

CT DEEP **2018**
FISHING REPORT NUMBER 9
6/21/2018



Kokanee Salmon (*Oncorhynchus nerka*)



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INLAND REPORT

Providers of some of the information below included Candlewood Bait & Tackle, Captain Morgan's Bait & Tackle, JT's Fly Shop, Yankee Outdoors and CTFisherman.com.

LARGEMOUTH BASS Fishing remains fair to good, with fish over the spawn in many areas. Reports are from Amos Lake (mixed reports from here), Candlewood Lake (still just inside and outside weed lines), Mashapaug Lake, Messerschmidt Pond, Moodus Reservoir (a little tough here), Quaddick Lake, Lake Quonnipaug, Lake Lillinonah, Rainbow Reservoir, Silver Lake (Meriden, lots of 2 lb fish reported) and Lake Zoar.

Tournament angler reports are **Tournament angler** reports are from Amos Lake (fair to good for most, 5.01 lb luncker and 4 fish in the 2.5-3.5 lb range), Aspinook Pond (had to work some to find fish, but a 5.43 lb luncker and an average fish weight of 2.3 lbs apiece), Beahc Pond (fair, no size with a 1.56 lb luncker and an average weight of 1 lb per fish), Lower Bolton Lake ("A fun day" for fishing, also both "a lot of shorts (5-10)") and full bags, with a 4.78 lb luncker), Mansfield Hollow Lake (fish caught but you had to work for them, 2.96 lb luncker), Bantam Lake (fair at best, 4.23 lb luncker), East Twin Lake (fair, 2.68 lb luncker), Lake Lillinonah (fair to good for a kayak/small boat club) and Lake Zoar (fair to good for many, 5.03 lb luncker).

SMALLMOUTH BASS. Smallmouth continue to provide some action, with fair to good reports from Candlewood Lake, Colebrook River Lake, Lake Lillinonah, Rainbow Reservoir and Lake Zoar, with a few fish also found in Bantam Lake. **Tournament angler** reports are from Candlewood Lake (mixed reports but fair to good for many), Lake Lillionah (fair to good) and Lake Zoar (fair to good, 3.99 lb and 3.03 lb lunkers).

TROUT-LAKES & PONDS – Trout fishing has been generally fair to good in a number of areas throughout the state with reports from Ball Pond (good fishing for Rainbows), Candlewood Lake (hit or miss, some anglers are

State Record (tie) Kokanee Salmon



Seth Harris with his 21 inch 2 pound 14 ounce Kokanee Salmon caught in West Hill Pond on 6/16/2018. Seth now shares the state record with Tom Pasko. Congrats on a great fish!

doing well, other nothing), Crystal Lake (lots of action, lots of fish in the slot, but some nice ones over the slot, try at 12-22 feet), East Twin Lake (some good action, mostly Brown's), Lake McDonough (one group had good luck on copper Mooselooks and Michigan stingers at 20-30 feet down), and Lake Quonnipaug (more slow than fair here).

TROUT- RIVERS & STREAMS – Conditions for trout fishing are fair to good. Water levels continue to drop with the current dry stretch (now below normal or well below normal for this time of year in many areas– see stream flow graphic on page 5). For the most part, fish will now be hanging in areas that provide good cover and cold temperatures like the deeper pools, seeps and springs, woody debris, and undercut banks. Temperatures remain favorable in most waters although larger rivers are starting to get too warm and fish will be seeking refuge in cold tributaries. **NOTE that key thermal refuges on the Housatonic, Naugatuck and Shetucket rivers are posted to protect the fish through our hot summer water temperatures. Please do not disturb the fish from these areas, it could me life or death.**

Good reports from the Farmington River (especially in faster riffles when slow-water is “slow”), Salmon River, Moosup River with a 7 pound rainbow caught, Natchaug River, Pomperaug River, Mill River WTMA in Fairfield. Some action but slowing on the Hammonasset River.

Farmington River –The weekend looks good for the West Branch and main stem Farmington with comfortable flows (currently 265 CFS at Riverton plus 28 CFS from the Still River). Water temperatures are now in the upper 50’s farther downstream of the Still River, and cooler in the Riverton area. A very large hatch in the Pleasant Valley section this past Monday evening just after the rain pushed through (8:30-9:30 pm). Not many folks on the river at that time so stay a bit after dark.

Hatches/patterns. As the flows have dropped look for a boom in insect activity. Typical go-to flies this time of year include the Tan and Black Caddis, Vitreus, Sulfurs, Yellow Stonefly, and Blue Wing Olive. Others various activity includes Sulfurs, (Invaria #14-16 hatches mid-day and Dorothea #16-18), Light Cahill (#12-18), March Brown nymphs (#10-14, during the day), Gray Fox (#10-14, afternoon), Blue Wing Olives (#18-24, mid-late afternoon, Midges (#20-32) and Pale Evening Duns (Epeorus vitreus #14-16, afternoon & early evenings).

Housatonic River – Flows remain very low and very fishable for this time of year (currently 351 CFS at Falls Village and 534 CFS at Gaylordsville). Morning water temperatures are currently in the upper 50’s °F and low 60’s °F. Smallmouth and Fallfish are great options when trout are not willing to bite. Both types of fish are plentiful in the river and super fun on light gear.

Thermal Refuges are Critical to Keep Trout Cool

NO FISHING

WITHIN 100 FEET OF THIS SIGN

JUNE 15- SEPTEMBER 15

See Connecticut Angler's Guide for more information.



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Bureau of Natural Resources - Fisheries Division
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Anglers are reminded that the thermal refuge areas on the Housatonic, Naugatuck and Shetucket Rivers are now closed to fishing (as of June 15). These areas will reopen on September 15. There is no fishing within 100 feet of signs indicating such closure at or near the mouths of tributaries to these rivers.

Hatches/patterns. Alder Flies (Actually a type of Caddisfly) are the go to fly with good activity all along the river, Black Caddis (#10-12) March Brown (#10-12), Sulphurs (#14-18, evening), Blue Wing Olive (#16-18, cloudy days, early morning; spinner fall in evening), Cahill (#14, evenings), Adams (#12-16, evening), March Brown (#10-12, afternoon) and Gray Foxes (#14-16). Green caddis (#14-18, early morning & evening) are on the water. Streamers (such as White/Yellow Zonkers or Wooly Buggers) are good options for fishing the current flows.

CATFISH (CHANNEL AND WHITE) good fishing continues and some more productive areas are the CT River (try Salmon River Cove), Stillwater Pond, Lake Kenosia, Mohegan Park Pond, and Maltby Lakes.

CHAIN PICKEREL. Still doing well as the weedlines continue to thicken. Flashy lures and Rapalas (3-5 inches) along the weed lines will attract them in many lakes and ponds throughout the state, also try shiners and in-line spinners.

COMMON CARP. Steady action in all locations. Lake Zoar, Batterson Park Pond, Aspinook Pond and West Thompson Reservoir are good bets.

WALLEYE. Good reports from Squantz Pond and Mount Tom Pond just after dark for walleyes, also some fish were being caught at Lake Saltonstall and Coventry Lake. We recommend fishing along the ledges and drop offs with 3-5" plastics or drifting some live minnows.

NORTHERN PIKE. Limited reports for pike this week, some catches reported from the Connecticut River.

PANFISH. Some "dinner plate" White Perch are being found in Candlewood Lake (also Yellow Perch at 20 feet). Bluegill are becoming more active following the post-spawn.

CONNECTICUT RIVER Flows remain way below early June levels but has come up a bit (7,890 CFS) so Getting into those hard to access areas remains even more difficult. Water temperatures are moderate for this time of year.. **AMERICAN SHAD** seem to be about done here. Some **STRIPED BASS** (schoolie-size and a few bigger fish) may be found throughout the river, especially at the mouth. **LARGEMOUTH BASS** are providing good action in the coves from just below Hartford to Haddam. **CHANNEL CATFISH/WHITE CATFISH** has been getting better. **COMMON CARP** are slowing but still providing some good action from Middletown downstream to Salmon River Cove. Catches include several 20 lb fish and a Fan-Tail. **BOWFIN** (not snakeheads) catches are slow but steady in the backwaters and side coves – watch out for the teeth!

INLAND REPORT (Reported by You).

Thank you to the following for adding to our Fishing Report this Week. **INLAND REPORT: Rene Boislard, Rick N., Hugh S. Fagan, Kenny Ludwig, Joh Puhalski, Mike Bessette, Pete Pozuceck, Iain Sorrell, Paul Hyatt, Mark Fiorentino, Barry Cuda, Patrick Sullivan, Chuck Salvatore, Steve Bonacci, Jim Cannon, Victor Howell, Cravin Moorehead, and Bob Wnek.**

MARINE REPORT: Theodore G Frase III, Nathan King, Ryan S, Mark Jenkin, Tom Danilowicz, Paul Hyatt

Notable Catches Reported: Pickerel (4.25 pounds), Brown Trout (18", several nice ones from Salmon River, 7 pound 2 ounce), Largemouth Bass (5.07 pounds, 5 = 14.5 pounds, 18 fish, 3 pounds, 4.74 pounds,), Bowfin (15 inch), Rainbow Trout (18" and fat, 14" with awesome fight), Yellow Perch (lots), Carp (nice trophy size and a fan tail), Pike (12 pounder).

What was HOT! Silver Rapala, Rat-Faced McDougal, Cahills, Vitreus, Sulfurs, Adams, Big Yellow Dry Fly for Bass and poppers, Texas rigged Zoom Brush Hog, Crooked Field Corn and Fruit flavored Boilies, soft plastics, brown wooly bugger, senko, tiny grubs, worms drifting on the bottom with no additional weight.

What was NOT! Prince, crankbaits, live bait, whacky worm, nymphs over #14.

How Did They Rate the Fishing?

<i>Species</i>	<i>Excellent</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Average</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Poor</i>
Trout	2	4	1	1	0
Bass	3	11	4	2	2
Pike	0	1	0	1	0
Walleye	0	0	0	0	1
Channel Catfish	1	1	0	0	0
Panfish	4	3	0	1	0
Common Carp	1	1	0	0	0

Good or better places to fish included: Moodus Reservoir, Farmington River TMA, Salmon River, Avery Pond, Lake Lillinonah, West Hill Pond, CT River, Congamond Lakes, Lake McDonough, Naugatuck River, Coventry Lake.

Fair or worse places to fish included: Stratton Brook Pond, Green Falls, Bulls Bridge BMA, Highland Lake, Farmington River, Saugatuck Reservoir, Yankee Power Plant Canal.

Some key hatches last week: Cahills, Vitreus, Sulfurs, Alder flies, March Brown , Tan Caddis, Yellow Stonefly

Friendly Angler Advice (unedited):

water temperatures are getting very warm (75 degrees) in shallow weedy ponds. Bass are feeding much more and more aggressively. I had two bass on one lure at the same time.
I fished to specific fish I watched feeding on the surface.
Temperatures are sending the trout to the cold water in the thermal refuges and lots of coarse fish are going nuts in the main flows in the river. Used a Madam-X on the surface and lost it to a small pike. Frog imitation and hoppers great for bass this time of year!
Good numbers of largemouth are setting up well in areas of dense miloil in the 8 foot range. They do not seem to be set up on outside grass edges yet but instead in the thickest small portions of grass beds.
Water is warming up and the bass are starting to get out of the post spawn funk and moving into their summer holding areas.
Trolling wire line and lead core 4 to5 colors
Carp anglers should pay attention to the tides on the CT River. The best action is often just before and after low tide.
Housatonic TMA definitely in the trout-to-smallmouth transition. Be aware that some of the thermal refuge signs are either gone or obscured by foliage. If you're near a stream entering the TMA, it's best to assume it's off-limits and move at least 100 feet away -- which is not really that far if you think about it.
Did good on outside weed edges
Dropping water levels, fish in riffles and at plunge pools where oxygen is better dispersed

TROPHY FISH AWARD PROGRAM:

DEEP’s [Trophy Fish Award Program](#) recognizes angler skill by awarding a bronze pin for your first trophy fish, a silver pin for your fifth trophy fish, and a gold pin for your tenth trophy fish. Angler of the year is awarded at our annual Trophy Fish Award Ceremony.

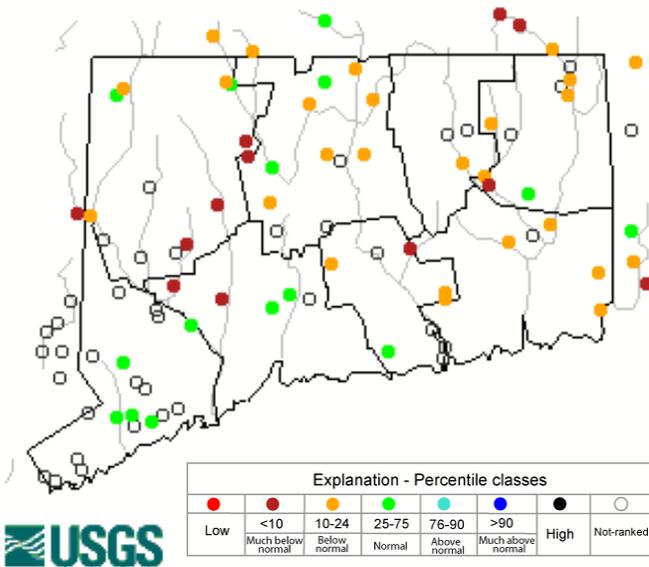
To see if your fish qualifies check out the criteria on page 13 of the [Angler’s Guide](#). If you have caught a trophy fish be sure to fill out the [affidavit](#) (or print page 12 of the Angler’s Guide) and submit the required photo(s) and form to us. Good luck!

FACEBOOK FISH OF THE WEEK:



STREAM FLOW CONDITIONS

Thursday, June 21, 2018 17:30ET



Data in the state graphic to the left are generated by the United States Geologic Survey (USGS) and are available on line at: <http://waterdata.usgs.gov/ct/nwis/rt> A percentile is a value on a scale of one hundred that indicates the percent of data in the data set equal to or below it. For example streamflow greater than the 75th percentile means only ¼ of the streamflow values were above the value and thus would be considered “above normal”. Stream flow between the 25th and 50th are considered to be “normal flows” and those 25th or less are considered to be “below normal”.

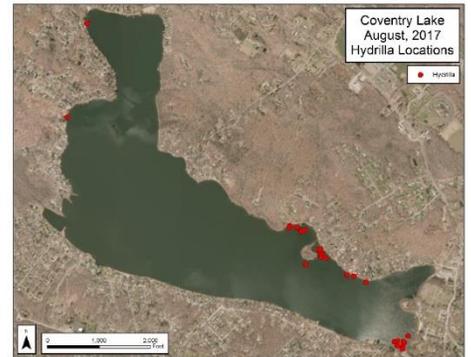
NOTES & NOTICES:

STORM DAMAGE UPDATE. Due to storm damage, the following Connecticut State Parks remain closed:

- **Sleeping Giant**, Hamden. This closure includes the Sleeping Giant TMA on the Mill River (Hamden).
- **Wharton Brook**, Wallingford. This closure includes the Wharton Brook Trout Park.

CENTER SPRING POND (Manchester - dredging). A dredging project is beginning at Center Spring Pond. Hydrallic dredging will be used so there'll be no drawdown but access to a portion of the park may be limited.

COVENTRY LAKE (invasive species alert). Hydrilla, a very highly invasive aquatic plant, has been found growing in Coventry Lake. All lake users should take extra care to check and clean their boats (including canoes, kayaks and rowing sculls), trailers, and fishing equipment before leaving the boat launch, or leaving the lakeshore.



Coventry Lake (Wangumbaug Lake) boaters should avoid the areas noted with red dots to avoid fragmenting and spreading hydrilla.

CONNECTICUT RIVER (invasive species alert). In 2016 hydrilla was found in the main stem Connecticut River in Glastonbury (near Glastonbury's Riverfront Park & Boathouse). **Last year hydrilla was found at other locations along the river including Wethersfield and Crow Point coves and at a site in Enfield.** See the Coventry Lake entry below for what river users should do to prevent spread of this invasive plant to other waterbodies.

MARINE FISHING REPORT



Surface water temperatures in Long Island Sound (LIS) have warmed into the 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>

Connecticut State Boundary Line in Long Island Sound. Anglers please note: Though Connecticut has reciprocity with neighboring states (New York, Rhode Island, Maine and Massachusetts), residents of Connecticut are required to have a CT Resident Marine Waters or All Waters Sport Fishing License to fish in the Marine District.

SHORE FISHING SPOTS & TIDE TABLE INFORMATION To find a saltwater shore fishing spot close to where you live, go to the following website: <http://www.lisrc.uconn.edu/coastalaccess/>.

For **ENHANCED OPPORTUNITY SHORE FISHING** sites and other fishing information including a site map go to the following website <http://www.depdata.ct.gov/maps/saltwaterfish/map.htm>. Please see page 64 of the [2018 CT Angler's Guide](#) for CT tide information.

See a Tangled Turtle? Call the Hotline! 1-860-572-5955 ext. 107

This is the time of year when leatherback, loggerhead, green, and Kemp's ridley sea turtles return to northern waters, with many sightings around Long Island Sound.

FROM THE ANGLERS: Theodore G Frase III, Nathan King, Ryan S, Mark Jenkin, Tom Danilowicz, Paul Hyatt.

Notable catches: Porgy (lots of legal fish at the Mystic Drawbridge, 3 at 15"), Striped Bass (41 # on bunker in 50-60 ft, 35"), Fluke (lots of 17-18"), Eel (34 inch), Black Sea Bass (Several at 22 inches, 3 at 21 inches).

WHAT WAS WORKING: Sandworms, Live Bunker, Fluke mines and squid strips, bucktail on the bottom with gulp and teaser with squid/spearing, pink or chartreuse for sea bass rigs, mackerel Christmas tree with clam strips.

How Did They Rate the Fishing?

Species	Excellent	Good	Average	Fair	Poor
Striped Bass	2	0	2	1	0
Fluke	0		2	2	1
Bluefish	0	0	1	0	0
Black Sea Bass	2	4	0	0	0
Porgy	0	3	1	1	1
Sea Robin	1	3	0	1	0

STRIPED BASS fishing is good. The approaching full moon should provide phenomenal striped bass fishing. Recently there was a 51 pound striped bass caught from shore in Old Lyme. Qualify for the [CT Trophy Fish Award Program](#). The big fish keep on rolling in to feed on the abundant bait populations (squid and sand eels). It's also impressive to see how many anglers are catching and releasing so many of these trophy striped bass. **Dawn and dusk is prime time for large stripers on the reefs, rip areas and lower coastal tidal rivers. Live lining eels, bunker or hickory shad has been the ticket.** There is some bunker throughout LIS including the tidal rivers to hold fish. Stripper areas include the Watch Hill reefs, lower Thames River, the Race, Plum Gut, Pigeon Rip, outer Bartlett Reef, Black Point, Hatchett Reef, lower Connecticut River (Great Island), Long Sand Shoal, Cornfield Point, Southwest Reef (outer), Westbrook, Sixmile Reef, Falkner Island area, the reefs off Branford, New Haven Harbor (including Sandy Point), Charles Island area, Housatonic River, buoys 18 and 20 off Stratford Point, Stratford Shoal/Middle Ground, Bridgeport Harbor, Penfield Reef, around the Norwalk Islands, and Cable and Anchor Reef.

Don't have a Boat? Hook up with the many [Party or Charter Boats](#) found throughout CT's shoreline from Greenwich to Stonington. Please use circle hooks when fishing with bait (prevent gut hooking) and practice catch & release.

BLACK SEA BASS fishing continues to keep on getting better, showing no signs of slowing down. Fishing over any deep water structure (gnarly bottom preferred) in 30 to 75 ft around slack tide will produce some trophy-sized “humpbacks”. Fish shallower and you will catch plenty of keeper-sized sea bass along with fluke and sea robins. It’s important to continue to move from structure to structure to find these beautiful and awesome eating fish. Berkely Gulp (swimming mullet), on a jig along with squid with a spinner works great for these “Bucketmouths”. **Minimum size is 15 inches and the daily creel limit is 5 fish per person.**

SCUP (porgy) fishing is very good in Long Island Sound. It is much better on the southeast corner of Montauk in approximately 30 feet of water. There are huge schools of scup in relatively shallow water. Hook up with your local party/charter boat to get into some of the best fishing ever! These scup are very large and delicious to eat! Seriously, try fishing for some “reef slammers” and enjoy some great fishing...there are lots of scup around for all. Porgies measuring 13-18 inches (“hubcap size”) have been caught! Porgy fishing has also been reported at these shore fishing locations: Rocky Neck State Park, Harkness Memorial State Park, Meigs Point Hammonasset State Park and **Fort Trumbull State Park**. Locate your favorite [Enhanced Shore Fishing Opportunities](#) for these hard fighting and excellent eating “Reef Slammers”. These “panfish of the sea” are easily caught on sandworms/cut squid or any other small piece of bait. Contact your [local bait and tackle shop](#) for updated fishing information. Time to plan a trip on a party/charter boat in CT. [CT Party Boat Association](#).

SUMMER FLOUNDER (fluke) fishing is hit or miss for “keepers” in Long Island Sound. The area north of Montauk (40-60 feet) is producing good numbers of fish...fluke up to 13 pounds this week. Mid to western LIS anglers are still reporting good numbers of sub-legal sized fish and a few keepers mixed in, up to 5 pounds. (Norwalk/Stratford/New Haven/Woodmont area). Fluke spots include south shore of Fishers Island (Isabella Beach, Wilderness Point), Watch Hill to Napatree Point, off the Stonington breakwater, mouth of the Mystic River to Groton Long Point, Thames River channel, Gardiners Bay over to Greenport, NY, Twotree Channel, Black Point/Niantic Bay, Long Sand Shoal, Westbrook-Clinton area, Falkner Island area, New Haven Harbor to West Haven, off the mouth of the Housatonic River, Norwalk Islands, and across over to Port Jefferson, NY. Try drifting with a white or pink Bucktail Jig and attach a Berkely 3” - 4” Gulp Mullet in chartreuse, white or pink color. Fresh squid and or silversides (spearing) have also been producing. **Minimum size is 19 inches and the daily creel limit is 4 fish per person.** [CT Bait & Tackle Shop List](#)

BLUEFISH fishing is improving with more and more bluefish arriving from the Montauk area, after feeding on scup and squid. The Race, Plum Gut, many of the major rocky reefs, rips, and shoal areas in LIS will harbor bluefish. Speed squidding diamond jigs, trolling parachute jigs or umbrella rigs, and using fresh bunker or hickory shad chunks on three-way bottom rigs have all been effective. Other bluefish spots include the Sluiceway, Gardiners Bay, Peconic Bays, and the north shore of Long Island along with the Stratford Shoal area. **My recommendation is to hook up with a [Party or Charter Boat](#) and enjoy some of the best FISHING you will ever experience. These “Alligator Blues” are one of the hardest fighting fish you will ever reel in.** Snappers (juvenile bluefish) have not arrived yet!

WEAKFISH fishing continues to keep on plugging along with some very nice fish reported in the central and western sound. Good fishing in New Haven Harbor by the breakwaters over to Woodmont/Milford Point and along Stratford shoals. One of the best eating saltwater fish you will ever catch.

STRIPED SEAROBIN fishing is good in LIS for this “hardhead fish with spines and large pectoral fins”. These beautiful and strange looking fish are now very common especially when bottom fishing at many of Connecticut’s shore fishing sites. With fish measuring over 23 inches and “barking up a storm” (grunting noise they make when handling them). They love sandworms, squid and any live or dead bait. They are also very good to eat. Please be careful when handling them...be mindful of their spines located on top of their head and gill cover.

HICKORY SHAD fishing is very good in the **Black Hall River, lower Connecticut River by the DEEP Marine Headquarters fishing pier and in Clinton Harbor**. Connecticut Tarpon (Hickory shad) can be found mixed in

with schoolie striped bass. They move up and down the river systems with the tide. Flood or the beginning of the Ebb tide is typically the best and lures of choice are a willow leaf (silver or copper), kastmaster (single hook), small plastic jigs (white, red or chartreuse), and or shad darts in various colors. You will be impressed with these “high flyers”. Its great shore fishing and you get to meet a lot of anglers and trade fishing stories (“secrets”).

BLUE CRAB are becoming active in the tidal creeks and rivers. However, fishing is really improving for keepers (7.5 inches). Expect a very good year following a relatively warm winter and good survival of juvenile crabs. There are some large “jimmies” (male crabs) being captured (7 inches spike to spike). **Remember... all egg bearing females must be released without avoidable injury. Minimum carapace length is 5 inches for a hard shell crab.** Please contact your local bait and tackle shop for most updated information (local hot spots), legal crab traps and bait to use for your fun-filled crabbing. Legal gear types include: scoop (dip) net, hand line, star crab trap, circular (topless) trap not exceeding 26 inches in diameter. Maryland Style Crab traps are prohibited. **Chicken with the skin on it (along with a long handle net) is the preferred method to capture these tasty crabs.** [Blue Crab Fact Sheet](#)

NOTABLE CATCHES –

<i>Species</i>	<i>Length (in.)</i>	<i>Weight (lbs)</i>	<i>Angler</i>
Summer Flounder	29"	9 lbs 3 oz.	Craig Johnston
Squid	11.5" mantle length		Johnathan Schmedlin
Striped Bass	43"	C&R	Marina M.

Need a fishing spot you've never been to? Want to know details about the site like coordinates? Are there nearby restaurants, is there an adequate amount of parking spaces and more? Just visit the site below, click guest and then on the next screen select the state of Connecticut:

<https://www.st.nmfs.noaa.gov/msd/html/siteRegister.jsp>

IMPORTANT NOTE to ANGLERS: there are many reports of **leaping sturgeon** in the lower CT River (Essex to the Old Saybrook). A common spring behavior for these **endangered fish species (Atlantic and shortnose)** as they attempt to gulp air for their primitive swim bladder. Anglers are incidentally snagging or catching these sturgeon while bottom fishing. Please release all sturgeon without avoidable harm as their populations are slowly recovering and are at VERY low levels. They are a protected species. Thank you.

For Current Connecticut Recreational Fishing Regulations: Anglers should consult the 2018 Connecticut Anglers Guide which is now available at most Town Clerks Offices, DEEP offices and at tackle stores selling fishing licenses. 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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