

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM DEEP CONCERNING FISHING THIS SPRING!

On March 24, 2020, Governor Ned Lamont issued an Executive Order (E.O. 7L) opening many lakes, ponds, rivers and streams to fishing statewide. The intention of opening the fishing season early is to limit community spread of COVID-19 by eliminating the large crowds that often accompany the traditional Opening Day of fishing in April. During this time of social distancing, fishing should be enjoyed as solitary experience or with members of the immediate household, not as a group activity.

DEEP is encouraging all anglers to follow social distancing practices. Anglers should maintain a distance of at least six feet from others, practice good personal hygiene, stay home and away from others if they feel sick, and avoid areas where anglers or others congregate. All other fishing laws and regulations, including requirements for a fishing license and trout and salmon stamp when needed, and all methods, creel limits and length limits remain in effect. More information and a helpful FAQ can be found on DEEP's website. Please refer constituents to https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Fishing/CT-Fishing for more information. We continue to stock trout and plan on completely our spring 2020 stockings. Below you will find the listings of our stockings so far this spring. Anglers should also check out our Interactive Stocking map at: https://ctdeep.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=70d13bc033854b89a87c04b1d11b1a43

We will update this report weekly on Fridays. Stay safe!

The following areas were stocked the week of 3/23 - 3/27

(updated 3/27/2020)

RIVERS AND STREAMS

In eastern CT, Still River (Eastford), Taylor Brook, Mill Brook (Woodstock.), Bartlett Brook, Beaver Brook (incl. Ponds), Susquetonscut Brook, Quanduck Brook, Shunock Brook, French River, Broad Brook (Preston.), Falls River, Menunketesuck River, Green Falls River, Latimer Brook, Roaring Brook (Stafford.), Farm River (upper), Farm River (lower), Mashamoquet Brook, Muddy River, Five Mile River (lower), Five Mile River (Upper), Yantic River, Skungamaug River, Little River (Canterbury.), Dickenson Creek and Still River (Ashford/Eastford).

In western CT, Bantam River, Inlet, Bantam River, Outlet, Bantam River, W. Branch of Inlet, Butternut Brook, Leadmine Brook, Nonewaug River, Weekeepeemee River, Farmill River, Macedonia Brook (State Park), Farmington River (Farmington – Tariffville), Wepawaug River, Beacon Hill Brook, Blackberry River, Whiting River, Naugatuck River, W. Branch, Naugatuck River, E. Branch, East Aspetuck River, Salmon Brook, W. Branch, Salmon Brook, E. Branch, Sleeping Giant TMA (Mill River, Hamden) and Naugatuck River TMA.

LAKES AND PONDS

In eastern CT, Moosup Pond, Rogers Lake, Bigelow Pond, Mashapaug Lake, Amos Lake, Crystal Lake, Saint Martha's Pond, Salmon Brook Pond, Center Springs Park Pond, Freshwater Pond, Hewitt Fly Pond, Black Pond (Middlefield), Gay City Park Pond, Gardner Lake and Wangumbaug Lake (Coventry Lake);

In western CT, Mt. Tom Pond, Tyler Pond, West Side Pond, Highland Lake, Quonnipaug Lake and Keney Park Pond.

The following areas were stocked the week of 3/16 - 3/21

(updated 3/24/2020)

RIVERS AND STREAMS

In eastern CT, Still River (Eastford), Taylor Brook, Mill Brook (Woodstock.), Bartlett Brook, Beaver Brook (incl. Ponds), Susquetonscut Brook, Quanduck Brook, Shunock Brook, French River, Broad Brook (Preston.), Falls River, Menunketesuck River, Green Falls River, Latimer Brook, Roaring Brook (Stafford.), Farm River (upper), Farm River (lower), Mashamoquet Brook, Muddy River, Five Mile River (lower), Five Mile River (Upper), Yantic River, Skungamaug River, Little River (Canterbury.), Dickenson Creek and Still River (Ashford/Eastford).

In western CT, Bantam River, Inlet, Bantam River, Outlet, Bantam River, W. Branch of Inlet, Butternut Brook, Leadmine Brook, Nonewaug River, Weekeepeemee River, Farmill River, Macedonia Brook (State Park), Farmington River (Farmington – Tariffville), Wepawaug River, Beacon Hill Brook, Blackberry River, Whiting River, Naugatuck River, W. Branch, Naugatuck River, E. Branch, East Aspetuck River, Salmon Brook, W. Branch, Salmon Brook, E. Branch, Sleeping Giant TMA (Mill River, Hamden) and Naugatuck River TMA.

LAKES AND PONDS

In eastern CT, Moosup Pond, Rogers Lake, Bigelow Pond, Mashapaug Lake, Amos Lake, Crystal Lake, Saint Martha's Pond, Salmon Brook Pond, Center Springs Park Pond, Freshwater Pond, Hewitt Fly Pond, Black Pond (Middlefield), Gay City Park Pond, Gardner Lake and Wangumbaug Lake (Coventry Lake);

In western CT, Mt. Tom Pond, Tyler Pond, West Side Pond, Highland Lake, Quonnipaug Lake and Keney Park Pond.

The following areas were stocked the week of 3/9 - 3/13

(updated 3/24/2020)

RIVERS AND STREAMS

In eastern CT, Flat Brook, Reservoir Brook, Ten Mile River (Lebanon), Pachaug River, Whetstone Brook, Pattaconk Brook, Ponset Brook, Bible Rock Brook, Mount Misery Brook, Myron Kinnie Brook, Blackwells Brook, Kitt Brook, Tankerhoosen River, Podunk River, Choate Brook, diantown Brook, Branford River, West River, Bungee Brook, Furnace Brook, Middle River, Freshwater Brook, Oxoboxo Brook, Hunts Brook, Whitfords Brook and Snake Meadow Brook.

In western CT, Saugatuck River, W. Branch, Aspetuck River, Byram River, Rippowam River, Hop Brook, East Swamp Brook, Eight Mile Brook, Open, Still River (Danbury), Stony Brook (Suffield), Muddy Brook (Suffield), Northfield Brook, Sumner Brook, Morrissey Brook, Sawmill Brook, Shepaug River and Nepaug River

LAKES AND PONDS

In eastern CT, Pattaconk Lake, Uncas Lake, Horse Pond and Branford Supply Pond.

In western CT, Nells Rock Reservoir, Fountain Lake, Squantz Pond, Candlewood Lake, Mohawk Pond, Hop Brook Impoundment, Black Pond (Middlefield), Howells Pond, Scoville Reservoir and Wononskopomuc Lake.

The following areas were stocked the week of 3/2 - 3/6

(updated 3/24/2020)

RIVERS AND STREAMS

In western CT, Mad River, Morgan Brook, Cherry Brook and Hall Meadow Brook.

LAKES AND PONDS

In western CT, Candlewood Lake, Ball Pond, Tyler Pond, West Side Pond, Mt. Tom Pond, Squantz Pond, Saugatuck Reservoir, Starret Pond, Mohegan Lake, Highland Lake, Mad River Impoundment, Northfield Impoundment, Black Rock Impoundment, Hancock Brook Impoundment, Pickett's Pond, Prospect Town Park Pond, Lake Stibbs, Congamond Lakes, Colebrook River Lake, East Twin Lake, Wononskopomuc Lake, West Hill Pond and Stillwater Pond.

The following areas were stocked the week of 2/24 - 2/28

(updated 3/24/2020)

LAKES AND PONDS

In eastern CT, Amos Lake, Crystal Lake, Rogers Lake, Billings Lake, Shenipsit Lake, Beach Pond, Long Pond, Bicentennial Pond, Somersville Mill Pond, Lower Storrs Pumping Station Pond, Mansfield Training Ponds, Quonnipaug Lake, Lake Saltonstall, Roseland Lake, Keach Pond, Hanover Reservoir, Walkers Reservoir, Broad Brook Mill Pond, Black Pond (Woodstock), Cedar Lake, Beaver Brook Park Ponds, Bashan Lake, Higganum Reservoir, Wyassup Lake, Green Falls Reservoir, and Wauregan Reservoir

In western CT, Lake McDonough, East Twin Lake, Squantz Pond, West Hill Pond, Highland Lake and Wononskopomuc Lake.

RIVERS AND STREAMS

In western CT, the Farmington River TMA from the Goodwin Dam down to the upper boundary of the year-round catch-and-release area and the Naugatuck River TMA.

The following areas were stocked the week of 2/18 - 2/21

(updated 3/24/2020)

RIVERS AND STREAMS

In eastern CT, the Hammonasset River TMA, Hockanum River TMA, Willimantic River TMA, Salmon River TMA, Moosup River TMA and the Yantic River TMA.

In western CT, the Sleeping Giant TMA, Pequabuck River TMA, and the Farmington River TMA from the lower Collinsville Dam to the Route 177 bridge in Unionville and from the lower end of the year-round catch-and-release area at Route 219 to the Lower Collinsville Dam, the Mianus River TMA, Mill River TMA (Fairfield) and the Saugatuck River TMA.

The following areas were stocked the week of 2/3 - 2/7

(updated 3/24/2020)

RIVERS AND STREAMS -

In **eastern CT**, the Hammonasset River TMA, Hockanum River TMA, Willimantic River TMA, Moosup River TMA, Salmon River TMA and the Yantic River TMA.

In western CT, the Mianus River TMA, Mill River TMA (Fairfield), Saugatuck River TMA, Sleeping Giant TMA (Mill River, Hamden), Naugatuck River TMA, Pequabuck River TMA, the Farmington River TMA from the Goodwin Dam down to the upper boundary of the year-round catch-and-release area and the Farmington River TMA from the lower end of the year-round catch-and-release area at Route 219 to the Lower Collinsville Dam and from the lower Collinsville Dam to the Route 177 bridge in Unionville.