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Bluefish *Pomatomus saltatrix*



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INLAND REPORT

LARGEMOUTH BASS fishing is reported as good to very good. Places to try include Mashapaug Lake, Colebrook Reservoir, Congamond Lakes, Lake Saltonstall, Lake McDonough, Highland Lake, Winchester Lake, Bantam Lake, Candlewood Lake, Lake Wononskopomuc, Batterson Park Pond, Black Pond (Meriden), Lake Lillinonah, Breakneck Pond (great hike in location), Griggs Pond, Lake Waramaug, West Hill Pond, Park Pond, Crystal Lake (Ellington), Gardner Lake, Moodus Reservoir, Stillwater Pond, Winchester Lake, Squantz Pond, Maltby Lake 2 & 3, Wood Creek Pond, Pachaug Pond, Ball Pond, Quonnipaug Lake, Silver Lake (Meriden) and Halls Pond.

Tournament angler reports are from Ashland Lake (fair-good, 4.69 lb lunger), Mansfield Hollow Reservoir (slow-fair, 2.9 lb lunger), Connecticut river (fair, 3.06 lb lunger, Bantam Lake (good fishing for largemouth, with 4.01 lb lunger and three fish just over 3 lbs), Candlewood Lake (fair, 3.47 lb lunger), and Lake Zoar (fair, 4.94, 4.88 lb & 4.81 lb lunkers).

SMALLMOUTH BASS fishing was good in the Connecticut River and Housatonic River (flyfishing with a popper). If still water is your fancy, smallies are hitting in Mashapaug Lake, Lake McDonough, Highland Lake, Bantam Lake, Candlewood Lake, and Lake Lillinonah.

Tournament angler reports are from Bantam Lake (fair for smallmouth), Candlewood Lake (fair action, 5.06 lb lunger for a night tourney, 4.12 lb lunger for a day tourney), Connecticut River (some), and Lake Zoar (fair).

NORTHERN PIKE fishing is reported to be good and improving. Like, smallmouth, the CT River was the hot spot. Other good "Northern" waters are Lake Lillinonah, Winchester Lake, Bantam Lake, and the Connecticut River Coves.

ZEBRA MUSSELS REMINDER

Zebra mussels are now found in a number of locations scattered throughout the Housatonic River and its impoundments including Lake Lillinonah (since 2010), Lake Zoar (since 2010) and Lake Housatonic (since 2011).

Prior to their discovery in Lakes Lillinonah and Zoar in 2010, 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.** Information

For more information including precautions that should be taken to prevent the spread of zebra mussels to additional waters, visit www.ct.gov/deep/invasivespecies or the Aquatic Invasive species section of the 2016 CT angler's Guide(www.ct.gov/deep/anglersguide).



KOKANEE are being caught at West Hill Pond (3 colors). Beads, Mooselook Wobblers, DB Smelt, Flash King lures (blue & silver) are producing. Try fishing corn over lights at nights.

WALLEYE are being reported from Batterson Park Pond, Squantz Pond, and Beach Pond.

CHANNEL CATFISH are providing decent action on live shiners, chicken livers, and chunk bait from the Connecticut River Hartford to Haddam, Lower Bolton Lake and Batterson Park Pond.

PANFISH are providing excellent summer time action. A simple worm and bobber will work best. Suggested locations include: Tyler Lake, Batterson Park Pond, Amos Pond, Barber Pond, Baummer Pond, Black Rock Lake, Burr Pond, Dooley Pond, Halls Pond, Lake of Isles, Lower Fulton Park Pond and McGrath Park Pond. Check out and download the FREE- CARE "Let's Go Fishing" Workbook available on the DEEP website at www.ct.gov/deep/care

TROUT-LAKES & PONDS – There are big trout around or anglers to catch. Some lakes to try include: East Twin Lake, Mashapaug Lake (riggers @ 20-25'), Colebrook Reservoir (riggers @ 25'+, Mooselook silver/blue), Lake McDonough (7-8 colors), Valley Falls Park Pond, West Hill Pond, Highland Lake (4 colors), Beach Pond (early @ 20-25'), Long Pond (Kobra 14), Crystal Lake (Ellington; 7-8 colors, troll @ 2mph), Mohawk Pond, Beach Pond, Black Pond (Woodstock) & Bigelow Pond.

TROUT- RIVERS & STREAMS – Rivers **remain at or near record low levels statewide (see stream flow graphic on page 5)**. Fish should be concentrating in pockets of deeper water and deep runs (more typical of late summer). Good trout water this time of year is the West Branch Farmington and the Mill River (Fairfield), West and East Branches of Salmon Brook (Granby and Glastonbury), and Salmon River. Just about all types of gear are working well. Mealworms, night crawlers, live minnows, small kastmasters and phoebe goldfish, and many dryflies and nymphs.

Farmington River - Fishing continues to be excellent with the "survivor browns" providing a thrill to those who connect (16-20 inches). There are also plenty of rainbow and stocked browns ready to please. West Branch flows are clear and moderate (currently 220 cfs at Riverton, with the Still River adding 13 cfs). Water temperatures remain in the low 60's°F (much colder above the Still River confluence in Riverton).

Hatches/patterns include: Isonychia (#12-14) working their way upstream, Vitreus [a.k.a. pale evening dun] (#16-18, from 5:00pm to dark), Tan Caddis (#16-18, good all day), Sulfurs, (Invaria #16-18, hatches mid-day and Dorothea #16-18). Successful patterns include: Light Cahill (#10-14), March Brown nymphs (#10-12), Gray Fox (#14, afternoon), Blue Wing Olives (#18-24, mid-late afternoon), Caddis (tan #14-18, all day; green #22-26, evening), Midges (#20-32), Blue Quill (#16-18)

ROCK SNOT-update



Cymbella Janischii is beginning to bloom.

The West Branch Farmington River has 3 species of "Rock Snot". Two species of "Didymo" are essentially restricted to the section of river from Hogback Dam to the confluence with the Still River in Riverton. Didymo must have very cold water AND little to no phosphorous in the water.

The third species, *Cymbella janischii*, (native to the Pacific Northwest and not found east of the Rocky Mountains) was very abundant (summer 2015) from New Hartford upstream to Peoples State Forest and is present again now. *Cymbella* can tolerate warmer water temperatures and higher levels of nutrients (conditions found in many of our rivers and streams) and has a high potential to be spread to other places.

When fishing the Farmington River we ask all anglers to be extra diligent about cleaning and drying their waders before fishing other trout waters.

and Pale Evening Duns (*Epeorus vitreus* #16-18, afternoon and early evenings) and the ole reliable red and black ant.

Housatonic River – Water temperatures will be rising for the foreseeable future (low flow and hot sunny days). As such many trout will be seeking out the tributaries and thermal refuges while water temps are out of their comfort zone. These areas are critical to their survival when going gets rough. Water is clear with water temperatures are currently in the low 70's with flows at a **very low** 235 cfs at Falls Village and 330 cfs at Gaylordsville.

Hatches/patterns: Major insect hatches are here and are providing excellent fly fishing, but mostly in the late evening for trout. Try poppers for Smallmouth Bass during the day, they will provide non-stop action and help hone your skills.

Other flies include: Alder/Zebra Caddis (#8-10) will produce some great fishing. Alder flies are very active during hot days. Additional bugs include the Sulphurs (#14-18, evening), Blue Wing Olive (#16-18, cloudy days, early morning; spinner fall in evening), *Isonychia* (#10-12 late afternoon & evening, just starting), Light Cahill (#12-14, evenings), Adams (#12-16, evening), March Brown (#10-12, afternoon) and Gray Foxes (#14-16). Black Caddis, Green caddis (#16-18, early morning & evening) are on the water.

REMINDER TO ANGLERS-

FISHING IN OR CASTING INTO PERMITTED SWIM AREAS IS PROHIBITED.

State regulations prohibit fishing in or into a swim area that's been permitted by DEEP. Additionally, vessels cannot be operated within a permitted swim area, and there's a 100 foot "no-wake" zone around the perimeter. Swim areas that have been permitted by DEEP will be marked by white buoys with orange markings, and there should be a permit number posted on the buoys. They may or may not have small orange barrier floats to further demarcate the area. Should questions arise concerning the validity of the swim area (*no permit numbers or the area appears to have been changed/enlarged or keeps moving*), please contact DEEP's Boating Division at 860-434-8638.



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. Additionally, a thermal refuge has been established on the Salmon River in East Haddam, located around a spring entering the Salmon River approximately 220 feet south of the unused paved boat launch at the state-owned property formerly known as the Sunrise Resort off of Route 151. The refuge includes all water within 100 feet from the end of the pipe as posted. The Salmon River refuge will be closed to fishing and access through September 15.

CONNECTICUT RIVER

Top water catches of **STRIPED BASS** in the lower river continue on live bunker or live eels. Anglers in the Middletown area have been catching **CATFISH** in the holes. **CARP** including some nice "mirror" and "fantail" have been caught between Middletown and Haddam. **SMALLMOUTH BASS** are putting on a good show in the northern part of the River. Try top water plugs and 4", Mr. Twisters, Wacky Style salted worms in motor oil or chartreuse for these feisty jumpers. **BOWFIN** are starting to be more aggressive towards lures and bait resulting in increased catch and calls to the Inland Fisheries Division. The Bowfin (*Amia calva*) has an elongate body, fairly hard (bony plates) head, and long fins on the dorsal and ventral surface. They have some similarity to the infamous "snakehead". A change in the fishing regulations now allows anglers to harvest if they desire. There are no size limits, daily limits, and the season is open year round.

NOTES & NOTICES:

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BASHAN LAKE (drawdown). Bashan Lake remains drawn down (slow refill continues – lake currently remains down approximately 4 feet – note that refill rate is dependent on rainfall amounts) following dam repairs and the state boat launch remains closed.

BRANFORD RIVER (boat launch). The Branford River state boat launch will be closed for renovations beginning Monday, July 18, 2016. This closure is currently expected to last to November 14, 2016. Alternative nearby launch sites include the Guilford Town boat launch and the East River State boat launch, both in Guilford.

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.

DOOLEY POND (drawdown). A drawdown of Dooley Pond to facilitate dam repairs is ongoing (expected to last to September 1). The state boat launch is currently closed.

GLASGO POND (drawdown). A drawdown of Glasgo Pond to facilitate dam repairs is ongoing (began September 2015). Launching of boats is difficult to impossible.

POWERS LAKE- A CT Army National Guard Bridge Engineer Unit (250th MRBC) will be conducting boating and rafting operations at the ramp and on the water on **Saturday, July 16** from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Powers Lake State boat launch and on the lake.

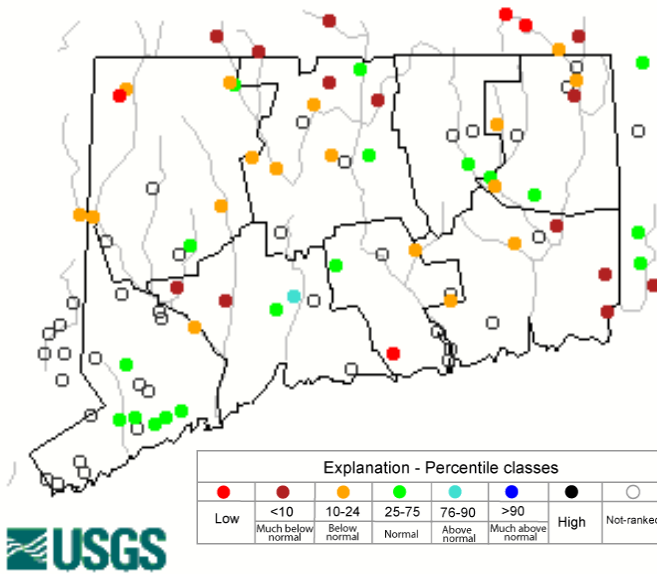
LAKE ZOAR (waterski event). A water ski clinic for the disabled is scheduled for **Saturday, July 16**, in the upper end of Lake Zoar (approximately the upper first mile of the lake below the Shepaug Dam). This event run from 9 am to 4 pm, and boaters are asked to take care when passing through this area (marked by buoys) of the lake, and avoid interfering with the event.

PHOTO CONTEST: Do you have the next Angler's Guide cover shot? Email us your high quality (high resolution) photos at Deep.inland.fisheries@ct.gov and include [photo contest](#) in the subject line.

NEW! Youth Fishing Passport [Fishing Challenge Scorecard](#): Download the new scorecard for your Youth Fishing Passport Holder on the program web page at www.ct.gov/deep/yfp. Top anglers will receive a great prize pack of fishing gear.

Stream flow conditions as of 7/14/2016

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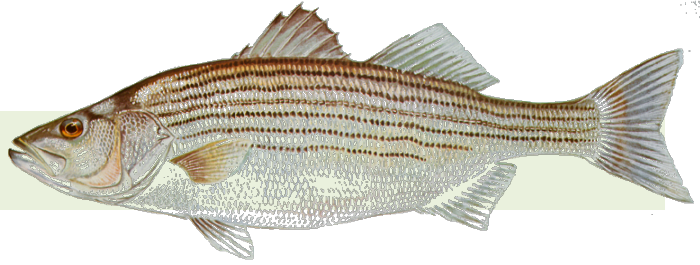


Data in the state graphic to the left are generated by the United States Geologic Survey (USGS) and are available on line at: <http://waterdata.usgs.gov/ct/nwis/rt>. A percentile is a value on a scale of one hundred that indicates the percent of data in the data set equal to or below it. For example 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”.



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MARINE FISHING REPORT



Surface water temperatures in Long Island Sound (LIS) are in the 70's °F. Check out the following web sites for more detailed water temperatures and marine boating conditions:

www.mysound.uconn.edu/stationstat.html

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

www.ndbc.noaa.gov/

www.wunderground.com/MAR/AN/330.html

IMPORTANT NOTES to ANGLERS:

WHALES have been reported in Long Island Sound (in early July, juvenile humpback whales have been spotted on the New York side of the sound), please see check [WHALE WATCHING GUIDELINES](#).

Note: All marine mammals are protected by the Federal Marine Mammal Protection Act. Following these recommended operational guidelines helps minimize chances of harassing or injuring whales and violating Federal law. Guidelines apply to all large whales from Maine through Virginia, except North Atlantic right whales. It is illegal to approach a right whale within 500 yards (1500 feet) unless granted specific exemption or authorization.

STURGEON. There are many reports of **leaping sturgeon** in the lower CT River (Essex to the mouth). 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 with unavoidable harm as their populations are slowly recovering and are at VERY low levels. They are a protected species. Thank you.

STRIPED BASS fishing is improving around the "thunder" full moon. The bass have set up on reefs, in typical fashion for this time of the year. The striped bass fishery shows no signs of slowing down this year. Western sound anglers are scoring on many 30 - 40 pound bass from Greenwich to Woodmont. **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 to land a "cow" bass.** Striper 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. **Try night fishing at the DEEP Marine Headquarters fishing pier.**

STRIPED BASS ANGLERS FISHING IN RHODE ISLAND WATERS - are advised that the state of Rhode Island has adopted the following regulations pertaining to striped bass. These regulations apply to all Rhode Island state lands and waters including the waters around Block Island: **"Any person recreationally harvesting a striped bass thirty-four (34) inches or larger shall at the time of harvest have the right pectoral fin removed at a point as close to the body of the fish as possible."**

SUMMER FLOUNDER (fluke) fishing is a slow go for keepers in Long Island Sound. Better off heading to the south side of Fishers Island, Block Island Sound and or off Montauk. Mid to western LIS anglers are reporting good numbers of smaller, sub-legal sized fish and a few keepers mixed in, up to 4 pounds. (Norwalk/Darien/Stratford/New Haven/Woodmont area). You got to put your time in and be mobile moving from spot to spot. It's time to start fishing deeper to improve your chances for a "doormat" fluke. 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, Lower 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. **Minimum size is 18 inches and the daily creel limit is 5 fish per person.**

BLACK SEA BASS fishing is showing signs of slowing down as the larger fish head off into deeper water after the spawn. Fishing over any deep water structure (gnarly bottom preferred) in 100/ 125 to 150 feet around slack tide will produce some trophy-sized "humpbacks". Stratford Shoal (11B). Fish shallower and you will catch some keeper-sized sea bass along with fluke, a lot of sea robins and smooth dogfish (aka sandsharks). **CT black sea bass regulations are as follows...15 inch min. length, 5 fish daily limit from May 1st to December 31st.** Berkeley Gulp (swimming mullet), on a jig along with squid with a spinner works great for these "Bucketmouths". Clams and sandworms also work well.

SCUP (porgy) fishing is very good in Long Island Sound and shows no signs of quitting. Hens and Chicken Reef has been red hot for scup. Porgy have also been reported at a number of shore fishing locations including **Rocky Neck State Park**, Harkness Memorial State Park, **Meigs Point Hammonasset**, Sherwood Island 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.

WEAKFISH fishing has slowed down with a few large "squeteague" being caught this past week. Many are caught while anglers bottom fish for fluke or sea bass. Good fishing in Niantic, New Haven Harbor by the breakwaters over to Woodmont/Milford Point and along Stratford shoals to Darien. One of the best eating saltwater fish you will ever catch and it's also the state fish of Delaware.

BLUEFISH fishing is improving quickly with the typical size and quantities you usually find during the summer. They can also be found under the many pods of adult menhaden found throughout the sound. The time is now to plan a "deep sea" fishing trip with a party charter boat and fish for those "alligator" sized blues. **The Race, Plum Gut, many of the major rocky reefs, rips, and shoal areas in LIS** are the best bets at this time. 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. There is no harder fighting fish in the sea. "Snappers" (juvenile bluefish) and "Harbor Blues" (15 - 24 inches at Fort Trumbull) are also very common along all shore locations and fun to fish for. Try lower reaches of tidal rivers and estuaries.

HICKORY SHAD fishing is slow...shore anglers are saying...where did they go? It's ok in the **Black Hall River, Lieutenant and Branford River, lower Connecticut River by the DEEP Marine Headquarters fishing pier and in Clinton Harbor**. Flood or the beginning of the Ebb tide is typically the best time and lure choices 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".

STRIPED SEAROBIN fishing is amazingly very good throughout LIS for this "hardhead fish with spines and large pectoral fins". Boat or shore anglers can enjoy some fine "robin" fishing. These beautiful and

strange looking fish are now very common especially when bottom fishing at many of Connecticut's shore fishing sites. With many fish measuring over 20 inches, 3 pounds 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.

BLACKFISH (TAUTOG) fishing season is good, especially for shore anglers...as the "taugs" feed in shallow water after the spawn. **The daily creel limit is 2 fish per person and the minimum size is 16 inches.**

Tautog love eating crabs...try green, Asian and hermit crabs for bait. Look for tautog in shallow water as they finish spawning over shellfish beds, pilings with mussel beds and rock (reef) piles (5 to 30 ft).

WHITE PERCH fishing remains really good for patient anglers. Spend some time relaxing in any coastal estuary with a little piece of bait (shrimp/sandworm) on a small hook, enjoying some jumbo white perch. Wow, they are good eating. Perch are found in estuaries, tidal rivers and coves along the Connecticut shoreline. Productive spots include the Pawcatuck River (Stanton Weir Pit/Point), Mystic River, upper Thames River and Niantic River, lower Connecticut River (**DEEP Marine Headquarters fishing pier**), Black Hall River, Lieutenant River, North/South Cove and Hamburg Cove. Grass Shrimp and or a small piece of sandworm fished on the bottom are the keys to success.

BLUE CRAB fishing is improving after the first shed. Crabs are now mating, becoming more active and feeding heavily in the tidal creeks and rivers. With little time...you can catch a lot of blue crabs of all sizes. Also, please remember it's mating season for the crabs and release all egg-bearing females (sooks or lemon bellies). Note: If you release the female...more males will venture into the area and improve your overall crab catches. There are some large "jimmies" (male crabs) being captured (8.75 inches spike to spike) along with some impressive sooks (females up to 7 inches carapace width).

Remember...all egg bearing females must be released without avoidable injury.

Minimum carapace length is 5 inches for a hard shell crab. Blue crab fishermen please release all diamondback terrapins' caught in your traps. The turtles must be released without avoidable injury. These turtles are also feeding and laying eggs along CT's coast. 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) and a small circular crab trap is the preferred method to capture these tasty crabs.** [Blue Crab Fact Sheet](#). **Angler's please also note: It's illegal to snag blue crabs.**

SHARK SPECIES YOU MAY ENCOUNTER IN COASTAL WATERS OF CONNECTICUT: Sand Tiger and Sandbar (Brown) Shark are protected and prohibited species and must be released unharmed. **IF YOU DON'T KNOW, PLEASE LET IT GO!** Please visit the [NMFS coastal shark information page](#) for more information.

NOTABLE CATCHES:

<i>Species</i>	<i>Length (in.)</i>	<i>Weight (lb)</i>	<i>Angler</i>
Striped Seabrook	20"	C&R	Alex Erdmann
Summer Flounder	26"	6 lbs., 15 oz.	Margaret Rux
Striped Bass	47"	C&R	Marina Molnar

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SPECIAL NOTES & REMINDERS

- **To find a saltwater shore fishing spot close to where you live, go to the following website:** www.lisrc.uconn.edu/coastalaccess/.
- **In addition, Enhanced Opportunity Shore Fishing sites and other fishing information including a site map go to the following website** www.depdata.ct.gov/maps/saltwaterfish/map.htm
- Please see page 60 of the [2016 CT Angler's Guide](#) for CT tides.
- **When fishing under bridges: 33 CFR 165.153(d)(8) Bridge foundations.** Any vessel operating beneath a bridge must make a direct, immediate and expeditious passage beneath the bridge while remaining within the navigable channel. No vessel may stop, moor, anchor or loiter beneath a bridge at any time. No vessel may approach within a 25-yard radius of any bridge foundation, support, stanchion, pier or abutment except as required for the direct, immediate and expeditious transit beneath a bridge.
- **Marine fishing License Reciprocity:** 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 Sport Fishing License to fish in the Marine District. [Connecticut State Boundary Line in Long Island Sound](#).

For Current Connecticut Recreational Fishing Regulations: Anglers should consult the 2016 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 be accessed on the DEEP website at: www.ct.gov/deep/fishing.

Go online, click: [2016 CT Marine Recreational Fishing Regulations](#)

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.

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