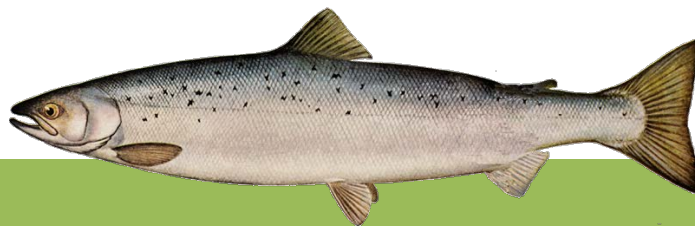


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Atlantic salmon (*Salmo salar*)



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STOCKING UPDATE - ATLANTIC SALMON. DEEP completed its 2013 Atlantic salmon stockings this week. Approximately 50 salmon were stocked out in the Naugatuck River (upper-13 fish, lower- 12 fish) and Shetucket River (25 fish). These fish are beautiful, ranging in size from 2 to 15 pounds, and average 10 pounds each.

These stockings bring the number of broodstock Atlantic salmon stocked this fall to approximately 1,850 fish (besides the Naugatuck & Shetucket rivers, Crystal Lake and Mount Tom Pond have also been stocked with salmon this fall). *For a summary of broodstock Atlantic salmon fishing regulations, see page 2.*

SPECIAL NOTICE – FAX NUMBER FOR HARTFORD INLAND FISHERIES- For those planning to fax permit applications or any other materials to Inland Fisheries at the Hartford office, the 860-424-4070 number is currently out-of-service. **Please fax any materials to 860-424-4058 until further notice.**

Additional NOTES & NOTICES:

BESECK LAKE. This lake is drawn down 13 feet to facilitate dam repairs.

CONNECTICUT RIVER (Haddam). Reminder, the Connecticut Yankee-Haddam Neck Power Plant discharge canal has been closed to public access due to security concerns.

DRAWDOWNS (eastern CT). “Winter” drawdowns of a number of Eastern CT lakes are in progress. Reported lake depth status for the following water bodies is current as of Monday, December 2nd. **BASHAN LAKE** (down 35 inches), **BEACH POND** (down 26 inches), **LOWER BOLTON LAKE** (down 18 inches), **MIDDLE BOLTON LAKE** (down 24 inches), **GARDNER LAKE** (down 32 inches), **MASHAUG LAKE** (down 16 inches), **PACHAUG POND** (down 5 inches) and **PICKEREL LAKE** (down 35 inches) are in progress. **QUADDICK LAKE** is also drawn down several feet.

DRAWDOWNS (western CT). A four foot drawdown of **HIGHLAND LAKE** and a two foot drawdown of **WEST HILL POND** are ongoing.

LAKE LILLINONAH (boat launch). The Lake Lillinonah state boat launch (Route 133, also referred to as the “Steel Bridge” launch) is closed for renovations. **Reopening has been delayed and this launch is now expected to reopen by April 19, 2014.** Anglers/boaters can continue to access the lake using the Pond Brook state boat launch.

FISHING SEASONS. Anglers are reminded that the fishing season closed on December 1st at a number of areas including **BUNNELLS POND** (Beardsley Park), **GREAT HOLLOW POND** (Wolfe Park), **LAKE MCDONOUGH**, the **MALTBY LAKES**, **LAKE SALTONSTALL**, **MOHEGAN PARK POND** (Spaulding Pond, Norwich), **LAKE CHAMBERLAIN** and most designated “children’s areas”. Additionally, **SAUGATUCK RESERVOIR** will close after **December 31st**. The fishing season will reopen at these water bodies at 6 am on April 19th, 2014. *(Please refer to the 2013 CT Angler’s Guide for complete regulations).*

Atlantic salmon fishing regulations and areas summary

- **Regulations for Atlantic salmon on the Shetucket and Naugatuck Rivers.** From December 1, 2013, through March 31, 2014, the daily creel limit for Atlantic salmon will be one. During the open season in the rivers, the legal method for taking Atlantic salmon is limited to angling using a single fly, or an artificial lure with a single free swinging hook and no additional weight can be added to the line above the fly or lure. Also, from October 1st through March 31st, fishing for other species in the designated Atlantic Salmon “Broodstock” Areas is restricted to the gear legal for Atlantic salmon.
- On the **Shetucket River**, anglers can fish for salmon downstream from the Scotland Dam (Windham) to the Water Street Bridge in Norwich (the first bridge upstream of Norwich Harbor). The salmon are stocked into one designated Atlantic Salmon “Broodstock Area”, from the Scotland Dam to the Occum Dam.
- Anglers are allowed to fish for salmon in the **Naugatuck River** from the confluence of the East and West Branches (Torrington) downstream to the Housatonic River (Derby). Anglers may also fish for Atlantic salmon in the Housatonic River downstream of Derby Dam. The salmon are typically stocked into two designated Atlantic Salmon Broodstock Areas on the Naugatuck River, the “Campville Section” of the upper Naugatuck River from Route 118 downstream to the Thomaston Flood Control Dam (Litchfield-Thomaston) and the “Beacon Falls Section” of the lower Naugatuck, from Prospect Street (Naugatuck) downstream to Pines Bridge Road (Route 42 bridge, Beacon Falls). From October 1st through March 31st, fishing for other species in these designated Atlantic Salmon Broodstock Areas is restricted to the gear legal for Atlantic salmon.
- The regulations for Atlantic salmon released into lakes and ponds are different from the regulations for salmon on the Naugatuck and Shetucket Rivers. **In each lake, the regulations for methods, seasons and minimum lengths for salmon will be the same as for trout in that specific water body but the daily creel limit will be one salmon per day.** (Please refer to the 2013 CT Angler’s Guide for trout regulations).

For Current Connecticut Recreational Fishing Regulations: Anglers should consult the 2013 Connecticut Anglers Guide which is 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. **The 2014 Angler’s Guides are expected to be available in late March/early April.**

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