while fishing the Shetucket River.

Connecticut Forest & Parks Association's

THE CONNECTICUT WALK BOOK-East



- The new information is so extensive the state had to be divided up into two volumes.
- This completely revised and newly formatted Eastern edition contains maps and trail descriptions of all eastern CT Blue Blazed trails including the Metacomet and Mattabesset trails which will be the dividing point between east and west. (These two trails will appear in both books).
- Many of the trail descriptions provide detailed information about cultural and historical features that are encountered along the way. Long a favorite with state hikers, this new edition is 33% larger than the old

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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 DEP, 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, 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, perch bugs, hellgrammites 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 DEP 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: Carp, suckers, eels and lampreys may be taken with a bow and arrow. These species may be taken by archery in lakes and ponds and in streams/sections not stocked with trout, 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.

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.

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.

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

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For more information, call 1-800-CT-SOUND.

DEFINITIONS (continued)

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. Persons under sixteen years of age may use not more than two devices. 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 39.

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.

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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, carp, suckers, eels, lampreys, menhaden, alewives and blueback (glut) herring may be taken by these methods.

SPEARING: The use of any pointed instrument, with or without barbs, propelled solely by hand. Carp, eels, suckers and 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.

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 Free Fishing Day site. 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 38 for more! Contact Tom Bourret (860-663-1656) or George Babey (860-424-3481) of the Inland Fisheries Division.

Volunteer Angler Survey - Saltwater Anglers

(For Individuals) - See page 41 for details. Contact: Rod MacLeod at 860.434.6043, Marine Fisheries Division.

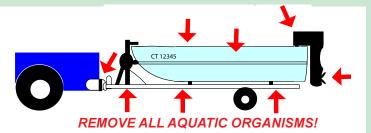
Thanks for your interest in the health of our fisheries resources!

AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES

An increasing number of damaging aquatic species are invading the waters of Connecticut. Zebra mussels and Eurasian water-milfoil are most familiar to anglers but other exotic species may cause problems as well. You can help prevent the spread of problem species by following these simple suggestions!

BEFORE LEAVING A BOAT LAUNCH:

- Completely drain all water from the boat, including BILGE WATER, LIVEWELLS and ENGINE COOLING SYSTEMS.
- Inspect your BOAT, TRAILER and EQUIPMENT.
 Remove and discard all aquatic plants and animals you may have picked up while on the water.



PLEASE:

- 1. **DON'T 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.
- 2. **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 from.

IT'S THE LAW (Public Acts 03-136 and 04-203)!

- Boaters must inspect their vessel for vegetation and properly remove and dispose of any vegetation before transporting the vessel. You can be fined up to \$100 and may have to appear in court for failure to comply.
- → The importation, transportation, sale, purchase, possession, cultivation or distribution of a number of invasive plants including the the following aquatic plants is prohibited:

Curly leaved pondweed (Potamogeton crispus)

Eurasian water-milfoil (*Myriophyllum spicatum*)

Water chestnut (Trapa natans)
Hydrilla (Hydrilla verticillata)

Purple loosestrife (Lythrum salicaria)
Parrotfeather (Myriophyllum aquaticum)

American water lotus (Nelumbo lutea)

Giant salvinia (Salvinia molesta)
Water lettuce (Pistia stratiotes)

Onerow yellowcress (Rorippa microphylla)

Fanwort (Cabomba caroliniana)

Variable water milfoil (*Myriophyllum heterophyllum*)

Egeria (Egeria densa)

Common reed (Phragmites australis)

Pond water-starwort (Callitriche stagnalis)

Brittle water-nymph (Najas minor)

Yellow floating heart (*Nymphoides peltata*)

Yellow iris (*Iris pseudacorus*)

Watercress (Rorippa nasturium-aquatticum)*

*except for watercress without reproductive structures sold for human consumption.

Violators can be fined up to \$100 per plant!

WEBSITES OF INTEREST:

The following websites can provide a good start to learning more about Aquatic nuisance species:

National Invasive Species Council: <u>www.invasivespecies.gov</u>

Invasive Plant Atlas of New England: http://invasives.eeb.uconn.edu/ipane/

ANS task force: http://www.anstaskforce.gov
Northeast Aquatic Nuisance Species Panel: http://www.northeastans.org

Protect Your Waters: www.protectyourwaters.net
Connecticut Sea Grant: www.seagrant.uconn.edu
Connecticut Invasive Plant Working Group: www.hort.uconn.edu/cipwg/

USGS Invasive Species Information Node: http://invasivespecies.nbii.gov

USGS Nonindigenous Aquatic Species: http://nas.er.usgs.gov

HELP STOP THE SPREAD!

Below is more detailed information on three nuisance species present in Connecticut. There are numerous other freshwater aquatic invaders of concern to Connecticut. Some, including the rusty crayfish (Orconectes rusticus) and the Asian clam (Corbicula fluminea) have been found in Connecticut waters. A number of others including the New Zealand mud snail, landlocked gizzard shad, silver, black and bighead carp, and aquarium species such as snakehead fish (family Channidae) could eventually find their way to Connecticut.

ZEBRA MUSSEL

Zebra mussels have been found in one lake in western Connecticut (East Twin Lake). Anglers fishing in western Connecticut should use extra care to avoid transporting water, aquatic vegetation, and possibly zebra mussels to new locations.

The zebra mussel is a black and white striped, bivalve mollusc which was introduced into North American waters through the discharge of ship ballast water. Since its discovery in Lake St. Clair in 1988, the zebra mussel has spread throughout the Great Lakes, the Mississippi River system and most of New York State, including Lake Champlain and the Hudson River.



This mussel can clog power plant, industrial and public drinking water intakes, foul boat hulls and engine cooling water systems, and may disrupt aquatic ecosystems.

ALEWIFE (LANDLOCKED)



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Landlocked alewives (a member of the herring family) are abundant in many Connecticut lakes and are commonly used by anglers as a bait fish. The widespread use of landlocked alewives as bait has resulted in these fish becoming established in lakes where they can be highly detrimental to other fish species. Once landlocked alewives become established, their population numbers can increase quickly, allowing them to outcompete other fish species for available food. Also, alewives can feed on egg and larval stages of other species such as trout, perch, walleye and bass. Seldom can they be removed from a lake once they establish a population.

East Twin Lake (Salisbury) and Wononscopomuc Lake (Lakeville) provide examples of the effects of landlocked alewives. Each of these lakes had fishable populations of Kokanee salmon for many years. Alewives were accidentally introduced into each of these lakes and the salmon populations declined and then disappeared. For these reasons we recommend that anglers take great care when discarding their unused bait at the end of a fishing trip. Do not empty the bait bucket into the lake (an alternative is to freeze and save for the next trip). Even if you're not using alewives as bait, there may be one or two in the bucket which may lead to establishment of a population. These precautions will help limit the spread of an unwanted and potentially detrimental species.

Remember-The use of live alewives, blueback herring, gizzard, hickory, or threadfin shad as bait is prohibited in:

Alexander Lake Colebrook Reservoir East Twin Lake Lake Pocotopaug

Saugatuck Reservoir Shenipsit Lake Wangumbaug (Coventry) Lake West Branch (Hogback) Reservoir West Hill Pond West Twin Lake

Wononscopomuc Lake.

WATER CHESTNUT

Dense water chestnut growth can make fishing, boating, swimming and other recreational activities nearly impossible. Water chestnut has been found in Keeney Cove (Connecticut River), the Hockanum and Podunk Rivers, ponds in Eastford & West Hartford, and Bantam Lake in Litchfield/ Morris. Anglers fishing in the Connecticut River, its tributaries, and elsewhere should be on the lookout for this highly invasive plant. DEP and other organizations are involved in eradication efforts.

Water chestnut is a rooted, annual aquatic plant with triangular-shaped floating and feather-like submerged leaves. Its sharp, spiny fruits wash ashore and can inflict painful wounds if stepped

If you find this plant, contact Harry Yamalis at harry.yamalis@po.state.ct.us or (860) 424-3034.

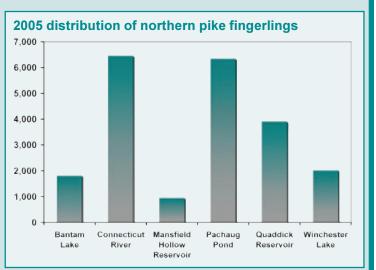


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NORTHERN PIKE & WALLEYE STOCKING IN CONNECTICUT

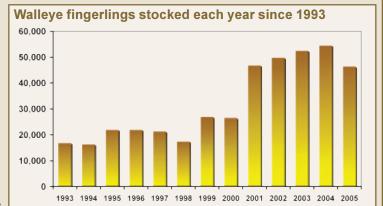
NORTHERN PIKE

- Northern pike fisheries are developed and maintained by stocking 3-8" fingerlings.
- Adult pike are captured in the wild and placed in managed marshes located in Haddam, Kent, Litchfield and Mansfield, where water levels and vegetation are controlled. These pike spawn, and their young grow under controlled and protected conditions.
- Offspring from Bantam Lake pike are collected and stocked back into that lake. Juvenile pike produced from other marshes are stocked into the CT River, Mansfield Hollow Reservoir (since 1992), Pachaug Pond (since 1999), Quaddick Reservoir (since 1999) and Winchester Lake (since 2001).
- Limited natural reproduction of pike occurs in Bantam Lake, Mansfield Hollow Reservoir and the CT River. Although not adequate to maintain good recreational fisheries, stocking requirements are reduced in these waters.
- Surplus pike are occasionally stocked into Lake Lillinonah to supplement fish that immigrate from Bantam Lake.
- Nearly 22,000 pike fingerlings were stocked in 2005.



WALLEYE

- DEP began to develop walleye fisheries in 1993 to diversify the state's recreational fisheries and to control overabundant prey species.
- Walleye fisheries are created by annual stockings of 4 to 6 inch fingerlings at rates of 8-15 per acre in each lake.
- Walleye fingerlings are obtained from suppliers located in the Mid-West.
- The fisheries in each lake are evaluated annually by monitoring the growth and abundance of walleyes and other fish species and by monitoring angler effort and fishing success.
- Currently, walleye fisheries are established in Gardner Lake, Squantz Pond, Lake Saltonstall and Saugatuck Reservoir.
- In 2001, walleye stocking was expanded. New walleye fisheries are currently developing in Batterson Park Pond, Beach Pond, Coventry Lake, Lake Housatonic and Mashapaug Lake.
- Over 46,000 walleye fingerlings were stocked into public access waters in 2005.



Walleye fingerling distribution in 2005 Batterson Park Pond 2.500 Mashapaug Lake 4.500 **Beach Pond** 5.900 Lake Saltonstall 3.000 **Coventry Lake** 5,700 Saugatuck Reservoir 8,200 **Squantz Pond** Gardner Lake 7,300 4.300 **Housatonic Lake** 5,000

Available from the DEP Store:

A Fisheries Guide to Lakes and Ponds of Connecticut Including the Connecticut River and its Coves

This Guide includes all new maps of more than 120 lakes, ponds, and selected Connecticut River sites; full-color photos, and informative sections on lake ecology, fisheries management and fish life histories. Also featured are color illustrations of Connecticut fish by world-renowned artist Joseph Tomelleri.

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ARE THE FISH I CATCH SAFE TO EAT? (860) 509-7742

The summary of advisories issued in the past by the Connecticut Department of Public Health and Department of 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%.

Advisory	Waterbody	Fish Species	High Risk Group A	Low Risk Group ^B	Contaminant
Statewide Freshwater	Applies to all fresh waters (additional specific guidelines below)	-Trout	No Limits on Consumption ^c	No Limits on Consumption	
Fish		-All other fish	One meal per month	One meal per week	Mercury
	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	-Trout, Catfish, Eels, Carp, Northern Pike	Do not eat	Do not eat	PCBs
	lakes on Housatonic River)	-Bass, Bullheads, White Perch	Do not eat	One meal per 2 months	PCBs
		-Panfish (sunfish, Yellow Perch	One meal per month	One meal per week	PCBS
	Lakes on Housatonic River:	-Bass, Bullheads White Perch	One meal per month	One meal per month	PCBs
Specific Freshwater	(Lilliononah, Zoar, Housatonic)	-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
Fish	Eight Mile River (Southington)	-All species	Do not eat	Do not eat	PCBs
	Connecticut River	-Carp -Catfish	One meal per month One meal per month	One meal per month One meal per month	PCBs 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
Specific Saltwater Fish	Long Island Sound and connected rivers	-Striped Bass -Bluefish over 25" -Bluefish 13-25" ^D	Do not eat Do not eat One meal per month	One meal per 2 months One meal per 2 months One meal per month	PCBs PCBs PCBs

- (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 included 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.

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.dph.state.ct.us or call CTDPH.

Have health questions, call CTDPH at 860-509-7742. Have fishing questions, call CTDEP at 860-424-3474.

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 47 & 48) 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, *Barkhamsted*. Off dirt road south of Route 318. **Gardner Lake**, *Salem-Montville-Bozrah*. On dam at Lake Road.

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.

Horse Pond, Salem. At access area on Route 85.

Lake Saltonstall, Branford. At SCCRWA access area off Hosley Avenue.

Mansfield Training Center Pond, Mansfield. Located just east of the Routes 44 & 32 junction.

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.

Quinebaug Public Fishing Ponds, *Plainfield*. At Quinebaug State Fish Hatchery off Route 14.

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.

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 & I-84 junction on Reservoir Road.

CONNECTICUT FRESHWATER RECORD FISH

Common Name	We	eight	Location Caught	Angler	Year Caught
	lbs	oz	ŭ	Ü	g
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	16	14	East Twin Lake, Salisbury	Samual Wright	1986
Brown Trout (Sea-run)	9	13	Housatonic River, Shelton	Gerald Carden	1992
Calico Bass	4	0	Pataganset Lake, East Lyme	James M. Boos	1974
Common Carp	39	8	Naugatuck River, Derby	Bill Terry, Sr.	2001
Chain Pickerel	8	9	West Twin Lake, Salisbury	Alden L. Foss	2005
Channel Catfish	29	6	Mashapaug Lake, Union	Appleton Barrows	2004
Kokanee	2	12	Highland Lake, Winchester	David Randolph	1976
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	1	3	Colebrook Reservoir, Colebrook	Ernie Gonsalves	1989
	1	3	Shenipsit Lake, Tolland	James Bonan	1995
Smallmouth Bass	7	12	Shenipsit Lake, Tolland	Joseph Mankauskas, Jr.	1980
Tiger Trout	7	1	Quassapaug Lake	Jeffrey J. Smith	2003
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

LAKES AND PONDS

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 (pages 4-6) 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 State picnic area

(T SMB)-Most common species-those in BOLD type should provide the best fishing.

Italics - Access/stocking information.

Special Management Lakes are color-coded for major gamefish species:

BASS TROUT KOKANEE

NORTHERN PIKE WALLEYE

Key to Fish Species Abbreviations:

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

Boat operation rules reflect state statutes and regulations, and local ordinances. Request the 2006 Connecticut Boater's Guide for additional information. Call DEP Boating Division at 860-434-8638.

ALEXANDER LAKE, Killingly (215 acres)

Boat access through private right-of-way. Species: (T LMB SMB CP S BB WP YP)

Season: Open 6:00 am 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)



Species: (T CP LMB BB AE YP S)

Season: Open 6:00 am 3rd Saturday April-March 31. Large & 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-2, 16" minimum length.

Other: 8 mph speed limit. See 2005 Boater's Guide for summer exemption.

ANDERSONS POND (Blue Lake), North Stonington (57 acres)

Species: (LMB CP CB S BB YP)

ANGUS PARK POND, Glastonbury (9.4 acres) 👆 💄

Species: (T CP LMB S BB YP)

Season: Open 6:00 am 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 cartop access. Commercial launching ramp, fee

charged.

Species: (LMB WP YP S CA CB)

Other: Butts Bridge is the demarcation line between the pond

and the Quinebaug River.

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 am 3rd Saturday April-November 30.

BALD MOUNTAIN POND, Stafford

Species: (T BB S)

Season: Open 6:00 am 3rd Saturday April-last day February.

BALDWIN POND, Meriden (5.4 acres)

Species: (T)

Season: Open 6:00 am 3rd Saturday April-last day February.

BALL POND, New Fairfield (83 acres)



Species: (T LMB BB S YP)

Season: Open 6:00 am 3rd Saturday April-last day February.

Other: Boats 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

Other: Motors prohibited 11 pm to 5 am. 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)

Season: Open 6:00 am 3rd Saturday April-last day February. Other: Boats and canoes prohibited except between May 16 and October 31. Motors prohibited.

BASHAN LAKE, East Haddam (273 acres)

BASS MANAGEMENT LAKE

Species: (T LMB SMB CP CB YP S)

Season: Open 6:00 am 3rd Saturday April-last day February. Large & 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, 8 mph limit 9 pm to 8 am.

BATTERSON PARK POND, Farmington (140 acres)

WALLEYE LAKE-Some fish will be 18" or larger in 2006 (initially stocked in 2001).

Species: (CB YP WP S LMB WA)

Season: Open 6:00 am 3rd Saturday April-October 31.

Other: Only electric motors allowed.

BAUMMER'S POND, Naugatuck (2.7 acres)

Species: (T BB S)

BEACH POND, Voluntown - Rhode Island (372 acres)

WALLEYE LAKE-Some fish will be 18" or larger in 2006 (initially stocked in 2001).

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 am 3rd Saturday April-last day February. Large & 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-



BEACHDALE POND, Voluntown (46 acres)



Species: (LMB T YP BB)

Season: Open 6:00 am 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 am 3rd Saturday April-November 30.

BEAVER BROOK PONDS (Bibbins Ponds), Windham (20 acres) **6**

Season: Open 6:00 am 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 am 3rd Saturday April-October 31.

BESECK LAKE, Middlefield (116 acres)

Species: (LMB YP CB S)

Other: 8 mph speed limit. See 2005 Boater's Guide for summer exemption.

Season: Open 6:00 am 3rd Saturday April-November 30.

BESSE POND, Torrington (4.5 acres)

BICENTENNIAL POND (Mansfield Town Pond), Mansfield

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

(6 acres)

Species: (T S LMB BB)

Season: Open 6:00 am 3rd Saturday April-October 31.

BIGELOW POND, Union (25 acres)



Species: (T YP LMB)

Season: Open 6:00 am 3rd Saturday April-last day February.

Other: Use of motors, except electric, prohibited.

BILLINGS LAKE, North Stonington (97 acres) 🚉 👆 🛔 **BASS MANAGEMENT LAKE**

Species: (T LMB YP CP S CB BB)

Season: Open 6:00 am 3rd Saturday April to last day February. Large & 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 motors, except electric, prohibited.

BLACK POND, Meriden-Middlefield (76 acres)



BASS MANAGEMENT LAKE

Species: (T LMB CP BB CB S) Season: Open 6:00 am 3rd Saturday April-last day February. Large & smallmouth bass: 12" to 16" protected slot limit. Daily creel limit-6 bass, only 2 may be 16" or greater. Other: Use of motors, except electric, prohibited.

BLACK POND, Woodstock (74 acres)



Species: (T LMB SMB CP YP BB S)

Season: Open 6:00 am 3rd Saturday April-last day February.

Other: Motors limited to 5 hp.

BLACK ROCK FLOOD CONTROL IMPOUNDMENT (Branch

Brook), Watertown (21 acres)

Species: (T)

Season: Open 3rd Saturday April-last day February.

BLACK ROCK POND, Watertown (5 acres) In Black Rock State Park.



TROUT PARK Species: (T LMB)

Season: Open 6:00 am 3rd Saturday April-last day February.

Trout: Daily creel limit-2.

Other: Boats and canoes prohibited.

BLUE LAKE (see Andersons Pond)

BOG MEADOW POND, Norwich (91 acres)

Species: (YP S CP CB LMB SMB BB) Other: Boats and canoes prohibited.

BOLTON LAKES, Bolton-Coventry-Vernon (346 acres)

BASS MANAGEMENT LAKE



Species: (YP BB CP LMB SMB S)

Large & 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 am 3rd Saturday April-last day February.

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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 motors, except electric, prohibited. Motor

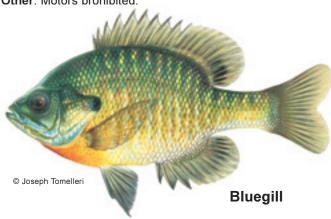
vehicle access prohibited.



Species: (T LMB YP S)

Season: Open 6:00 am 3rd Saturday April to last day February.

Other: Motors prohibited.



BULL POND, Harwinton (20 acres)

Informal cartop access. Species: (BB LMB BC) Other: Motors prohibited.

BUNNELLS POND (Beardsley Park Pond), Bridgeport (33 acres)

Species: (S)

Season: Open 6:00 am 3rd Saturday April-November 30.

Other: Ice fishing prohibited.

Note: Pond recently drained and refilled, fish community may

require several years to develop.

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 am 3rd Saturday April-November 30.

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

TROPHY TROUT LAKE

Species: (T LMB SMB YP WC WP WA CB CP BB S) Season: Open 6:00 am 3rd Saturday April-March 31. Trout: From March 1- March 31, Daily creel limit-2, 16"

minimum length.

Other: 45 mph daytime speed limit, 25 mph from 1/2 hour after sunset to 1/2 hour before sunrise.

CEDAR LAKE, Chester (69 acres) Species: (T YP LMB CP BB S)



Season: Open 6:00 am 3rd Saturday April-last day February.

Other: 6 mph speed limit.

CHATFIELD HOLLOW POND (see Schreeder Pond)

CHAMBERLAIN LAKE (see Lake Chamberlain)

CHRISTENSEN'S POND, Granby



Species: (TS)

Season: Open 6:00 am 3rd Saturday April-last day February.

CITY HALL POND, Milford

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

CLARKS POND (Mill River), Hamden



Species: (T)

Season: Open 6:00 am 3rd Saturday April-last day February.

Other: Boats and canoes prohibited.

COLEBROOK FLOOD CONTROL IMPOUNDMENT.



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 BB WC)

Season: Open 6:00 am 3rd Saturday April-last day February. Large & 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 PARK POND, Ansonia (3.6 acres)

Children's Pond: Fishing restricted to children under age 16. Season: Open 6:00 am 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



Some fish will be 18" or larger in 2006 (initially stocked in 2001). Species: (T YP LMB SMB WA S CB)

Season: Open 6:00 am 3rd Saturday April-last day February. Large & 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 pm from May 15 to September 15, and from noon to 2:00 pm on July 4. 40 mph all other times.

CRESCENT LAKE, Southington (51.2 acres)



Species: (LMB S)

Other: Use of motors, except electric, prohibited.

CRYSTAL LAKE, Ellington-Stafford (183 acres) TROPHY TROUT LAKE



Species: (T YP CP SMB LMB S CB)

Season: Open 6:00 am 3rd Saturday April-March 31.

Trout: 12" to 16" protected slot limit. Daily creel limit-5, only

1 may be 16" or greater.

Other: 6 mph speed limit from sunset to 9 am, and noon to 3:00 pm on Sundays. 45 speed limit at all other times.

CRYSTAL LAKE, Middletown (32 acres)



Species: (LMB YP BB S)

Other: Use of motors, except electric, prohibited.

DAY POND, Colchester (7.4 acres)



Species: (T S WC)

Season: Open 6:00 am 3rd Saturday April-last day February.

Other: Boats and canoes prohibited.

DODGE POND, East Lyme (34 acres)



Species: (T LMB CB YP)

Season: Open 6:00 am 3rd Saturday April-last day February.

Other: 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 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. TROPHY TROUT LAKE



Season: Open 6:00 am 3rd Saturday April-last day February. Trout: Daily creel limit-5, not more than 1 can be a brown

trout. 20" minimum length limit for brown trout.

Other: 35 mph daytime speed limit, 6 mph from 1/2 hour after sunset to 1/2 hour before sunrise. 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 pm to 6:00 am.

EDGEWOOD PARK POND, New Haven (3 acres)

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

ENDERS POND, Granby (1 acre) 🛔 🛧



In Enders State Forest (Route 219).

Species: (T S)

Season: Open 6:00 am 3rd Saturday April-last day February.

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

Species: (T)

Season: Open 6:00 am 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 am 3rd Saturday April-November 30.

FARMILL (ISINGLASS) RESERVOIR, Shelton (4 acres) Season: Open 6:00 am 3rd Saturday April-December 31.

Species: (LMB S)

Note: Permit required to fish-contact Aquarion Water company

at 203-452-3510.

FERNRIDGE PARK POND, West Hartford

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

FITCHVILLE POND, Bozrah (59 acres)

Species: (T LMB CP S).

Season: Open 6:00 am 3rd Saturday April-last day February.

FOUNTAIN LAKE RESERVOIR, Ansonia-Seymour (6 acres)

Species: (T LMB S)

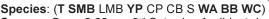
FRESHWATER POND (Freshwater Brook), Enfield (8 acres)

Species: (T)

Season: Open 6:00 am 3rd Saturday April-last day February.

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

BASS MANAGEMENT LAKE / WALLEYE LAKE



Season: Open 6:00 am 3rd Saturday April-last day February. Large & smallmouth bass: Daily creel limit-2, 16" minimum

Other: 6 mph speed limit from sunset to 8:00 am.

GAY CITY PARK POND, Hebron (2 acres)

Species: (T CP BB YP)

Season: Open 6:00 am 3rd Saturday April-last day February. Other: boats and canoes prohibited.

GLASGO POND, Griswold (168 acres)



Species: (LMB YP BB CB S)

GODFREY POND, Stonington (1 acre)

Walk in access from Route 184 at Copps Brook crossing. Follow trail south along brook about 600 yards to pond.

Species: (LMB YP CB S CP)

Season: Open 6:00 am 3rd Saturday April-October 31.

GORTON POND, East Lyme (52 acres)

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

GOULD MANOR POND, Fairfield (2 acres)

Children's Pond: Fishing restricted to children under age 16. Season: Open 6:00 am 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. 12 mph speed limit.

GREAT HOLLOW POND, Monroe (15 acres) Within Wolfe Park.



TROUT PARK

Species: (T)

Season: Open 6:00 am 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 am 3rd Saturday April-October 31. Other: Use of motors, except electric, prohibited.

GRIGGS POND. Woodstock (38 acres) Walk in access from Route 198 (200 yards).

Species: (LMB YP S BB)

Other: Use of motors, except electric, prohibited.



HALLS POND. Eastford-Ashford (82 acres) **BASS MANAGEMENT LAKE**



Species: (LMB S YP CB CP)

Large & 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 am 3rd Saturday April-last day February.

HAMILTON RESERVOIR, Union-Massachusetts (164 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 motors, except electric, prohibited.

HANCOCK BROOK FLOOD CONTROL POOL, Plymouth (20 acres) Walk-in access only after Columbus Day until the 3rd Saturday in April.

Species: (T)

Season: Open 6:00 am 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)

HATCH POND. Kent (72 acres) Species: (YP BB CP LMB CB) Other: 8 mph speed limit.

HAYWARD LAKE (see Lake Hayward).

HELEN KELLER SCHOOL POND, Easton 4

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

Other: Boats and canoes prohibited.

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

Species: (T S BB)

Season: Open 6:00 am 3rd Saturday April-last day February.

Other: Boats and canoes prohibited.

HIGGANUM RESERVOIR, Haddam (31 acres)

Public right-of-way, passable for cars.

Species: (TS)

Season: Open 6:00 am 3rd Saturday April-last day February.

Other: 8 mph speed limit.

HIGHLAND LAKE, Winchester (445 acres) TROPHY TROUT LAKE / BASS MANAGEMENT LĀKE



Species: (T LMB YP SMB CB S)

Season: Open 6:00 am 3rd Saturday April-March 31.

Large & smallmouth bass: Daily creel limit-2, 16" minimum

lenath.

Trout: 12" to 16" protected slot limit. Daily creel limit-5, only 1

may be 16" or greater.

Other: 6 mph speed limit from 1/2 hour after sunset to 1/2 hour before sunrise. 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) Other: 8 mph speed limit.

HOP BROOK FLOOD CONTROL POOL, Middlebury (26 acres) Walk-in access only after Columbus Day until the 3rd Saturday in April.

Species: (T)

Season: Open 6:00 am 3rd Saturday April-last day February. Other: Boats with motors, except electric, prohibited.

HOPEVILLE POND, Griswold. (137 acres)



Launch open from Opening Day to early October.

Species: (LMB NP CP S WP YP)

Season: Open 6:00 am 3rd Saturday April-last day February.

Other: 8 mph speed limit.

HOPEWELL POND (see Huntington Pond)

HORSE POND, Salem (13 acres) 🚁 👆 **TROUT PARK**



SPECIES: (T S BB CP LMB)

Season: Open 6:00 am 3rd Saturday April-last day February.

Trout: Daily creel limit-2

Other: Use of motors, except electric, prohibited.

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

Boat launch at Indian Wells State Park, opens for daytime 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 / WALLEYE LAKE

Some fish will be 18" or larger in 2006 (initially stocked in 2001).

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

Large & 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 1/2 hour after sunset to 1/2 hour before sunrise.

HOWELLS POND, Hartland (14 acres) Public right-of-way, passable for cars.





Species: (T)

Season: Open 6:00 am 3rd Saturday April-last day February. Other: Use of motors, except electric, prohibited.

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

Species: (T LMB S)

Season: Open 6:00 am 3rd Saturday April-last day February.

LAKES AND PONDS

Statewide regulations for seasons, legal methods, and limits (pages 4-6) apply unless a site-specific regulation is listed for a water body.

HURLBURT POND, Putnam (3 acres)

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

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 & smallmouth bass.

Species: (LMB YP)

Large & smallmouth bass: Season-Open 6:00 am 3rd

Saturday April-November 30.

All Other Species: Season-Open 6:00 am 3rd Saturday April-

Other: Not more than five tip-ups and two hand-held jigs

allowed for ice fishing.

ISINGLASS RESERVOIR (see Farmill Reservoir)

KATZ POND, Trumbull (2 acres)

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

KEACH POND (see Peck Pond)

KENOSIA LAKE (see Lake Kenosia)

KILLINGLY POND, Killingly-Rhode Island (122 acres)

Note: Connecticut or Rhode Island fishing license legal on

entire pond.

Species: (LMB SMB S YP CP)

Large & 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 icefishing. Motors limited to 12 cu in (approx. 10 hp).

LAKE CHAMBERLAIN, Bethany (107 acres)

BASS MANAGEMENT LAKE

Species: (LMB CP S)

Season: Open 6:00 am 3rd Saturday April-November 30. Large & 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.

LAKE HAYWARD (Shaw Lake), East Haddam (174 acres) **BASS MANAGEMENT LAKE**

Species: (T LMB YP CP S CB BB AE)

Season: Open 6:00 am 3rd Saturday April-last day February. Large & smallmouth bass: 12" to 16" protected slot limit. Daily creel limit-6 bass, only 2 may be 16" or greater.

Other: Motors, except electric, prohibited.

LAKE HOPEWELL (see Huntington Pond)

LAKE HOUSATONIC (see Housatonic Lake)

LAKE OF ISLES, North Stonington (89 acres)



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

LAKE KENOSIA, Danbury (60 acres) BASS MANAGEMENT LAKE



Species: (LMB S BB YP)

Large & smallmouth bass: 12" to 16" protected slot limit. Daily creel limit-6 bass, only 2 may be 16" or greater.

Other: Motors, except electric, prohibited.

LAKE LILLINONAH, Brookfield-Bridgewater-Newton-

Southbury-New Milford (1547 acres)

Species: (LMB SMB WP CB WC NP S CA YP)

Other: 45 mph speed limit daytime, 25 mph from 1/2 hour

after sunset to 1/2 hour before sunrise.

LAKE McDONOUGH (Compensating Reservoir), New

Hartford-Barkhamsted (391 acres)



Species: (T LMB SMB YP S)

Season: Open 6:00 am 3rd Saturday April-November 30. **Note:** Boat launching area-fee charged. Launching area hours as posted. Fishing hours: 5:00 am - 9:00 pm, prevailing time, except opening day 6:00 am - 9:00 pm.

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.

LAKE SALTONSTALL, Branford-East Haven (422 acres) **BASS MANAGEMENT LAKE / WALLEYE LAKE**

Species: (T LMB S WA CB YP WP)

Season: Open 6:00 am 3rd Saturday April-November 30. Large & 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 203-562-4020. Boat livery.

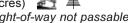


LAKE STIBBS, (Southbury Training School Pond) Southbury Species: (T)

Season: Open 6:00 am 3rd Saturday April-last day February.

LAKE WINFIELD, (see Zeiner Pond) Plymouth

LAKE WINTERGREEN, Hamden (44 acres)



West Rock Ridge State Park-Public right-of-way not passable to cars.

Species: (S LMB YP)

Other: Use of motors, except electric, prohibited.

LAKE ZOAR, Monroe-Oxford-Newton-Southbury (909 acres) Species: (SMB WP LMB CB WC S YP) Other: Daytime 45 mph speed limit, 25 mph from 1/2 hour after sunset to 1/2 hour before sunrise.

LAKEVILLE LAKE (see WONONSCOPOMUC LAKE)

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

Species: (T LMB CP CB YP S)

Season: Open 6:00 am 3rd Saturday April-last day February.

LAWTON POND (see Basset Pond)

LEONARD POND, Kent (20 acres) Species: (YP CB CP BB LMB)



LILLINONAH LAKE (see Lake Lillinonah)

LILLY POND, Thompson (7.4 acres)

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

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

Species: (T LMB YP CP)

Season: Open 6:00 am 3rd Saturday April-last day February.

LONG POND, Ledyard-North Stonington (109 acres)



Species: (T CP LMB CB YP S)

Season: Open 6:00 am 3rd Saturday April-last day February.

Other: 5 mph speed limit.

LOWER FULTON PARK POND, Waterbury (2.8 acres) Children's Pond: Fishing restricted to children under age 16.

Season: Open 6:00 am 3rd Saturday April-November 30.

MAD RIVER FLOOD CONTROL IMPOUNDMENT.



Winchester Species: (T)

Season: Open 6:00 am 3rd Saturday April-last day February.

Other: Boats and canoes prohibited.

MALTBY LAKES (1,2,3), Orange-West Haven

(19, 23 & 25 acres)

BASS MANAGEMENT LAKE

Species: (T LMB S YP)

Season: Open 6:00 am 3rd Saturday April-November 30. Large & 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) Large & smallmouth bass: 12" to 16" protected slot limit. Daily creel limit-6 bass, only 2 may be 16" or greater.

Other: use of motors, except electric, prohibited.

MANITOOK LAKE, Granby (57 acres)

Species: (LMB S)

Note: Ice fishing permitted on weekends only.

Other: 20 mph speed limit except 5 mph in restricted areas. Use of motors in excess of 7-1/2 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)

Season: Open 6:00 am 3rd Saturday April-last day February. Large & 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 Species: (T S BB)



Season: Open 6:00 am 3rd Saturday April-last day February.

MASHAPAUG LAKE, Union (287 acres)



BASS MANAGEMENT LAKE / WALLEYE LAKE Some fish will be 18" or larger in 2006 (initially stocked in 2001).

Species: (T LMB SMB CP YP S WA)

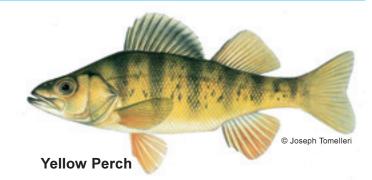
Season: Open 6:00 am 3rd Saturday April-last day February. Large & smallmouth bass: 12" to 16" protected slot limit. Daily creel limit-6 bass, only 2 may be 16" or greater.

Other: 10 mph speed limit.

McDONOUGH LAKE (see Lake McDonough).

McGOVERN POND, West Hartford (1 acre)

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



MESSERSHMIDT'S POND, Deep River-Westbrook (73 acres)

Species: (LMB CP S BB YP AE) **2** Other: Use of motors, except electric, prohibited.

MILL POND. Newington (2.7 acres)

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

MILLERS POND. Durham (33 acres)



Carry in boat access (300 yards). Species: (LMB BB SMB T S)

Season: Open 6:00 am 3rd Saturday April-last day February.

Other: Use of motors, except electric, prohibited.

MIRROR LAKE (Hubbard Park Pond), Meriden (7.4 acres) Children's Pond: Fishing restricted to children under age 16. Season: Open 6:00 am 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 am 3rd Saturday April-last day February.

Other: Use of all motors prohibited.

MOHEGAN LAKE, Fairfield (15 acres)



Species: (T)

Season: Open 6:00 am 3rd Saturday April-October 31.

MOHEGAN PARK POND, (Spaulding Pond) Norwich (14 acres) BASS MANAGEMENT LAKE

Season: Open 6:00 am 3rd Saturday April-November 30.

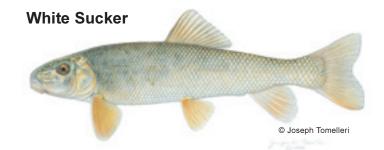
Species: (T S BB LMB)

Large & smallmouth bass: Daily creel limit-2, 16" minimum

MONO POND, Columbia (113 acres)



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





MOODUS RESERVOIR, East Haddam (486 acres) BASS MANAGEMENT LAKE

Species: (LMB CP CB S YP)

Large & smallmouth bass: 12" to 18" protected slot limit. Daily creel limit-6 bass, only 1 may be 18" or greater. Other: 35 mph daytime speed limit, 8 mph from 9 pm to 8 am.

MOOSUP POND, Plainfield (96 acres)

Species: (T S YP BB)

Season: Open 6:00 am 3rd Saturday April-last day February.

MOREY POND, Union-Ashford (45 acres)

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

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

Species: (T S LMB CB YP) **≥** # #

Season: Open 6:00 am 3rd Saturday April-last day February.

Other: Use of motors, except electric prohibited.

MUDDY 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 on motors.

MUDGE POND (Silver Lake), Sharon (207 acres) BASS MANAGEMENT LAKE



Species: (LMB CP YP S BB)

Large & smallmouth bass: 12" to 18" protected slot limit. Daily creel limit-6 bass, only 1 may be 18" or greater.

Other: Motors limited to 7-1/2 hp. Speed limit 6 mph. Use of motors prohibited from 1/2 hour after sunset to 1/2 hour after

sunrise within 200 feet of town beach.

NAUBESATUCK LAKE (see Mansfield Hollow Reservoir)

NELLS ROCK RESERVOIR, Shelton



Species: (T)

Season: Open 6:00 am 3rd Saturday April-last day February.

NORTH FARMS RESERVOIR, Wallingford (64 acres)



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

NORTH STREET POND, Milford

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

NORTHFIELD BROOK FLOOD CONTROL POOL, Litchfield

Walk-in access only after Columbus Day until the 3rd Saturday in April.

Species: (T)

Season: Open 6:00 am 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: (TYP BB LMB CB S)

Season: Open 6:00 am 3rd Saturday April-last day February.

Other: Motors prohibited.

PACHAUG POND, Griswold (841 acres)

NORTHERN PIKE LAKE



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

PAGE PARK POND, Bristol (1.5 acres)

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

PAINE POND, Ashford (2 acres)



Season: Open 6:00 am 3rd Saturday April-last day February.

PAPERMILL POND, (see Southford Falls Pond) Oxford-

Southbury (2.4 acres)

Species: (T)

PARK POND, Winchester (82 acres) Species: (LMB S YP BB)



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 am 3rd Saturday April-November 30.

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

Carry-in boat access only (75 yards). 🚵 👆 🛔 🚗





Species: (T LMB YP S) Season: Open 6:00 am 3rd Saturday April-last day February. Other: 8 mph speed limit. Use of motors, except electric,

prohibited during July and August.

PATTAGANSETT LAKE, East Lyme (128 acres) **BASS MANAGEMENT LAKE**



Species: (LMB CB S CP YP AE)

Large & 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 2005 Boater's Guide for

summer exemption.



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.

Large & smallmouth bass: Daily creel limit-5 bass, 12"

minimum length.

Chain Pickerel: Daily creel limit-5, 14" minimum length. Trout: No minimum length.

2nd Saturday in April-November 30: Daily creel limit-5. December 1-last day February: Daily creel limit-2.

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)

Large & 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 2005 Boater's Guide for

summer exemption.

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

Species: (T)

Season: Open 6:00 am 3rd Saturday April-last day February.

PIERREPONT POND (Lake Naraneka), Ridgefield (38 acres)

Species: (LMB S)

PINE ACRES LAKE, Hampton (190 acres) (LMB S YP BB)



Other: Use of motors, except electric, prohibited.

POWERS LAKE, East Lyme (144 acres)



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

PROSPECT PARK POND. Prospect. (1 acre)



Season: Open 6:00 am 3rd Saturday April-October 31.

QUADDICK RESERVOIR, Thompson (408 acres) 🚉 🛔 开 Launch open 8 am until sunset from April 15th through

November 25th.

Species: (T)

NORTHERN PIKE LAKE Species: (LMB NP CP CB YP BB S)

QUASSAPAUG LAKE, Woodbury-Middlebury (297 acres)

Note: No public access, icefishing prohibited. Species: (T SMB S CB BB LMB YP CP)

Season: Open 6:00 am 3rd Saturday April-last day February.

Trout: Daily creel limit-1, 18" minimum length.

Large & 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 pm-6 am.

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 SMB CB YP)

Season: Open 6:00 am 3rd Saturday April-last day February. Large & smallmouth bass: Daily creel limit-2, 16" minimum

Other: Use of motors, except electric, prohibited.

QUONNIPAUG LAKE, Guilford (99 acres)



Note: Icefishing is prohibited. TROPHY TROUT LAKE

Species: (T LMB BB SMB CP S YP AE)

Season: Open 6:00 am 3rd Saturday April-March 31.

Trout: 12" to 16" protected slot limit. Daily creel limit-5, only 1

may be 16" or greater.

Other: Motors limited to 6 hp. Use of motors prohibited from

9:00 pm to 6:00 am.

RAINBOW RESERVOIR, Windsor (240 acres)



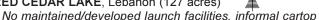
Species: (LMB S CP YP WP BB) Other: 35 mph speed limit.

Note: Reservoir recently drained and refilled, fish community

may require several years to develop.



RED CEDAR LAKE. Lebanon (127 acres)



access only.

Species: (LMB YP S)

ROGERS LAKE, Lyme-Old Lyme (260 acres)



TROPHY TROUT LAKE

Species: (T LMB CP CB YP BB S AE)

Season: Open 6:00 am 3rd Saturday April-March 31. Trout: From March 1-March 31, Daily creel limit-2, 16"

minimum length.

Other: Motors limited to 135 hp. 6 mph speed limit sunset to 10:00 am, except 12 mph sunset to 10:00 am from November 1 to May 14. See 2005 Boater's Guide for additional restrictions.

ROSELAND LAKE, Woodstock (96 acres) Species: (LMB CA CP YP CB S T BB)



Access courtesy of Roseland Park - fee charged - weekends. Hours 7:00 am to sunset, unimproved boat launch, boat livery. Season: Open 6:00 am 3rd Saturday April-last day February.

ROSS POND, Killingly (31 acres)



Species: (LMB CP S)

Other: Motors, except electric, prohibited.

SAINT MARTHA'S POND. Enfield



Species: (T S BB)

Season: Open 6:00 am 3rd Saturday April-last day February.

SALMON BROOK POND, Glastonbury



Species: (T S YP)

Season: Open 6:00 am 3rd Saturday April-last day February.

SALTERS POND, Manchester (3 acres)



Species: (S LMB CP)

SALTONSTALL LAKE (see Lake Saltonstall)

SAUGATUCK RESERVOIR, Easton-Redding-Weston (827 acres) b ▲

WALLEYE LAKE

Species: (T LMB SMB CB S WA)

Season: Open 6:00 am 3rd Saturday April-December 31. Note: Permit required to fish-contact Aquarion Water Company at 203-452-3510. 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. Use of boats and canoes prohibited.

SAVIN LAKE, Lebanon (49 acres)



Carry-in boat access (30 yards). Species: (LMB YP WP CB S BB CP)

Other: Use of motors, except electric, prohibited.

SAWMILL PARK POND, Ledyard



Species: (T)

Season: Open 6:00 am 3rd Saturday April-last day February.

SCHREEDER POND (Chatfield Hollow Pond), Killingworth

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

TROUT PARK Species: (T S)

Season: Open 6:00 am 3rd Saturday April-last day February.

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Trout: Daily creel limit-2.

Other: Boats and canoes prohibited.







SCOVILL RESERVOIR, Wolcott (121 acres) 🚞 👆 💄 Species: (T LMB S)

Statewide regulations for seasons, legal methods, and limits (pages 4-6) apply unless a site-specific regulation is listed for a water body.

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, Shelton (7.3 acres)

Species: (LMB S)

Season: Open 6:00 am 3rd Saturday April-December 31.

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

Species: (LMB CB SMB WP YP T CP)

Season: Open 6:00 am 3rd Saturday April-October 31. Note: Fishing by permit from Connecticut Water Company 860-875-1850. Boats restricted to those stored on premises. Check for availability of boat livery.

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)

Species: (CB LMB S BB CP)

Other: 8 mph speed limit. See 2005 Boater's Guide for

summer exemption.

SIMSBURY TOWN PARK PONDS, Simsbury

Species: (S)

Season: Open 6:00 am 3rd Saturday April-June 15.

SOCHRIN POND, Seymour

Children's Pond: Fishing restricted to children under age 16. Season: Open 6:00 am 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 am 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 am 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)

SQUANTZ POND, New Fairfield, Sherman (270 acres)

TROPHY TROUT LAKE / WALLEYE LAKE

Species: (CA WA T LMB SMB YP WP)

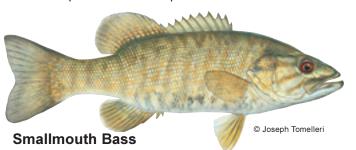
Season: Open 6:00 am 3rd Saturday April-March 31.

Trout: From March 1- March 31, 16" minimum length, daily

creel limit-2.

Other: Motors on boats launched at Squantz Pond State Park

launch ramp limited to 7-1/2 hp.



STANLEY QUARTER POND, New Britain (6.4 acres)

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

STARRET POND (see Huntington Pond)

STATELINE POND, Stafford (75 acres)



Next to Route 32. Species: (YP S BB CP)

STILLWATER POND, Torrington (94 acres)



Species: (T LMB YP CB S)

Season: Open 6:00 am 3rd Saturday April-last day February.

Other: Use of motors, except electric, prohibited.

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

Species: (T)

Season: Open 6:00 am 3rd Saturday April-last day February.

Trout: Daily creel limit-2

STROH POND, Windsor (1.4 acres)

Children's Pond: Fishing restricted to children under age 16. Season: Open 6:00 am 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 am 3rd Saturday April-last day February. Large & smallmouth bass: Daily creel limit-2, 16" minimum length.

TAFTVILLE POND, Lisbon (117 acres)



Small town boat launch (ramp open March 1 to November 30). Species: (LMB, SMB CB S YP CA)

TANKERHOOSEN LAKES, Vernon (10 acres)

Species: (T LMB CP S YP BB)

Season: Open 6:00 am 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 am 3rd Saturday April-October 31.

TWIN BROOKS PARK POND, Trumbull (4 acres)

Season: Open 6:00 am 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 am 3rd Saturday April-last day February.

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



Species: (T LMB AE CP YP S)

Season: Open 6:00 am 3rd Saturday April-last day February.

Other: Motors prohibited.

UPPER BASIN POND, Windsor Locks

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

UPPER FULTON PARK POND, Waterbury (2.1 acres)



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

VALLEY FALLS POND, Vernon (4.1 acres)



Species: (T S)

WALKERS RESERVOIR (EAST), Vernon (5.1 acres) 💧 🌲 Species: (T YP S BB)

Season: Open 6:00 am 3rd Saturday April-October 31.

Other: Boats and canoes prohibited.

WANGUMBAUG LAKE (see Coventry Lake), Coventry

WARAMAUG LAKE, Kent-Warren-Washington (656 acres) Public right-of-way, not passable for cars.

Species: (LMB SMB CP YP BB S)

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

Season: Open 6:00 am 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 am 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 am 3rd Saturday April-last day February. Trout & Kokanee: Daily creel limit-8 for both species in

aggregate, of which no more than 5 may be trout.

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) TROPHY TROUT LAKE / KOKANEE LAKE

Species: (T K SMB YP S LMB RA)

Season: Open 6:00 am 3rd Saturday April-March 31. Trout: from March 1- March 31, 16" minimum length, daily creel limit-2.

Trout & Kokanee combined: Daily creel limit-8 for both species in aggregate, of which no more than 5 may be trout (except 2 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. During the period June 15 to Labor Day: motors limited to 7-1/2 hp, 15 mph speed limit except 6 mph 1/2 hour after sunset to 1/2 hour before sunrise. Boat Livery.

WEST PEQUONNOCK RESERVOIR. Monroe (1.4 acres)

Species: (LMB S)

Season: Open 6:00 am 3rd Saturday April-December 31. **Note:** Permit required to fish-contact Aquarion Water Company at 203-452-3510.

WEST SIDE POND, Goshen (42 acres)



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BASS MANAGEMENT LAKE Species: (T LMB YP S BB)

Season: Open 6:00 am 3rd Saturday April-last day February. Large & 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 CA)

Other: Speed limit 5 mph.

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

Species: (CP LMB S CB YP) Other: 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 am 3rd Saturday April-last day February.

Trout: Daily creel limit-2.

Other: Boats and canoes prohibited.

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

Stafford Species: (S BB CP)

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

Informal cartop access from dam on Route 207.

Species: (LMB CP YP S)

WINCHESTER LAKE, Winchester (246 acres) **NORTHERN PIKE LAKE**

Fish expected to reach legal size (26") in 2005 (pike initially stocked in 2001).

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

WINFIELD LAKE, (see Zeiner Pond)

WINNEMAUG LAKE, Watertown (113 acres)

Species: (LMB S)

Other: 7 mph speed limit. Vessels with internal combustion

engines attached are prohibited.

WINTERGREEN LAKE. (see Lake Wintergreen)

WONONSCOPOMUC LAKE (Lakeville Lake), Salisbury (348 acres)

BASS MANAGEMENT LAKE

Species: (T LMB CP YP S BB)

Season: Open 6:00 am 3rd Saturday April-October 31. Large & 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.

Town operated boat launching area-fee charged. Motors restricted to 12 cu in. Fishing hours: 6 am-9 pm prevailing time. Opening and closing hours of town boat livery: Opening Day, 6:00 am-9:00 pm; weekdays. 8:00 am-9:00 pm; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 7:00 am-9:00 pm; except from October 1-October 31, 8:00 am-6:00 pm. Boat livery.

WOOD CREEK POND, Norfolk (148 acres)



WYASSUP LAKE, North Stonington (99 acres)

BASS MANAGEMENT LAKE

Species: (LMB BB YP CP)

Species: (SMB CP YP T LMB WC BB AE)

Season: Open 6:00 am 3rd Saturday April-last day February. Large & smallmouth bass: Daily creel limit-2, 16" minimum

length.

Other: 8 mph speed limit. See 2005 Boater's Guide for summer exemption.

ZEINER POND (Lake Winfield), Plymouth (16 acres) Species: (T)



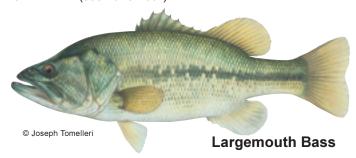
Season: Open 6:00 am 3rd Saturday April-last day February.

ZEMKO POND, Salem (8 acres)

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

Species: (LMB S)

ZOAR LAKE (see Lake Zoar)



RIVERS AND STREAMS

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 (pages 4-6) for general statewide Species, Legal Methods, and Limits regulations.
- 2. Look up the waterbody in the alphabetical list of Rivers and Streams to find any special regulations that apply. IF NO SITE-SPECIFIC REGULATIONS ARE LISTED FOR A WATERBODY, STATEWIDE REGULATIONS APPLY.

Rivers and Streams Legend

Italics - Access/stocking location information.

Facilities for disabled Public boat launching area State picnic area

State campground

Light/moderately stocked Т Heavily stocked

BK Wild brook trout BN Wild brown trout

Special Management Areas are color-coded for major gamefish **TROUT BROODSTOCK SALMON** species: **BASS**

Other fish species are listed for several rivers, see Fish Species Abbreviation key in Lakes & Ponds section (page 17).

(T BN)-indicates degree of stocking and/or presence of wild trout.

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

SEA-RUN TROUT STREAMS- Areas where DEP 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, Eight Mile, Farmington, Housatonic, Mattabesset, Naugatuck, Quinnipiac, and Salmon rivers, and Latimer and Whitfords brooks.

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.

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 Kenyon Road in West Morris Station.

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 (TBN)

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) 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 1/2 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 Parker Road, Marlborough to the Salmon River.

BLACKWELL'S BROOK. Brooklyn-Canterbury (T) Intermittent sections from Woodward Road to the Quinebaug River.

BLADENS BROOK, Woodbridge-Seymour (T BK) From Sanford Road along Route 67 to 1/4 mile below Chatfield Street, includes tributary (Hopp Brook) along Miller Road.

BRANCH BROOK, Watertown (T) 🛧 \Lambda **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)

From intersection of Krug Road and Old Jewett City Road to the Quinebaug River.

BUCK BROOK, Portland (T) In Meshomasic State Forest.

BUCKHORN BROOK, Enfield (T)

Intermittent sections from Farm Road downstream to the Scantic River.

BUNGEE BROOK, Eastford-Woodstock (T)

Intermittent sections from Route 171 downstream to the Still

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 Eagleville Pond.

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

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 Mattabesset 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

(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 5 & 7).

COPPERMINE BROOK, Burlington-Bristol (T BK BN)

Intermittent sections from South Main Street to Stevens Street. PEQUABUCK RIVER TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA

In Bristol from Artisan Street downstream to confluence with Pequabuck River.

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

COPPS BROOK, Stonington (BK)

Access from Route 184.

CORY BROOK, Canterbury (T)

Intermittent sections from Gooseneck Hill Road downstream to Aspinook Pond.

CRYSTAL LAKE BROOK. Stafford (T)

Intermittent sections along Route 30.

DARK HOLLOW BROOK, Glastonbury (BK)

In Meshomasic State Forest along Route 2.

DEEP BROOK, Newtown (BK BN)

WILD TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA (Class 1)

From Wasserman Way to confluence with Pootatuck River: Season: Open year-round.

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 DEP.

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 Meckaur Municipal Park through Plumtrees Road to Route 302.

EDSON BROOK, Stafford (T)

Intermittent sections from Crystal Lake Brook to Middle River.

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.

SEA RUN TROUT STREAM

Entire river in East Haddam and Lyme upstream of Joshuatown Road.

Upstream of dam at Mt. Archer Road:

Trout: Daily creel limit-2, 9" Minimum length.

Downstream of dam at Mt. Archer Road:

Trout: Daily creel limit-2, 15" Minimum length.

LOWER RIVER/TIDAL WATERS-no closed season:

From Joshuatown Road bridge to confluence with Connecticut River.

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.

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:

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 the Connecticut Sand and Stone facility, and at the Winchell Smith Dam (Farmington) and Tariffville Gorge (Bloomfield). Then from mouth of tailrace canal below Rainbow Dam to confluence with Connecticut River. For Farmington River Flows call Metropolitan District Commission (MDC) Information: (860) 278-7850.

TROPHY TROUT STREAM \triangle

From Goodwin dam (Hartland) downstream to Route 177 Bridge in Unionville.

Trout: daily creel limit-2, 12" minimum length.

Except in the two Trout Management Areas listed below: WEST BRANCH-FARMINGTON RIVER TROUT

MANAGEMENT AREA, Barkhamsted-New Hartford

From approximately one mile upstream of the Route 318 bridge (as posted) downstream to the Route 219 bridge:

Season: Open year-round. **Methods:** Barbless hooks only

Trout: Catch and Release Only.

FARMINGTON RIVER TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA,

Avon-Burlington-Unionville

From the base of the Lower Collinsville Dam downstream approximately three miles to the Route 4 Bridge:

Season: Open year-round.

Trout: Catch and Release Only from September 1 to 6:00 am 3rd Saturday in April.

Trout: Daily creel limit-**2**, 12" minimum length from 6:00 am 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: 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.

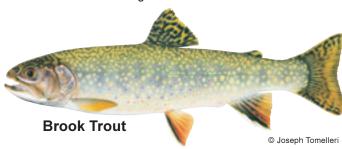
FENTON RIVER, Mansfield-Willington (T BN)

Intermittent sections from Route 74 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 1-1/2 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.

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.

HALL MEADOW BROOK, Goshen-Torrington (T)

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

HALEY BROOK, Groton (BK)

Intermittent sections along Route 184.

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

am 3rd Saturday in April.

Trout: Daily creel limit-2, 9" minimum length from 6:00 am 3rd Saturday in April to August 31.

SEA RUN TROUT STREAM

Downstream of Chestnut Hill Road:

Trout: Daily creel limit-2, 9" Minimum length from Chestnut Hill Road to the I-95 bridge.

Trout: Daily creel limit-2, 15" Minimum length downstream of I-95 bridge.

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.

HEMLOCK VALLEY BROOK, East Haddam (T)

Intermittent sections from Route 82 to Whalebone Creek.

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.



Rainbow Trout

HOUSATONIC RIVER, Salisbury-Canaan-Sharon-Cornwall-Kent-Sherman-New Milford (T SMB NP)

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 开 🛆

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.

HOWELL'S POND BROOK, Hartland (T)

From Howell's Pond in Tunxis State Forest to Mill Street, approximately 1-1/2 miles above West Branch Reservoir.

HUNTS BROOK, Montville-Waterford (T)

Intermittent sections from Miller's Pond to Smith Cove.

INDIAN RIVER, Killingworth-Clinton (T)

Intermittent sections from Stevens Road downstream to Upper Millpond.

INDIAN HOLE BROOK, Shelton (T)

Children's Area: From falls in Indian Well State Park downstream to railroad bridge.

Fishing restricted to children under 16 years of age. **Season:** Open 3rd Saturday in April-November 30.

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-Portion Downstream of Grayville Road to the Salmon River.

JOE CLARKS 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)

From Kettletown Road to George's Hill Road and 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.

LATHROP BROOK, Plainfield (T)

Intermittent sections from Dow Road downstream to Mill Brook.

LAKE WARAMAUG BROOK, Warren (T)

Along Route 45 from Curtiss Road downstream to North Shore Road.

LATIMER BROOK, East Lyme-Waterford (T)

Intermittent sections along Route 161 from Silver Falls to Niantic River.

SEA RUN TROUT STREAM

Downstream of I-95 bridge:

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

LOWER RIVER/TIDAL WATERS-no closed season:

Downstream from the Old Mill abutments at the head of tide. **Trout**: Daily creel limit-2, 15" minimum length.

LAUREL BROOK, Middletown (T)

From Anderson Road (Laurel Brook Road) through Wadsworth Falls State Park.

LEADMINE BROOK, Harwinton-Thomaston (T)

Intermittent sections from Route 118 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 HILL BROOK, Middletown (T)

Intermittent sections from Dooley Pond downstream to Route 155

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 the DOT picnic area along Route 64 through Steinmann Park to Route 188.

LOWDEN BROOK, Voluntown (BK)

In Pachaug State Forest.

MACEDONIA BROOK, Kent (T BK BN) 🛧 \Lambda

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.
Trout: Catch and Release Only.

MAD RIVER. Norfolk-Winchester (T)

From Rugg Brook Road through Mad River Flood Control Impoundment to Route 263 crossing.

MARSHAPAUG RIVER, Litchfield (T)

From Shearshop Road downstream through Milton to the East Branch of the Shepaug River.

MARY BROWN BROOK, Putnam (T)

Intermittent sections from East Putnam Road downstream to the Five Mile River.

MASHAMOQUET BROOK, Pomfret (T) A

Intermittent sections from Taft Pond through Mashamoquet State Park to Quinebaug River.

MATTABESSET RIVER, Berlin-Middletown (NP CA LMB T) Intermittant 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 BROOK. Killingworth (T)

Intermittent sections from Reservoir Road to Kelseytown 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.

Note: Wild Trout Management Årea includes Beaver Brook within the Talbot WMA.

MIANUS RIVER, Greenwich-Stamford (T)

Intermittent sections accessible from Farms 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 am 3rd Saturday in April. Single hook flies and artificial lures only from September 1 to 6:00 am 3rd Saturday in April. **Trout:** Daily creel limit-**2**, 9" minimum length from 6:00 am

Frout: Daily creel limit-2, 9" minimum length from 6:00 and Saturday in April to August 31.

MIDDLE RIVER, Stafford (T)

Intermittent sections from Edson Brook to Willimantic River.

MILL BROOK, Cornwall (T)

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)

Intermittent sections from first bridge below Easton Reservoir to Mohegan Park Pond, then from base of Samp Mortar Reservoir dam to Sturges Road in Fairfield.

WILD TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA (Class 1)

From first bridge (South Park Avenue) below Easton Reservoir to downstream of (as posted) third bridge (South Park Avenue):

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

am 3rd Saturday in April.

Trout: Daily creel limit-**2**, 9" minimum length from 6:00 am 3rd Saturday in April to August 31.

MILL RIVER (includes Axle Shop, Clark's and Woodriff's ponds), Hamden (T)

Intermittent sections from Tuttle Avenue through Sleeping Giant State Park to Skiff Street. Boats and canoes prohibited, including Axle Shop, Clarks, and Woodruffs Ponds.

Within Sleeping Giant State Park:

Trout: Daily creel limit-2

MINE BROOK. Portland (BK)

TROUT PARK

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, 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.

Statewide regulations for seasons, legal methods, and limits (pages 4-6) apply unless a site-specific regulation is listed for a water body.

MUDDY BROOK, Woodstock (T)

Intermittent sections from Route 197 to Roseland Lake.

MUDDY 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 KINNIE BROOK, Voluntown (T BK)

Within Pachaug State Forest to Glasgo Pond.

NATCHAUG RIVER, Eastford-Chaplin-Windham (T) Intermittent sections along Route 198 to Shetucket River. TROPHY TROUT STREAM

Entire River in Eastford-Chaplin-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-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 in Beacon Falls.

TROPHY TROUT STREAM

From the confluence of the East and West Branches to the Kinneytown Dam (Seymour):

Trout: Daily creel limit-2

Thermal refuges: Areas within 100 feet of the mouths of tributaries as posted by DEP are closed to all fishing from June 15 to August 31.

BROODSTOCK SALMON AREAS (see page 7 for details)
From Route 118 (Litchfield/Harwinton) to the Thomaston
Dam & from Prospect Street (Naugatuck) downstream to
Pines Bridge Road (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 am on the 3rd 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)

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.

NONEWAUG RIVER, Woodbury (T)

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 the Merritt Parkway (Norwalk).

WILD TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA (Class 3)

Entire stream in Wilton and Ridgefield upstream of Wolf Pit Road:

Trout: 9" minimum length.

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.

OXOBOXO BROOK, Montville (T)

Intermittent sections from Oxoboxo 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.

PARMELEE BROOK, Durham (T)

Intermittent sections from Route 17 downstream to the Coginchaug River.

PATTACONK 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.

PENDLETON HILL BROOK, North Stonington (T)

Intermittent sections along Route 49 downstream to the Green Falls River.

PEQUABUCK RIVER, Bristol-Plainville (T BN)

Through Rockwell Municipal Park in Bristol downstream to Route 177 in Plainville.

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.

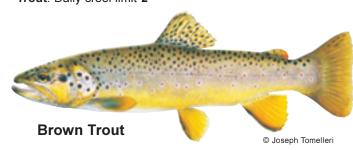
Trout: Catch and Release Only.

PEQUONNOCK RIVER (includes Tungsten Mine Park Pond), Bridgeport-Trumbull (T)

Intermittent sections from West Pequonnock 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.

PLUM GULLEY BROOK (Johnson Brook), South Windsor (T) At Clark Street.

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 Nonewaug and Weekeepeemee rivers near Route 47 in Woodbury to 1/4 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, 1/2 mile upstream and 1/2 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.

Children's Area: Within Putnam Town Park. Fishing restricted to children under 16.

Season: Open 3rd Saturday in April-November 30.

QUINNIPIAC RIVER, Southington-Cheshire-Meriden-

Wallingford (T BN)

From 1/4 mile below Cheshire Road, Cheshire to Route-150, Wallingford.

WILD TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA (Class 1)

Entire river in Southington, and in Cheshire upstream from Cheshire Street

Season: Open year-round.

Methods: Barbless single-hook artificial lures and flies only. Trout: Catch and Release Only.

LOWER RIVER/TIDAL WATERS-no closed season:

North Haven-New Haven

Downstream from Route 5 bridge in North Haven to junction with New Haven Harbor.

Trout: Daily creel limit-2, 15" Minimum length.

RAYMOND BROOK, Hebron (T)

Intermittent sections from Route 207 to Jeremy River.

Trout: 9" Minimum length downstream of Old Colchester Road.

RACE BROOK, Woodbridge-Orange (T)

From Route 313 (Woodbridge) to Lambert Road (Orange).

RESERVOIR BROOK, Portland (T)

Intermittent sections from Portland Reservoir to Connecticut River.

RIPPOWAM RIVER, Stamford (T)

Intermittent sections from Interlaken Road just below North Stamford Reservoir to Cold Spring Road near downtown Stamford.

ROARING BROOK, Glastonbury (T)

Intermittent sections from Route 94 to Connecticut River.

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.

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.

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 BN)

From East Street below the gorge in North Granby, along Route 189, and crossing Routes 202 and 20 to the

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.

Farmington River.

SALMON BROOK (WEST BRANCH), Hartland-Granby (T 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.

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/TROUT PARK

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 am on the 3rd Saturday in April.

Trout: Daily creel limit-2, 9" minimum length from 6:00 am 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 1/4 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 1/4 mile below Saugatuck Reservoir Dam through Lyons Plain to Dorr's Mill Dam and ending at the Merritt Parkway.

WILLIAM "DOC" SKERLICK 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 am on the 3rd Saturday in April.

Trout: Daily creel limit-2, 9" minimum length from 6:00 am on 3rd Saturday in April to August 31.

SEA RUN TROUT STREAM

Tidal area downstream of Wood Dam (Westport):

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

SAUGATUCK RIVER (WEST BRANCH), Weston-Westport (T) Intermittent sections from Route 53 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 from Judd's Bridge Road through the DOT picnic area along Route 67.

SHETUCKET RIVER, Windham to Norwich \triangle

(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 DEP are closed to all fishing from June 15 to August 31.

BROODSTOCK SALMON AREA (see page 7 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 am 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 BROOK, North Stonington (T)

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 Potash 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 Robertsville Dam.

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.

STONY BROOK, Suffield (T)

Intermittent sections from Taintor Street to Guild Pond.

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)

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)

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 Mashomoguet Brook.

WEEKEEPEEMEE BROOK, Woodbury (T)

Intermittent sections from Route 132, Peter Road to Jack's Bridge Road.

WELLS BROOK, Union (T)

Intermittent sections from Route 171 downstream to Mashapaug Lake.

WEPAWAUG RIVER (includes Clarktown Pond), Orange-Milford

Intermittent sections from Route 34, along Grassy Hill Road to 1/2 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.

WHITFORDS BROOK, Groton-Ledyard-Stonington (T) Intermittent sections from Long Pond to the Mystic River.

SEA RUN TROUT STREAM

Downstream of Route 184 bridge:

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

LOWER RIVER/TIDAL WATERS-no closed season:

Downstream of Route 27 bridge, including the Mystic River.

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.

WILLOW BROOK, Cheshire (T)

Along the bike path beginning at Lock 12 at Route 42 downstream to Mount Sanford Road.

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.

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.

YANTIC RIVER, Bozrah-Norwich (T)

Intermittent sections from Camp Moween Road to Thames

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

am on the 3rd Saturday in April.

Trout: Daily creel limit-2, 9" minimum length from 6:00 am

on the 3rd Saturday in April-August 31.

(Turn In Poachers)

To Report Fishing or Wildlife Violations

(Including: Sport and commercial fishing, lobstering, crabbing, hunting, trapping, and marine mammals)

Phone 1-800-842-4357 toll free Rewards offered after arrest, all calls confidential

For further information on TIP call the Environmental Conservation Police at 860-424-3012

FAMILY FISHING

The **CONNECTICUT AQUATIC RESOURCES EDUCATION (CARE)** Program will introduce you and your family to the fun of fishing. Even ice fishing! Expert instruction, hands-on activities and a fishing trip will lead to wonderful time spent outside with your family or friends. You can even borrow our tackle to catch a fish!

JOIN US IN 2006 FOR:

ICE FISHING CLASSES

January classes designed to introduce you to the social, winter sport of ice fishing. Learn how to catch a big bass, pickerel or jumbo perch on a tip-up before attending the derby (see below).

FAMILY ICE FISHING DERBY - January 28, 2006

Add some adventure to your winter by trying ice fishing at Wangumbaug Lake (Coventry Lake), Coventry. Spend some quality time outdoors with family and friends and enjoy refreshments in the lakeside lodge. Kids get a prize just for attending!

NEW INSTRUCTOR TRAINING - February 4, 2006

CARE needs volunteers from across the state to share their love of the outdoors and fishing with others. We'll provide you with the quality training and equipment you'll need, free of charge. If you're a self-starter and are interested in enriching someone's life with the sport of fishing, join the nearly 500 volunteers already certified. Call 860-663-1656 (24 hr/day) for details.

FAMILY FISHING CLASSES

Certified CARE instructors provide a science-based package of environmental, ecological, and angling information. The curriculum even helps teachers meet state science standards! Learn to cast, identify your catch, select the right bait and tie a strong knot. Multiple-meeting classes are held, fishing tackle is provided and classes conclude with an actual trip to a fishing hot spot in March, April and May.

CITY FISHING CLASSES

Certified CARE instructors provide youth groups in summer camps with an interactive learning experience featuring an actual, hands-on fishing opportunity. If you run a weekday youth camp, call 860-663-1656 (24 hr/day) for details on these July and August classes.

2006 CARE 15-year Instructors









CARE Instructors (clockwise from top left) Betty Kerr (Andover), Vin Lavorgna (Hamden), Dianne Grenier (Andover) and John Foley (Tolland) this year reached the milestone of teaching CARE classes for 15 years. These four dedicated volunteers have combined to teach over 9,300 people about water, fish and fishing over the last 15 years.

For more information or a CARE Class Schedule, call 860-424-FISH or visit our website at: www.dep.state.ct.us

QUINEBAUG HATCHERY FISHING PONDS

FISHING OPPORTUNITIES PROVIDED:

- One 2 acre flyfishing and one 2 acre lure fishing pond at Quinebaug Valley Hatchery. Ponds are rectangular and surrounded by mown grassy slopes.
- · Stocked with brook, brown and rainbow trout.
- Open: Weekends & Holidays from March 4 to May 21, 2006.
- Fee: \$2.00 per person for three hours
- PERIOD I: March 4–April 9 for INDIVIDUAL reservations – starting January 3rd, 2006, call (860) 564-7542.

Daily Time Slots: 8:00 am -11:00 am, 11:30 am - 2:30 pm and 3:00 pm- 6:00 pm.

 PERIOD II: April 15–May 21 for GROUP reservations – starting March 7th, 2006, call (860) 424-3474.

Groups of over 15 may reserve an entire pond.

Daily Time Slots: 6:30 am- 9:30 am, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm, 1:30 pm- 4:30 pm, and 5:00 pm- 8:00 pm.

 Walk-ins may fish during both periods if ponds are not fully reserved.



Key Fishing Rules:

- · Fishing license required for anglers 16 years of age and over.
- Each angler 15 years of age or under must be accompanied by a licensed adult 21 years of age.
- · All licenses must be turned in to attendant before fishing.
- · One fish limit per person.
- · Catch and Release is permitted until one fish is either killed or kept.
- · Only anglers are allowed in the fishing area. (No Spectators)
- · Single barbless hooks are required.
- · One hook allowed per angler.
- Fishing with any kind of bait or using bait to attract fish is prohibited.

DEMARCATION BETWEEN INLAND AND MARINE DISTRICT

A sport fishing license is not 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 mouth.

Alewife Cove: New London-Waterford.

Entirely in Marine District. **Beebe Cove:** Groton. Entirely in Marine District. **Blackhall River:** Old Lyme.

Route 156.

Branford River: Branford.

Montowese Street. **Bride Brook:** East Lyme.
First railroad crossing. **Byram River:** Greenwich.
First railroad crossing.

Clinton River: (Indian River) Clinton.

Route 1.

Connecticut River: I-95 bridge.

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. Route 122.

Jordan Cove: Waterford.
First railroad crossing.
Lieutenant River: Old Lyme.

Route 156.

Menunketesuck River: Westbrook.

500 ft. North of Route 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 feet north of Route 1.

Niantic River: East Lyme-Waterford. Golden Spur Bridge, Route 1.

Norwalk River: Norwalk.

Wall Street.

Oyster River: Milford.

Route 122.

Palmer's Cove: Groton. Entirely in marine district. Patchogue River: Westport.

Route 1.

Pawcatuck River: Stonington. 500 ft. north of Route 1. Pequonnock River: Bridgeport. North Avenue (Route 1).

Poquonnock River: Groton.
500 feet north of Route 1.
Pequot-Sepos Cove: Stonington.
500 feet north of Route 1.
Quiambaug Cove: Stonington.
500 feet north of Route 1.
Quinnipiac River: New Haven.

Route 17.

Sasco Brook: Westport.

Buckleys Mill Dam, above Route 1.

Saugatuck River: Westport.

Kings Highway.

Shaws Cove: New London. Entirely in Marine District.

Stonington Harbor, Lambert Cove and **Quanaduck Cove:** Stonington.

500 feet north of Route 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 feet north of Route 1. **West River:** Guilford.

Route 146.

West River: West Haven.

Tide gates at Orange Ave. (Rte. 1).

For a complete listing, see Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, Section 26-108-1

CONNECTICUT STATE WATERS BOUNDARY LINE



Note: Lat / Long numbers can be found in the Marine Fisheries
Information Circular. This Information Circular can be located on
the DEP Web Site: www.ct.gov/dep

CT DEP MARINE ANGLER SURVEY

Marine Recreational Fishery Statistics Survey (MRFSS). estimating the impact of recreational fishing on saltwater in the world. We appreciate your time and effort. 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 MRFSS include: total number of fish caught, released and harvested; the weight of the harvest; total number of angler trips; and number of recreational marine anglers. In Connecticut, the Marine Fisheries Division conducts this fishing survey. Creel agents conducting the survey will ask you several questions including: 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 in a year, your name and phone number.

Thanks to the cooperation of anglers, the MRFSS The MRFSS Program is a nation-wide program encompasses over 20 years of fishing information and implemented in 1979 by the National Marine Fisheries represents the most scientifically credible and consistent Service (NMFS) to establish a reliable database for picture of marine recreational catch, effort and participation



DID YOU KNOW?

Over 377,000 Marine Anglers Fished Long Island Sound in 2004. Those Marine Anglers made over 1.6 million Fishing Trips in Long Island Sound. In 2004, Marine Anglers caught Six million Fish of which 1.7 million were Harvested. Anglers Harvested 550,000 Bluefish; 575,000 Scup; 4,229 Winter Flounder. Also, 223,000 Summer Flounder; 114,000 Tautog and 74,000 Striped Bass.

IMPORTANT DEFINITIONS OF FISHING TERMS SALTWATER ANGLERS PLEASE NOTE:

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. Note: Catch & Release Fishing for a species during a closed recreational fishing season is prohibited.

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 12:01am to midnight. Any species taken to the contrary must be returned immediately, without avoidable injury, to the waters from which it was taken. Note: "Culling" or "High-Grading" (releasing previously caught fish in order to retain a more desirable one) once the creel limit has been reached is prohibited.

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 avid 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 Connecticut marine waters.

The <u>survey logbook is easy to fill out</u>. Each participating angler is assigned a personal number code for confidentiality and recording instructions are provided on the inside cover of the logbook. Upon completion, simply tape the pre-postage paid logbook shut and drop it in the mail. Anglers that send in logbooks are rewarded with a **VAS fishing cooler** and updated results of the program. After all the logbooks are computer entered and error checked, the logbooks are returned to each participant for their own records.

Interested in participating in the survey?

Please contact: Rod MacLeod at 860.434.6043
CT Department of Environmental Protection
Marine Fisheries Office, P.O. Box 719
Old Lyme, CT 06371

Email: rod.macleod@po.state.ct.us



VOLUNTEER ANGLER SURVEY UPDATE

Over 70 Anglers Participated in the VAS Program in 2004.

VAS Anglers caught 1,394 SCUP with an Average Length of 11", releasing 53%.

VAS Anglers caught 362 TAUTOG with an Average Length of 16", releasing 25%.

VAS Anglers caught 1,871 SUMMER FLOUNDER with an Average Length of 17.5", releasing 51%.

VAS Anglers caught 3,547 STRIPED BASS with an Average Length of 21.5", releasing 90%.

VAS Anglers caught 2,450 BLUEFISH with an Average Length of 23", releasing 79%.

TIPS FOR BETTER CATCH AND RELEASE FISHING

Artificial Lures (swimming plugs, surface poppers, jigs, etc.) are often rigged with multiple treble hooks. One disadvantage of these lures is that a fish struggling to escape capture will often hook itself with the remaining treble hooks, leading to additional injury. Anglers should try to use lures with a <u>single hook</u> if possible, or replace treble hooks with steel hooks (<u>not stainless</u>), or reduce the number of treble hooks on the lure.

Bait Fishing is a popular technique. However, the baited hook is often swallowed by the fish so that the hook is deeply imbedded in the stomach ("gut"). To reduce "gut hooking" a fish, angler's should set the hook immediately before the bait can be completely swallowed, or by using a "circle" hook. When a fish is "gut hooked" the best solution is to cut the line as close to the hook eye as possible. This helps to prevent severe damage to the fish's internal organs, which can occur while trying to remove a hook. If the hook is not stainless steel, it will eventually corrode due to the fish's stomach acids used in digestion.

An erect dorsal fin, is a sign of a revived fish.

Fishing Tools used in hook removal can be extremely useful. Tools including needle nose pliers, hemostats, hook degorgers, and wire cutting pliers can be very helpful in reducing hook removal time.

Handling Methods depending on fishing technique used, how the fish is hooked, and size of the fish. Ideally, the fish should not be removed from the water. If fishing from a boat, try to prevent the fish from banging against the side or thrashing around the deck. Improper handling can cause internal injuries, skin abrasions, scale loss, or removal of the protective slime layer that prevents infection. When handling a fish make sure that your hands are wet to reduce slime loss.

To Release the Fish, grasp the tail firmly and place the fish back in the water and slowly move the fish back and forth. This motion will cause water to flow over the gills, restoring oxygen to the blood stream. Recovery time will vary according to size and health of the fish. As a general rule, the longer the fish fights and the higher the water and air temperature, the longer it will take the fish to recover.



MARINE RECREATIONAL FISHING REGULATIONS

SPECIES, MINIMUM SIZES, DAILY LIMITS, AND FISHING SEASONS - EFFECTIVE: 1/1/2006

Regulations for certain species may change in 2006, but were not available at press time. For legal purposes, the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies must be consulted.

Visit www.ct.gov/dep or contact Marine Fisheries (860.434.6043) for current regulations.



STRIPED BASS

Minimum Size: 28 inches.

Daily Creel Limit: 2 fish per angler.

Open Season: Year Round.

Special Note: No spearing / gaffing; head and tail have to remain intact, and the fish must not be rendered unidentifiable.



Regulations may change in 2006! **SCUP** (*PORGY*)

Minimum Size: 10-1/2 inches. Daily Creel Limit: 25 fish per angler.

Party/Charter: 25 fish per angler, July 1- August 31

and 60 fish per angler, Sept. 1 - Oct. 31.

Open Season: July 1 - October 31. Closed Season: November 1 - June 30.



Regulations may change in 2006!

SUMMER FLOUNDER (FLUKE)

Minimum Size: 17-1/2 inches. Daily Creel Limit: 6 fish per angler. Open Season: April 30 - December 31. Closed Season: January 1 - April 29.

Special Note: On the water, fillets must meet minimum length or be accompanied by legal sized rack (carcass).

BLUEFISH

Minimum Size: None.

Daily Creel Limit: 10 fish per angler,

(including snapper bluefish).

Open Season: Year Round.



TAUTOG (BLACKFISH)

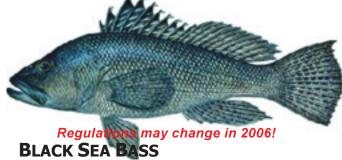
Minimum Size: 14 inches.

Daily Creel Limit: 4 fish per angler.

Open Season: Jan. 1 - April 30, June 15 - Sept. 7

and Sept. 22 - Dec. 13.

Closed Season: May 1 - June 14, Sept. 8 - Sept. 21 and Dec. 14 - Dec. 31.



Minimum Size: 12 inches.

Daily Creel Limit: 25 fish per angler. Open Season: January 1 - November 30. Closed Season: December 1 - December 31.



WINTER FLOUNDER

Minimum Size: 12 inches.

Daily Creel Limit: 10 fish per angler. Open Season: April 1 - May 30. Closed Season: May 31 - March 31.

MARINE RECREATIONAL FISHING REGULATIONS

SPECIES, MINIMUM SIZES, DAILY LIMITS, AND FISHING SEASONS - EFFECTIVE: 1/1/2006



Minimum Size: 16 inches.

Daily Creel Limit: 10 fish per angler.

Open Season: Year Round.



ALEWIFE / BLUEBACK HERRING

THE TAKING OF ALEWIFE AND BLUEBACK HERRING IS PROHIBITED!



Daily Creel Limit: 50 fish per angler.

Open Season: Year Round.

Legal Methods: Angling, Snagging, and Eel Pot.

Use of Eel Pots is limited to 2 pots per person, personal use only.



HICKORY SHAD

Minimum Size: None.

Daily Creel Limit: 6 fish per angler, both species

(American and hickory shad) in aggregate.

Open Season: Year Round for both species.

Special Note: In the Pawcatuck River, the open season for American Shad follows Rhode Island regulations and the

daily limit is 1 fish.

AMERICAN SHAD (see above)





ATLANTIC COD

Minimum Size: COD 22 inches.

: HADDOCK 19 inches. Daily Creel Limit: 10 COD per angler,

No Limit on HADDOCK.

See: www.nero.noaa.gov/nero/regs/ for updated federal regulations.

No Creel Limit on Party/Charter vessels.





Minimum Size: 19 inches. Daily Creel Limit: None. Open Season: Year Round.



SEA-RUN TROUT (Brown, Brook, Rainbow)

Minimum Size: 15 inches.

Daily Creel Limit: 2 fish per angler,

(all species in aggregate).

Open Season: Year Round.



WHITE PERCH

Minimum Size: 7 inches.

Daily Creel Limit: 30 fish per angler.

Open Season: Year Round.

Thank You for your Continued Support of Sportfish Restoration!

MARINE RECREATIONAL FISHING INFORMATION

RECREATIONAL FISHING FOR BAIT SPECIES, BLUE CRAB, AND LOBSTER

TAKING OF BAIT SPECIES - FOR PERSONAL USE

(NOT FOR SALE) NO 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.
- -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 Tidewater Silverside Atlantic Silverside Mummichogs

Sea Herring (Atlantic Herring)

Sand Lances (Sand Eels) Sea Lamprev

American Eel

Green, Fiddler, Asian Shore and Hermit Crabs

- Other Fish of <u>Legal Length</u> may be personally used, if taken by Hook & Line Only!

GILLNETTING FOR MENHADEN - FOR PERSONAL USE

(NOT FOR SALE) *LICENSE REQUIRED

Legal Menhaden Capture Methods:

Use of a single gillnet, not more that 60 feet in length.

PROHIBITED:

The taking of any species other than menhaden.

REQUIRED:

All gillnets must have a tag, provided with the license number. A minimum mesh size of 3" stretched.

Info: Call 860.434.6043, ask for Personal Use Menhaden Gillnet License Guidelines.

Submit daily catch record at the end of the year to:

DEP Marine Fisheries Division P.O. Box 719 Old Lyme CT 06371

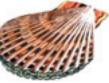


SHELLFISH - FOR PERSONAL USE

(NOT FOR SALE) LICENSE REQUIRED

Species Including:

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

LOBSTER - RECREATIONAL HARVEST

(NOT FOR SALE) LICENSE REQUIRED

Legal Lobster Capture Methods:

Ten pots or less - pot tags required.

Skin Diving SCUBA Diving Hand Capturing



No Closed Season.

Minimum Shell Length: 3-9/32" (eye socket to end of carapace).

PROHIBITED:

Use of spears or hooks. Possession of speared lobsters. Possession of egg bearing females or female lobsters with V-shaped notch in the tail flipper.

Tending pots from one half hour past sunset to one half hour before sunrise.

REQUIRED:

Catch compartments (parlor) escape vents- either one 1-15/16" by 5-3/4" rectangular or two 2-7/16" circular.

Maximum trap size is 22,950 cubic inches.

Info: Call 860.434.6043, ask for Guidelines for Personal Use Lobster Fishing in Connecticut.

Submit daily catch record at the end of the year to:

DEP Marine Fisheries Division P.O. Box 719 Old Lyme CT 06371

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) or 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.

3-1/2" 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.



All devices must be attended at all times.

TUNAS, SHARKS AND OTHER LARGE **PELAGIC SPECIES**

Atlantic Tuna Regulations and Permit Inquiries can be made at 888-872-8862 or



www.nmfspermits.com



For additional information, refer to the Marine Fisheries Information Circular by visiting the DEP Website at: www.ct.gov/dep or call Marine Fisheries Division at: 860.434.6043.

HOW MUCH DOES YOUR FISH WEIGH?

Fish can be injured when weighed with portable scales. To <u>estimate</u> the weight of your fish, simply take a length and girth measurement (in inches), and use the following formulas. Remember, these are only estimates!

SPECIES OF FISH

FORMULA

STRIPED BASS	Length ³ (Length x Length x Length) 2,200 Example: A 30 inch striped bass weighs approximately 12 pounds $(30"x 30"x 30") / 2,200 = 12.3 \text{ pounds}$
WALLEYE YELLOW PERCH © ©	$\frac{\text{Length}^3}{2,700} \text{ (Length x Length x Length)}$
NORTHERN PIKE CHAIN PICKEREL	Length ³ (Length x Length x Length) 3,500
AMERICAN & HICKORY SHAD	Length ² X Girth (Girth is the greatest 1,650 distance around the body)
SUNFISH SCUP	$\frac{\text{Length}^3}{1,200}$ (Length x Length x Length)
LARGE/SMALLMOUTH BASS & BLACK SEA BASS	Length ² X Girth (Girth is the greatest 1,200 distance around the body)
TROUT	Length X Girth ² (Girth is the greatest distance around the body)
BLUEFISH © Images Copyright Joseph Tomelleri	A=LENGTH B=GIRTH

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FISH AGE												
SPECIES:	<u>1</u>	2	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	8	9	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	12
BLUEFISH	7"	14"	20"	26"	30"	34"	35"	36"	37"	38"	0	×
BLACK SEA BASS	5"	10"	12"	13.5"	15"	17"	18.5"	19"	20"	21"		20
SUMMER FLOUNDER	12"	16"	18"	21"	22"	23.5"	25"	26"	27"	28"	29"	30"
WINTER FLOUNDER	5"	8"	11"	12"	13"	14"	15"	16"	17"	18"	19"	20"
TAUTOG	3"	6"	9"	11"	13"	15"	17"	19"	21"	22"	23"	24"
SCUP	4"	6"	8"	10"	11"	12"	13"	14"	15"	16"	1	ST.
WEAKFISH	8"	15"	18"	22"	25"	26"	27"	28"	29"	30"	31"	32"
HICKORY SHAD	4"	8"	12"	14"	16"	17"	18"	19"	20"	21"	e l	X
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SUPPORT FISHERIES PROGRAMS

F A M I L Y F U N



M E M O R I E S

BOAT LAUNCHES ALONG THE COAST

Fees: There is a fee per vehicle or combination of a tow vehicle & trailer for parking on......

Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays from April 1

October 31, at launches marked with an asterisk (*).

Barn Island, Stonington*

Parking: 65 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: 65 cars with trailers. **Toilets:** Chemical, seasonal.

Conditions: Steep ramp, shallow at low tide.

Use: Heavy use on weekends.

Access: I-95, Exit 87. 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: Heavy use on weekends.

Access: I-95, Exit 53. Route 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

south-westerly winds.

Use: Moderate use on weekends.

Access: I-95, Exit 74. Route 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 north-westerly 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: Paved ramp.
Lies: Moderate use on weeken.

Use: Moderate use on weekends.

Access: I-95, Exit 59. Located on east side of East River. Take Route 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: Little use.

Access: I-95, Exit 71. Route 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. Route 156, south to end of Smith Neck Road and Great Island Wildlife Area.

Housatonic River, Milford/Devon*

Parking: 75 cars with trailers. Toilets: Chemical, seasonal.



Conditions: Launching may be difficult due to swift river currents at times of abnormal tides or extreme flood conditions.

Use: Heavy use on weekends.

Access: Located on east side of the Housatonic River under I-95 (Exit 34). Take Route 1 onto Naugatuck Avenue. Access about one mile on left.

Lighthouse Point City Park,

New Haven*

Parking: 60 cars with trailers. **Toilets:** Flush facilities in park.

Conditions: Launching may be difficult during

strong north-westerly winds. **Use:** Heavy use on weekends.

Access: I-95, Exit 51 going south. Go south on Townsend Avenue, right onto Lighthouse Road. to park. Departed 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. 1/4 mile northeast of

Route 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. Route 136 to Compo Road, first right to launch.

For other boat launches, see 2006 CT Boaters Guide and the CT Coastal Access Guide;

call **860.424.3034** or e-mail your request to coastal.access@po.state.ct.us. Coastal Access Guide can be found OnLine at: www.lisrc.uconn.edu/coastalaccess/index.asp

SHORELINE FISHING AND PROPERTY RIGHTS

A Message from the Department of 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 DEP 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.



SHORE FISHING IN COASTAL STATE PARKS

During regular hours, a vehicle parking fee is required to enter most of the state parks. Fees are collected from 8am-6pm on weekends and holidays, and 8am-6pm during the week except at state parks marked

with an asterisk (*) Parking Fees subject to change. A = CAMPING

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 6:30am - 8am. 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, Groton

Fishing is allowed at Poquonock Cove and the beach at Bluff Point. 24hrs. **Fish to be caught**: Winter flounder and snapper bluefish can be caught at Poquonock Cove. Bluefish, striped bass, hickory shad, summer flounder, little tunny and blackfish 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, there is 24 hour pedestrian access from Riverfront Walk to Pier 4 on the Thames River. Regulations are posted on the pier.

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 1/4 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 Meig's Point Jetty (south end) and at West Beach Jetty during the peak season from 8am-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: Blackfish, winter flounder, bluefish,

summer flounder, scup, weakfish and striped bass. **Directions:** I-95, Exit 62. Telephone: 203-245-2785.

Parking Fees: Weekdays: resident- \$7.00, non-resident- \$10.00 Weekend / Holiday: resident- \$9.00, non-resident- \$14.00.

Harkness Memorial State Park, Waterford

Fishing is allowed along the beach. No swimming allowed.

Fish to be caught: Black fish, bluefish, and striped bass can be caught off the rocky point and summer flounder off the beach.

Directions: I-95, Exit 75. Route 213 to park.

Telephone: 860-443-5725.

Parking Fees: Weekdays: resident- \$6.00, non-resident- \$7.00 Weekend / Holiday: resident- \$7.00, non-resident- \$10.00.

Rocky Neck State Park, Niantic*

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. **Fish to be caught:** Blackfish, 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- \$7.00, non-resident- \$10.00

Weekend / Holiday: resident- \$9.00, non-resident- \$14.00.

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 8am to sunset only.

Fish to be caught: Blackfish, 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- \$7.00, non-resident- \$10.00 Weekend / Holiday: resident- \$9.00, non-resident- \$14.00.

Silver Sands State Park / Charles Island, Milford

Fishing is open throughout the area including the tombolo 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. Take Seaside Avenue to Broadway Street.

Parking Fees: None.

SALTWATER FISHING - HOW TO CATCH FISH **SPECIES** HABITAT FISHING METHOD **BAITS** and **LURES** DRIFTING WITH LIVE BAIT STRIPED BASS LIVE BAIT, MENHADEN, EELS, LARGE RIVERS IN SPRING & FALL SHAD AND SAND WORMS JIGGING AND TROLLING ESTUARIES AND BAYS ALL TYPES OF SWIMMING LURES. BOTTOM FISHING WITH BAIT PLASTIC AND RUBBER BAITS IN SUMMER CASTING TO FISH **BLUEFISH CASTING TO FISH** ESTUARIES, BAYS, FISH IMITATING LURES DRIFTING WITH TIDE LOWER PARTS OF RIVERS, BUNKER, CUT BAIT (FISH), EELS, **COVES AND** ANCHORED OVER LURES, POPPERS, JIGS, SPOONS, CURRENT BREAKS AND SWIMMING PLUGS STRUCTURE ESTUARIES AND BAYS ANCHORED OVER **SQUID**, SAND WORMS, ROCK PILES / REEFS STRUCTURE, REEFS CONCH, SHRIMP, OYSTER & MUSSEL BEDS **BOTTOM FISHING** MUSSELS AND CLAMS PILINGS AND JETTIES FISHING WITH DEAD BAIT



CONNECTICUT SALTWATER RECORD FISH



NEARSHORE CATEGORY(Long Island Sound - Fishers Island Sound):

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Common Name	lbs	<u>eight</u> oz	Location Caught	Angler	Year Caught
American Eel	4	0	Patchogue R., Westbrook	Michael Karol	2005
Atlantic Bonito	8	10	Waterford Beach	Scott Marsie	1999
Atlantic Mackerel			OPEN		
Black Sea Bass	7	8	Six Mile Reef, Clinton	Mike Lane	2005
Blackfish (Tautog)	21	8	Frank's Ledge	Arthur Dutra	1998
Bluefish	24	13	Norwalk Islands	Charles J. Toth	1979
Cunner	2	12	Dumping Grounds, Groton	Michael Ricitelli	2000
Hickory Shad	3	4	Niantic River, Niantic	Richard Kozlowski	2003
Little Tunny (False Albacor	e)14	12	Millstone Outfall, Niantic	Robert Bernier	2000
Oyster Toadfish	2	6	Crane Neck, Long Island	Pat Notaricola Jr.	2002
Sandbar (Brown) Shark	118	7	CT River, Old Saybrook	Bruce Kelly	1995
Scup (Porgy)	3	14	Southwest Reef	Jay Setaro	1992
Sheepshead Porgy	10	11	Branford Reef	Clyde Turner	1998
Striped Bass	75	6	New Haven Harbor	Steven Franco	1992
Summer Flounder (Fluke)	14	0	Ram Island Reef	Stanley Kulas	1989
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 CATEGORY(Outside of Long Island Sound - Fishers Island):

	We	eight			
Common Name	lbs	oz	Location	Angler	Year
Albacore	66	8	Block Canyon	Michael F. Norton	1992
Atlantic Bonito	8	14	Block Island Sound	Jack Balint	1997
Atlantic Cod	45	0	South of Block Island	John Chomen	2004
Atlantic Mackerel			OPEN		
Black Sea Bass	5	5	Misquamicut, R. I.	David Wilcox	2003
Blackfish (Tautog)			OPEN		
Blue Marlin	449	6	Atlantis Canyon	Jeffrey K. Eckert	2001
Blue Shark	361	0	Ranger Wreck	Robert H. Oslen	1993
Bluefin Tuna	770	0	Block Island Sound	Lester Debetta	1990
Bluefish			OPEN		
Cunner	3	4	Block Island Sound	Wesley E. Sargent	1998
Little Tunny (False Albac	ore)		OPEN		
Mako Shark	650	0	Block Island Sound	Gregory J. Erisoty	1987
Pollock	34	12	Block Island Sound	Joe DeCosta	2000
Sandbar (Brown) Shark			OPEN		
Scup (Porgy)	3	6	Block Island Sound	Karl O. Noyes	1985
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
Weakfish			OPEN		
White Marlin	108	8	Block Canyon	Frederick lasiello	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 CATEGORY(Rare Species):

	<u>Weight</u>				
Common Name	lbs	oz	Location	Angler	Year
Black Drum	15	3	New Haven Breakwater	Howard D. LaFrance	2001
Gray Triggerfish	3	5	White Rock, Waterford	Robert Treadwell	2000
Ladyfish	2	8	Millstone Pt., Waterford	Arnie Costello	1995
Monkfish	18	6	Weekapaug Point, R.I.	William Zanks	2002
Scalloped Hammerhead S	Shark235	0	Block Island Sound	Richard Bonaccorsi	1992
Spanish Mackerel	6	5	Branford Beacon	Michael Audet	2003
Thresher Shark	450	0	Montauk Pt.	Rich Howe	1995
Wahoo	88	0	Fish Tales	Mike Matrishon	2005
Blue Crab (8.75inches)) 1	1	Old Saybrook	Cody Lessard	2005 49

TROPHY FISH AWARD PROGRAM!

The *Trophy Fish Award Program* recognizes and rewards angling skill.

Successful anglers will receive:

- · A certificate of Merit
- · A Bronze pin for your first fish of merit
- · A Silver pin for your fifth fish of merit
- A Gold pin for your tenth fish of merit or a new state record fish.



Qualifying Area Categories: Marine 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 and

Offshore waters.

FRESHWATER: Caught in freshwater

General Rules for Freshwater and Saltwater Fish:

- » Saltwater entries must be caught by boats leaving and returning to Connecticut ports. No overnite stays in another state prior to day(s) of fishing.
- » Entries must be filed on the Official Affidavit Form, page 51.
- » 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 <u>clear photograph of the fish</u> 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.
- » <u>Please Note</u>: all potential State Record Fish, print out of weight from a certified scale must accompany affidavit.

Special Rules for FRESHWATER CATCH-AND-RELEASE category:

- » All of the General Rules apply except that the fish do not need to be weighed. A witness must be present when the fish's length is measured.
- » A Clear photo must accompany the affidavit. This photo must include the angler holding the fish and a measure (yardstick, ruler, or tape measure) positioned to show length of the fish.
- »The accompanying photo must be taken at the location where the fish was caught and released.
- » Fish can not be taken from site and then transported back.
- » Catch-and-Release fish are not eligble for State records.

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In order to **qualify** for a Trophy Fish Award, the following minimum measurements are required:

Note: Minimum Lengths apply only to the FRESHWATER CATCH-AND-RELEASE category. The minimum lengths listed below do not apply to the traditional weighed category.

FRESHWATER

<u>Common Name</u> <u>M</u>	<u>linimum Weigh</u>	<u>Minimum Length</u>
American Eel	3 pounds	35 inches
American Shad	5 pounds	25 inches
Atlantic Salmon	15 pounds	31 inches
Bluegill	12 ounces	10 inches
Brook Trout	2 pounds	17 inches
Brown Bullhead	2 pounds	15 inches
Brown Trout	5 pounds	22 inches
Calico Bass (Black Crappie)	2 pounds	15 inches
Common Carp	20 pounds	34 inches
Chain Pickerel	5 pounds	27 inches
Channel Catfish	4 pounds	22 inches
Kokanee	1.75 pounds	16 inches
Largemouth Bass	6 pounds	22 inches
Northern Pike	10 pounds	35 inches
Pumpkinseed	8 ounces	9 inches
Rainbow Trout	4 pounds	21 inches
Rock Bass	12 ounces	11 inches
Smallmouth Bass	4 pounds	21 inches
Walleye	5 pounds	23 inches
White Catfish	4 pounds	20 inches
White Perch	2 pounds	15 inches
Yellow Perch	1.5 pounds	15 inches

SALTWATER

Minimum Weight

<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Mınımum Weight</u>
Albacore	30 pounds
American Eel	3 pounds
Atlantic Bonito	5 pounds
Atlantic Cod	20 pounds
Atlantic Mackerel	2 pounds
Black Sea Bass	3 pounds
Blackfish (Tautog)	8 pounds
Blue Marlin	100 pounds
Blue Shark	175 pounds
Bluefin Tuna	400 pounds
Bluefish	14 pounds
Cunner	1.5 pounds
Hickory Shad	1.75 pounds
Little Tunny (False Albacon	
Mako Shark	175 pounds
Oyster Toadfish	1 pound
Pollock	15 pounds
Sandbar (Brown) Shark	100 pounds
Scup (Porgy)	2 pounds
Striped Bass	40 pounds
Summer Flounder (Fluke)	6 pounds
Swordfish	100 pounds
Thresher Shark	200 pounds
Weakfish	7 pounds
White Marlin	80 pounds
White Perch	1.5 pounds
Winter Flounder	2.5 pounds
Winter Skate	10 pounds
Yellowfin Tuna	150 pounds
BLUE CRAB 81	Inches, Spike to Spike

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KIND OF FISH:	Weight	Length	Girth
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This form can be downloaded from www.dep.state.ct.us

<u>Freshwater Fish, mail to</u>: Inland Fisheries Division, DEP, 79 Elm Street, 6th Floor, Hartford, CT 06106-5127.

Saltwater Fish, mail to: DEP Marine Fisheries, P.O. Box 719, Old Lyme, CT 06371.

Please email digital images (pictures) to: david.molnar@po.state.ct.us (marine fish only).



2006 TIDE TABLE - OLD SAYBROOK

HIGH TIDE PREDICTIONS BETWEEN 6:00 AM AND 7:00 PM*

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	ОСТ	Nov	DEC
1	11:02 a	12:27 p	11:15 a	12:34 p	2:05 p	3:27 p	3:44 p	4:38 p	5:45 p	6:18 p	6:25 a	6:53 a
2	11:54 a	1:19 p	12:05 p	2:26 p	2:59 p	4:21 p	4:34 p	5:30 p	6:24 a	6:56 a	7:14 a	7:42 a
3	12:48 р	2:12 p	12:56 p	3:22 p	3:56 p	5:18 p	5:27 p	6:25 p	7:22a	7:48 a	8:00 a	8:29 a
4	1:42 p	3:11 p	1:48 p	4:23 p	4:56 p	6:13 p	6:19 p	6:57 a	8:12 a	8:36 a	8:46 a	9:17aO
5	2:38 p	4:16 p	2:45 p	5:30 p	5:59 p	6:34 a	6:41 a	7:51 a	8:58 a	9:21 a	9:33a\)	10:06 a
6	3:38 p	5:26 p	3:49 p	6:07 a	6:28 a	7:27 a	7:35a	8:38 a	9:44 a	10:07aO	10:22 a	10:56 a
7	4:44 p	6:05 a	5:00 p	7:13 a	7:24 a	8:14 a	8:23 a	9:23 a	10:31aO	10:55 a	11:14 a	11:48 a
8	5:50 p	7:05 a	6:09 p	8:07a	8:11a	8:58 a	9:08 a	10:09 a	11:20 a	11:45 a	12:07 p	12:40 p
9	6:26 a	7:56 a	6:46 a	8:51 a	8:54 a	9:40 a	9:51 a	10:57aO	12:11 р	12:36 p	1:03 p	1:32 p
10	7:19 a	8:41 a	7:38 a	9:30 a	9:34 a	10:21 a	10:36aO	11:47 a	1:03 p	1:30 p	2:01 p	2:25 p
11	8:07 a	9:21 a	8:21 a	10:07 a	10:13 а	11:04 aO	11:23 a	12:38 p	1:57 p	2:27 p	3:02 p	3:20 p
12	8:52 a	10:01aO	9:00 a	10:44 a	10:52 a	11:49 a	12:13 р	1:31 p	2:53 p	3:28 p	4:06 p	4:19 p
13	9:35 a	10:39 a	9:37 a	11:22aO	11:32aO	12:37 p	1:05 p	2:25 p	3:54 p	4:35 p	5:10 p	5:17 p
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20	2:28 p	3:23 p	2:02 p	4:44 p	5:33 p	6:31 a	7:15 a	8:50 a	9:51 a	10:00 a	9:43a	9:58a ●
21	3:16 p	4:30 p	2:53 p	5:52 p	6:34 p	7:31 a	8:13a	9:34 a	10:29 a	10:36 a	10:20 а	10:40 a
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31	11:36 a		11:43 a		2:34 p		3:49 p	4:41 p		5:51 p		7:28 a

*Adjusted for Daylight Savings Time, O=Full Moon, O=New Moon TIDAL DIFFERENCES

At STONINGTON At NOANK At NORWICH At NEW LONDON At MILLSTONE PT. At NIANTIC Less 1Hour, 43 Min. Less 1Hour, 33 Min. Less 1Hour, 25 Min. Less 1Hour, 11 Min. Less 1Hour, 2 Min. Less 10 Min. At OLD SAYBROOK
At DUCK ISLAND
At MADISON
At FALKNER ISLAND
At BRANFORD HARBOR
At NEW HAVEN HARBOR
At MILFORD HARBOR

At MILFORD HARBOR

SEE TIDE CHART
Plus 7 Min.
Plus 19 Min.
Plus 24 Min.
Plus 25 Min.
Plus 26 Min.

At SAUGATUCK RIVER
At BRIDGEPORT
At GREENWICH
At STAMFORD
At COS COB HARBOR
At SOUTH NORWALK
AT HOUS RIVER STRATFORD Plus 1 Hour

CONNECTICUT RIVER

At ESSEX At EAST HADDAM At PORTLAND At HARTFORD Plus 28 Min. Plus 1Hour, 31 Min. Plus 2Hours, 40 Min. Plus 4Hours, 19 Min.

Please be Aware that all Tides are Predictions!

