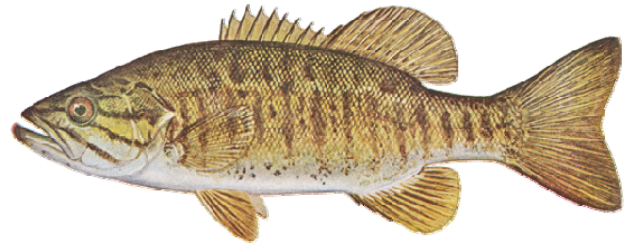


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INLAND REPORT

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LARGEMOUTH BASS fishing is reported as good to very good. **Areas to try include** Mashapaug Lake, Lake McDonough, Highland Lake, Great Hill Pond, Candlewood Lake, Hatch Pond, Pachaug Pond (5.41lbs.), Upper Bolton Lake, Beseck Lake, Congamond Lakes, Cedar Lake, Billings Lake (10 fish), Mansfield Hollow Reservoir, Mudge Pond (30 fish), Beachdale Pond (6 lbs.), Mill Pond, Maltby Lakes, Batterson Park Pond, Lake Saltonstall, Lake Wononskopomuc, Stillwater Pond, Ball Pond, Bantam Lake, East Twin Lake, Bishop Swamp, Red Cedar Lake, Pickerel Lake, Coventry Lake, Winchester Lake, Quaddick Reservoir, Eagleville Lake & Bigelow Pond. Tournament anglers found good fishing at Bantam lake (including several 4 lb plus bass), Billings Lake (mostly 1-2 lb fish), Highland Lake, Amos Lake (including several bass in the 5-6 lb range) and Quaddick Reservoir.

SMALLMOUTH BASS are reported at Highland Lake, Candlewood Lake, Bantam Lake, Naugatuck River, Upper Housatonic River, Coventry Lake, Lake McDonough, Gardner Lake and Squantz Pond. Tournament anglers reports from Bantam Lake (good) Highland (slow) and Candlewood Lake (very good).

NORTHERN PIKE fishing is reported to be good in Bantam Lake, Mansfield Hollow Reservoir & Winchester Lake. **KOKANEE** are being caught at West Hill Pond and East Twin Lake. Try fishing at 3 colors of lead line for these great fighters. **WALLEYE** are being reported from Batterson Park Pond, Lake Saltonstall, Squantz Pond, Candlewood Lake & Coventry Lake.

PANFISH season is in full swing throughout the state as these tasty fish show up in big numbers. Fishing in the shallows of your favorite waterbody is the place to fish. Try an area close to you. Use worms, grubs and any type of inexpensive fishing pole or drop line and give these easy to catch fish a go. The kids love this non-stop action and it will keep them occupied for hours.

TROUT

Rivers & streams – Anglers can expect fishing to be outstanding.

There are plenty of trout out there. Some success is being found using worms & corn/mealworm combinations. A number of major insect hatches are underway. Hatch times fluctuate with the water temperatures.

Farmington River – Fishing is rated as excellent. The water in the mid 50's°F with 311 cfs at Riverton and 117 cfs from the Still River. The water level is moderate and the water is clear. Hatches include: *Vitreus* [a.k.a. sulphur/pale evening dun] #14-16, Tan Caddis (#16-18), Emerald Caddis (#14) & Blue Wing Olive [a.k.a. baetis or vegans] #22-24 in the afternoon. Blue Quill [a.k.a. paralep] #18 and the Quill Gordon (#14), March Brown nymphs (#12-14), Gray Fox (#14, afternoon),

ZEBRA MUSSELS have been found scattered throughout the Housatonic River system-

The presence of adult zebra mussels in Lake Housatonic was confirmed in November, 2011. Earlier that summer, adult mussels were confirmed in the Housatonic River in Massachusetts and free-floating juveniles (veligers) were found at a number of sites in the river downstream to Lake Lillinonah. In 2010, adult zebra mussels were found in Lake Zoar and Lake Lillinonah. Prior to these discoveries, zebra mussels had been found (1998) in CT only in East Twin Lake and West Twin Lake (Salisbury). Anglers fishing in any of these waters and western Connecticut in general **should use extra care to avoid transporting water, aquatic vegetation, and possibly zebra mussels to new locations.**



Blue Wing Olives (#16-18, mid-late afternoon), Caddis (tan #14-18, all day; green #16-20, evening), Midges (#22-32) and Sulphur/Pale Evening Duns (*Epeorus vitreus* #14-16, afternoon & early evenings) are the current working patterns.

Housatonic River – Trout fishing is rated as excellent. The water is in the upper 60's°F with 958 cfs of moderate clear water flows. Major insect hatches are here and will begin to provide excellent fly fishing especially when the spinners start up. Current patterns include: Alder (#10-12), Sulphurs (#16-18), Blue Wing Olive (#18-20, cloudy days; early morning; spinner fall in evening), Cahill (#12-14), Adams (#10-12, evening), March Brown (#10-12, spinner) & Gray Foxes (#10-12) are producing. Green Caddis (#14-20, early morning & evening) are on the water. Midges and early stoneflies (#6) are also being seen at the mouths of streams on the Housatonic River.

Areas of activity include: Salmon River (7.45lbs; 13 fish), Farmington River (20" rainbow), Mill River (Easton-Fairfield), Naugatuck River, Housatonic River, Mt. Hope River, Fenton River, Hammonasset River, Quinebaug River, Willimantic River, Saugatuck River TMA, Natchaug River, Quinnipiac River, Blackledge River & Norwalk River.

Reminder to anglers - Maps of all of the state's trout streams and rivers showing the many stocking and access points are now available online at www.ct.gov/deep/troutstockingmaps. Bathymetry maps are now available online at www.ct.gov/dep/lib/dep/fishing/general_information/lakebathymetrymaps.pdf

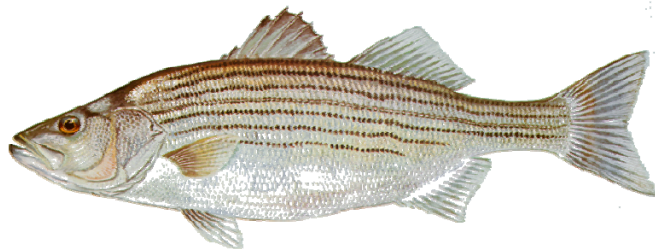
Lakes & Ponds – It's big fish time! Anglers can expect big trout to be caught into mid June. Some really great fishing was available to Connecticut anglers this past weekend. **Areas of activity include:** Mashapaug Lake, Beach Pond (30 fish, brown 10 lbs.), Crystal Lake (target 40'), Lake McDonough, Highland Lake, Candlewood Lake, Colebrook Reservoir, Lake Wononskopomuc, Stillwater Pond, Squantz Pond, East Twin Lake, Mt. Tom Pond, Mohawk Pond, Gardner Lake, West Hill Pond (20-30 feet down), Coventry Lake & Black Pond (Meriden).

Connecticut River – Some **STRIPED BASS** were recently caught in the Enfield area. Catches of **STRIPED BASS** at the river mouth continued to be up and down. Trolling tube & worm and casting soft plastics work best in stained water. Get out there now as these fish are starting to move out to the reefs. **NORTHERN PIKE** are reported in the coves of the river and downstream from Hartford to Haddam (smaller fish). **CATFISH** action is off the charts in the lower river and fish are being taken on chunk bait. The coves of the river are very good places to try. **WHITE PERCH** has been very good in the lower river as well.

NOTES & NOTICES:

- ❖ **BEACHDALE POND** (launchable with care) and **WYASSUP LAKE** (impossible to launch) continue to be drawn down for dam repairs.
- ❖ The **FirstLight Power HOUSATONIC RIVER FLOW INFORMATION automated phone** (1-888-417-4837) is currently down and will remain out of service until sometime in late June. Until this line is reestablished, please call 860-350-3685.
- ❖ Anglers on the **SALMON RIVER** should be aware that the current work in the Lyman Viaduct (Colchester) reconstruction project on Dickinson Creek, which includes filling in a large scour hole below the twin culverts and restoring fish passage (after 50+ years), may at times cause some noticeable turbidity, including in the Salmon River downstream of Dickinson Creek.
- ❖ **COVENTRY LAKE** – Swim sessions for a triathlon training program will be conducted on June 16 and 23 from 7 to 9 am. The course runs from Patriot's Park to the island in the northwest portion of the lake.
- ❖ **LAKE ZOAR** – A water ski clinic for the disabled is scheduled for Saturday, June 16 in the upper end of Lake Zoar. These events run from 9 am to 4 pm, and boaters are asked to take care when passing through this area (marked by buoys) of the lake, and avoid interfering with the event.
- ❖ **BANTAM LAKE**- The State Boat launch and all other boating access to Bantam Lake will be closed on Monday, June 18th to facilitate plant management activities.

MARINE FISHING REPORT



Surface water temperatures in Long Island Sound (LIS) remains in the low to mid 60's °F. Check out the following web sites for more detailed water temperatures and marine boating conditions:

<http://www.mysound.uconn.edu/stationstat.html>

http://marine.rutgers.edu/mrs/sat_data/?nothumbs=1

<http://www.ndbc.noaa.gov/>

<http://www.wunderground.com/MAR/AN/330.html>

STRIPED BASS and **BLUEFISH** fishing is good at the usual locations: The Race, Plum Gut, and Pigeon Rip. Other fishing locations worth trying include the Watch Hill area, outer Bartlett Reef, Black Point, Hatchett Reef, lower Connecticut River, Long Sand Shoal, Cornfield Point, Southwest Reef, Six Mile Reef, Falkner Island area, the reefs off Branford, New Haven Harbor (including Sandy Point), Milford Harbor breakwaters and the Charles Island area, buoys 18 and 20 off Stratford Point, Stratford Shoal/Middle Ground, Penfield Reef, around the Norwalk Islands and rocky reefs, and Cable and Anchor Reef. Also, don't forget about our coastal state parks for wetting a line! Go to the following website to locate a fishing spot near you!
www.lisrc.uconn.edu/coastalaccess/.

SUMMER FLOUNDER (fluke) fishing over this past week has picked up in deeper water (60 ft+) with some doormats closing in the double digit mark in pounds! Fishing locations include Horton Point, Mattituck area, Mt. Sinai, and Port Jefferson on the north shore of Long Island, south side of Fishers Island, mouth of the Mystic River over to Groton Long Point, Thames River mouth, Black Point/Niantic Bay including the "Bloody Grounds", Long Sand Shoal, Westbrook-Clinton area, Falkner Island area, New Haven Harbor to the West Haven area, and off the mouth off the Housatonic River.

SCUP fishing is fair to good on the major reefs.

WEAKFISH fishing best chances are in New Haven Harbor and the Milford – Stratford area.

The **BLACK SEA BASS** fishing season opens June 15th this Friday!

For Current Connecticut Recreational Fishing Regulations: Anglers should consult the 2012 Connecticut Anglers Guide which is now available at most Town Clerks Offices, DEEP offices and at tackle stores selling fishing licenses. Anglers can purchase their fishing licenses online (www.ct.gov/deep/fishinglicense) or at participating town halls, DEEP field offices and fishing tackle vendors. Current regulations, electronic versions of the Angler's Guide and additional information can all be accessed on the DEEP website at: www.ct.gov/deep/fishing .

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