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Smallmouth Bass (*Micropterus dolomieu*)



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INLAND REPORT

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LARGEMOUTH BASS fishing is generally reported as fair to good (with some tough spots). Early in the day and late in the day are better times to fish, and nights have been quite productive. Good standbys include black jitterbugs and surface poppers. Places to try include Candlewood Lake, Highland Lake, Lake McDonough, Winchester Lake (there's some big bass in here, just have to find them), Congamond Lakes, Lake Saltonstall, Mansfield Hollow Reservoir, Black Pond (Woodstock), Morey Pond, Quaddick Lake, Billings Lake, Burr Pond, Cedar Lake, West Hill Pond, Bantam Lake, East & West Twin Lakes, Tyler Lake, Ball Pond, Crystal Lake, Amos Lake, Halls Pond, Pickerel Lake, Moodus Reservoir, Aspinook Pond, Babcock Pond, Rogers Lake, and Park Pond.

Tournament angler reports are from Aspinook Pond (fair, 3.19 lb lunger), Gardner Lake (tough, no size, with a 1.67 lb lunger), Pachaug Pond (fair, 3.24 lb lunger), Bantam lake (fair to good, 5.43 lb lunger), Candlewood Lake (good for a night club with a 5.58 lb lunger, fair to good also for a day club, with a 5.02 lb lunger), Lake Lillinonah (tough for one club), Winchester Lake (action was fair at best, but two really nice lunkers, a 7.1 lb beast for a small boat/kayak tournament and a 6.64 lb beauty for a regular bass club) and the Connecticut River (good for some, very tough for others for one club out of Salmon River, 3.75 lb lunger).

SMALLMOUTH BASS. Good action at night reported from Candlewood Lake (tougher in the day). A few fish also found at Lake McDonough and Lake Lillinonah. Very good reports for river smallmouth from the upper Housatonic River and good reports from the Quinebaug River. Also some action on the Naugatuck River and the Shetucket River. **Tournament angler** reports are from Aspinook Pond (some in the bags), Bantam Lake (fair), Candlewood Lake (very good for one night club, with a total of 6 smallmouth weighed in between 4.95 lbs and 5.53 lbs, and slow to fair for a daytime club) and Lake Lillinonah (fair, 3.47 lb lunger).

TROUT- RIVERS & STREAMS – Conditions for trout fishing remain variable. Sporadic rains continue to keep flows higher than is typical for mid-August (see stream flow graphic on page 5), however the warm, humid weather is keeping water temperatures up in many areas. Fishing early mornings and evenings is still producing some nice action, with good reports from the West Branch Farmington River and the Housatonic River TMA. Fly anglers are also finding some action in the Mianus River, Salmon River and Natchaug River in the deeper pools and cooler riffles. Also try some of our Wild Trout Management Areas (these tend to have good cold flow year round) for some wild brookie and brown action. Terrestrial fly patterns are good to include in your offerings.

Farmington River. The upcoming weekend looks good for the West Branch and main stem Farmington with moderate but clear flows, currently 313 CFS at Riverton plus 89 CFS from the Still River. With the rainier summer this year, flows will likely stay a bit higher than is typical for August. Water temperatures range from the mid 50's °F to the upper 60's °F as you move further downstream.

Hatches/patterns. As far as insects go, terrestrials remain best bet. The black, cinnamon and flying ant patterns (especially on hot and humid afternoons). For dry flies it is a diverse set of critters but not in any large hatches. Best advice is have a diversity of size and patterns to hook into that finicky trout. "Mousing" at dusk can put you onto some very large browns.

Others for this time of year include Tricos (*Tricorythodes* #22-24 in the morning; started in the mid-section of the river), *Ephemerella needhami* (#22-26, early morning), Leadwing Coachman (*Isonychia bicolor*, #12-14, fast water, afternoon/evening), Blue Wing Olives (*Drunella* sps. & *Baetis* sps.; #18, 22-24, mid-late afternoon), Caddis (tan #16-20, all day; green #22-26, evening; summer pupa #18-20 morning), Cahills/Summer (*Stenonema ithaca*, #12-14, early morning), Midges (#22-28, morning), Black Ants (#12-18, mid day in fast water), Black Beetles (#16-18, midday), Flying Ants (#18-22, midday, when windy/humid), Stone Hopper (#8-12, mid-day).

Housatonic River – Flows are clearing, fishable and on the high side, providing lots of water to cover (great for the fish, more challenging for anglers), currently at 1,260 CFS at Falls Village and 1,670 CFS at Gaylordsville. Morning water temperatures are currently in the low to mid 70's °F. With some more rain possible through early Sunday, flows may again increase. Anglers should call the FirstLight Power Resources flow line at **1-888-417-4837** for updated river information or check the USGS website at <http://waterdata.usgs.gov/ct/nwis/current/?type=flow> for up to date real time streamflow data from a number of USGS gauging stations including two on the upper Housatonic River.

Smallmouth and Fallfish are great options now that many trout have moved into the thermal refuges. Both types of fish are plentiful in the river and super fun on light gear. Both are taking streamers and poppers. We suggest diversifying a bit and going for Pike and Common Carp – both are very active and are patrolling the shallows. Super large fish that you will never forget.

Hatches/patterns. Waiting on the White Fly hatch as reports indicate it is about to take off (may have been a fairly good hatch Wednesday night). All terrestrial patterns near overhanging vegetation seem to be hot. Crayfish imitations and poppers will put you onto some great smallmouth action. Other traditional favorites include Alder/Zebra Caddis (#8-10, Alder flies are very active during hot days), Sulphurs (#14-18, evening), Blue Wing Olive (#16-18, cloudy days, early morning; spinner fall in evening), Light Cahill (#12-14, evening), (*Isonychia bicolor*, #10-12 has been active lately, fast water, evening) and Black caddis (#14-18, early morning & evening). Streamer fishing and nymphing with big stoneflies have been very productive. Don't forget poppers and streamers (morning & evening). Patterns to try include White Zonkers, Woolly Buggers, Muddlers, Grey or Black Ghosts (#4-10). Also try brown crayfish, they are effective right now.

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.

TROUT-LAKES & PONDS. Trolling the deeper cooler lakes such as Crystal Lake, West Hill Pond, East Twin Lake, Colebrook River Lake and Highland Lake should provide some action (especially mornings).

KOKANEE. Nothing reported this week.

CATFISH (CHANNEL AND WHITE). Please take our [Catfish Survey](#). Super action in the Connecticut River from Glastonbury to Haddam (chunks of eel are the ticket). Interestingly some good catfish action also reported in Enfield near the launch, with some cats up to 13 lbs. Other places to try include our Catfish

Management Lakes like Black Pond Meriden, Lake Kenosia, Mohegan Park Pond, Burr Pond, Birge Pond, and the Maltby Lakes.

CHAIN PICKEREL The best fishing is at smaller ponds with a decent amount of emergent vegetation and lily pads. Toss a weedless rubber worm and jig through the vegetation.

COMMON CARP. Try south of Middletown in the CT River and the coves. Other carp favorite water include Lake Zoar, the upper Housatonic River, Batterson Park Pond, Aspinook Pond and West Thompson Reservoir. Pre-Bait your area to bring in plenty of hungry carp.

WALLEYE. Still very few reports for walleye this week except for lots of shorts at Gardner Lake. Nighttime is best now, places to try include Squantz Pond, Mount Tom Pond, Lake Zoar, Mashapaug Lake (although it's been slow here), Cedar Lake and Beach Pond.

NORTHERN PIKE. Places to hit include the upper Housatonic River (ent area), Pachaug Pond, which has great pike but very little fishing pressure for pike in the summer (also try the downstream lakes – Hopeville, Ashland), Mansfield Hollow Reservoir, Winchester Lake, Bantam Lake, Lake Zoar and the CT River.

PANFISH. Perfect time of year to go to your favorite pond and load up on bluegill and perch. It's great for families and will get kids hooked on fishing. Fly-fishing with small poppers will provide some great catches. Also, try suspending poppers to catch a few crappie. Looking for a new place to fish? Check out our [interactive mapping application](#).

CONNECTICUT RIVER Flows are well above normal levels north of Hartford (currently 25,600 CFS at Thompsonville and rising!) There is also a fair amount of large debris moving downstream. **LARGEMOUTH BASS** has been on and off, with the side channels and coves providing some action. **SMALLMOUTH BASS** fishing in the Windsor-Enfield area has been a bit tough with the higher flows. **CHANNEL CATFISH/WHITE CATFISH** is on fire, especially with 3" sections of eel (even some reports from the Enfield area). **COMMON CARP** were providing some steady action, especially in the Haddam/East Haddam area.

REMINDER TO ANGLERS-

FISHING IN OR CASTING INTO PERMITTED SWIM AREAS IS PROHIBITED.

State regulations prohibit fishing in or into a swim area that has 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.



INLAND REPORT (Reported by You).

Thank you to the following for adding to our Fishing Report this Week. **INLAND REPORT:** Rene Boislard, Jim, John Serdy, Justin Coleman, Charles Benson, Anonymous.

MARINE REPORT: Don Smallwood, John Serdy, Frank Milano, Anonymous.

Notable Catches Reported: 4.4 pound largemouth, 3.5 pound pickerel, 3 crappie and 2 yellow perch, Nope, lots of short walleye at gardner lake.

How Did They Rate the Fishing?

Species	Excellent	Good	Average	Fair	Poor
Trout	1	1	0	0	2
Bass	1	2	1	0	4
Pike	0	0	0	1	0
Walleye	0	0	1	0	1
Channel Catfish	0	0	0	0	0
Panfish	1	2	0	0	0
Common Carp	0	0	0	0	0

What was HOT! Popper and Silver Rapala, Orange Head Jig with green swim bait, mealworms, none, nymphs, rainbow trout hitting terrestrials, especially flying ant pattern mid-day.

What was NOT! Topwater frog, chartreuse spinnerbait, texas rig watermelon senko, dillies or powerbait, streamers for trout have been completely ineffective.

Good or better places to fish included: Moodus Reservoir, Hopeville Pond, Squantz Pond, Gardner Lake, McGrath Park, Farmington River, Naugatuck River

Fair or worse places to fish included: Housatonic River

NOTES & NOTICES:

STORM DAMAGE UPDATE. Due to damage from storms in May, Sleeping Giant (including the Sleeping Giant TMA) and Wharton Brook (including the Wharton Brook Trout Park) state parks remain closed.

CENTER SPRING POND (Manchester - dredging). A dredging project is ongoing at Center Spring Pond. Hydraulic dredging will be used so there will 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.

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**



Known locations of hydrilla at Coventry Lake (Wangumbaug Lake). Boaters should avoid these areas noted with red to avoid fragmenting and spreading hydrilla.

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.

CONNECTICUT RIVER (Hartford, boat races). Riverfront Recapture will be holding its annual **“Dragon Boat Races”** on Saturday, August 18 (8 am – 4 pm) on the CT River in Hartford between the Founders Bridge and the Charter Oak Bridge. Boat travel through the course area will be difficult during the race events, use extra caution or avoid the area.

WEST BRANCH FARMINGTON RIVER (invasive species alert). *Cymbella janischii* is a close relative of *Didymo* and has been introduced to the West Branch Farmington River (first noticed in 2011). *C. janischii* is native to the Pacific Northwest and not naturally found on the Eastern seaboard. Currently this type of “Rock Snot” is very abundant and should continue to grow through July. The primary area of the river is from New Hartford upstream to Riverton. Note: *Didymo* is still present primarily in the West Branch above the Still River in Riverton. To help prevent the spread to other rivers and streams, all anglers should take extra care to clean and dry waders that have been in contact with rock snot. We recommend having a pair just for use only in the Farmington River.

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).

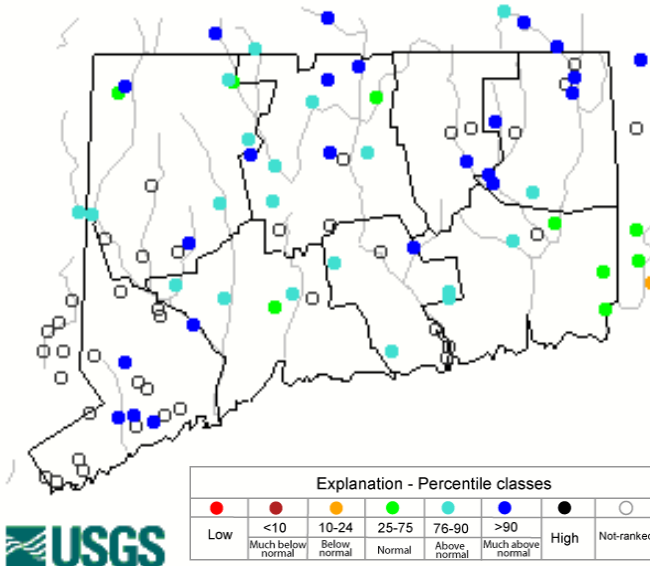
Prior to their discovery in Lakes Lillinonah and Zoar in 2010, zebra mussels had been found (1998) in CT only in East Twin Lake and West Twin Lake (Salisbury). Anglers fishing in any of these waters and western Connecticut in general **should use extra care to avoid transporting water, aquatic vegetation, 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 2018 CT angler’s Guide(www.ct.gov/deep/anglersguide).



STREAM FLOW CONDITIONS

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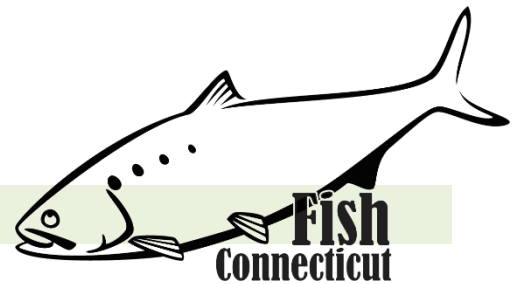


Data in the state graphic to the left are generated by the United States Geologic Survey (USGS) and are available on line at: <http://waterdata.usgs.gov/ct/nwis/rt> A percentile is a value on a scale of one hundred that indicates the percent of data in the data set equal to or below it. For example streamflow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



DEEP's annual Saltwater Fishing event held at Fort Trumbull State Park on August 11, 2018 attracted about 200 folks. Despite a brief shower, anglers landed Porgy, Sea Robin, Fluke, Hickory Shad, and a small dogfish. Thanks to all of the [CARE-learn to fish](#) certified instructors who volunteered their time to mentor many of the people who stopped by.

MARINE FISHING REPORT



Surface water temperatures in Long Island Sound (LIS) continue in the 70'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: Snappers are coming in, especially in the Western Sound. With all of the silversides in the water, artificial offerings can be easily ignored. Lots of schoolie striped bass around.

STRIPED BASS fishing is improving dramatically with the approaching full 'sturgeon' moon. Live lining bunker (Atlantic menhaden) on the reefs at dawn and dusk still is the best bet for some really large bass. There have been some very impressive schools of bass feeding on the surface on menhaden in the Lower CT River. Striper spots include the Watch Hill reefs, Ram Island Reef in Fishers Island Sound, lower Mystic and Thames River, the Race, Sluiceway, Plum Gut, Pigeon Rip, outer Bartlett Reef, Black Point, the "humps" south of Hatchett Reef, lower Connecticut River, Long Sand Shoal, Cornfield Point, Southwest Reef (outer), Sixmile Reef, Falkner Island area, the reefs off Branford, New Haven Harbor and the upper reaches, Charles Island area, lower Housatonic River, buoys 18 and 20 off Stratford Point, Stratford Shoal/Middle Ground, Penfield Reef, around the Norwalk Islands, and Cable and Anchor Reef. **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.** Qualify for the [CT Trophy Fish Award Program](#).

BLACK SEA BASS fishing has become a deep water bite. These sea bass are migrating east as we speak. Western Sound anglers should try fishing near the Norwalk Islands. I highly recommend a [party charter boat](#) trip to fish off of Block Island/Montauk...there are many giant-sized sea bass out there. Eastern Sound (Fishers Island to Block Island and northeast of Montauk) anglers are having better success. Fishing is still good on the major reefs in the Eastern Sound. For those willing to travel, Block Island Sound is the place to be for humpback sea bass. Closer to home, the rocky reefs from Madison to Branford have been consistent all season. A reminder to all anglers...If you are fishing in water deeper than 100', barotrauma can cause released fish to struggle to make it back to the bottom. A descending device such as the Shelton Fish Descender can help assist the sea bass air bladder to recompress and get safely back down to the depths. See [Fishsmart.org](http://fishsmart.org) for more information.

CT black sea bass regulations are as follows...15 inch min. length, 5 fish daily limit from May 19th to December 31st. Berkely 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 awesome. These fish are measuring 12-18 inches ("hubcap size") in length and are being reported at every fishing pier, reef or rock pile in the Sound. Fishing is good on the major reefs with hubcap size (15+ inches in length) fish being reported! In the west the Norwalk area is fishing very well. If possible, take a trip to the East, southeast of Block Island (great fishing). Otherwise, some good locations in the west are: the lower Housatonic River to Charles Island, Morningside (Milford), Coast Guard Jetty at Southport Beach, Rick Jetty at Calf Pasture beach, **South Benson Fishing Pier, Sherwood Island, Pleasure Beach Fishing Pier, St Mary's by the Sea and Stratford wall along with Long Beach** (excellent shore spots).

Other shore spots include **Rocky Neck State Park**, Harkness Memorial State Park, **Meigs Point Hammonasset**, Sherwood Island State Park and **Fort Trumbull State Park**. Fish during the high tide at these shore locations. 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.

WEAKFISH fishing has surprised many anglers...good catches of “squeteague” are occurring while anglers bottom fish for fluke and sea bass. Good fishing in Niantic (Black Point), 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 has not been consistent as it should be for this time of year. Larger bluefish weighing in the lower teens have been attacking bunker schools in the lower tidal rivers during dawn and dusk and along some eastern reefs. Eastern sound has seen much better fishing for “alligator” blues. Bluefish fishing spots include the reefs off **Watch Hill, the Race**, Thames River, Sluiceway, Plum Gut, Pigeon Rip, lower Connecticut River, Long Sand Shoal, Sixmile Reef, Falkner Island area, New Haven Harbor and upper reaches, lower Housatonic River, buoys 18 and 20 off Stratford Point, Stratford Shoal/Middleground, Penfield Reef, and Cable and Anchor Reef. **SNAPPER** fishing has improved in the tidal creeks and rivers with fish measuring now about 4 to 6 inches in length

SUMMER FLOUNDER (FLUKE) fishing is improving with the sea bass migrating east and the influx of bait species occurring. Fishing is fair but you have to put your time in to land a legal-sized fish. Still some double digit doormat fluke are being caught by lucky anglers in the Eastern and Central Sound. **Live lining snapper blues in deep water (80 to 100’) is the preferred method by fluke sharpies.** The usual summer flounder spots include the south shore of Fishers Island (Isabella Beach, Wilderness Point), Napatree Point and along the beach, off the Stonington breakwater, mouth of the Mystic River over to Groton Long Point, Twotree Island Channel, Black Point/Niantic Bay including the Bloody Grounds, Sound View Beach, Long Sand Shoal, Falkner Island area, New Haven Harbor, off the mouth of the Housatonic River during the flood tide, and around the Norwalk Islands. **Minimum size is 19 inches and the daily creel limit is 4 fish per person.** [CT Bait & Tackle Shop List](#)

HICKORY SHAD fishing is fair in the Black Hall River/Lieutenant River and the lower Connecticut River (DEEP Marine Headquarters fishing pier). Fishing remains good at Fort Trumbull, Black Hall, Clinton Harbor River systems and the lower Connecticut River (DEEP Marine Headquarters fishing pier). Both snappers and hickory shad can be found schooling together at these locations. **Tie on a silver willowleaf lure (add a 14-20 inch leader) with a slip sinker above the swivel along with light tackle (6lb test main line).** Cast to current breaks/channels and retrieve the lure and hold on/have fun...

STRIPED SEAROBIN fishing continues to be good for this “hardhead fish with spines and large pectoral fins”. Also, called “**Poor-Man’s Lobster**”, these fish are very common especially when bottom fishing at many of Connecticut’s shore fishing sites. With fish measuring over 20 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. There are videos on how to clean/fillet these tasty eating fish.

BLACKFISH (TAUTOG) fishing is good this month. There are plenty of these “Reef Bullies” around the local reefs and pilings. The daily creel limit is 2 fish per person and the minimum size is 16 inches. Tautog love eating crabs and mussels...try green, Asian and hermit crabs for bait. Look for “Togs” over shellfish beds, pilings with mussel beds and rock (reef) piles (10 to 45 ft). **The daily creel limit is 2 fish per person and the minimum size is 16 inches.**

WHITE PERCH fishing continues to improve and has been better with the incoming tide. These tasty perch are found in estuaries (lower rivers), tidal rivers and coves along the Connecticut shoreline. Productive spots include the Pawcatuck River (Stanton Weir Pit/Point), Mystic River, upper Thames River (**Norwich Harbor**)

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.** You can collect grass shrimp with a minnow net along the shoreline where marsh/eel grass is growing or along dock pilings. They love to cling to the grass or dock pilings.

BLUE CRAB fishing is slow in tidal creeks due to the recent rain. Plenty of sub-legal crabs...which is a good thing for the future of this fishery. Incoming tide has produced better crab fishing...as the crabs migrate into the shallow water to feed. **Remember...all egg bearing females must be released without avoidable injury. Minimum carapace length is 5 inches for a hard shell crab.** 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!** [Coastal shark information](#).

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>

NOTABLE CATCHES –

Species	Length (in.)	Weight (lbs)	Angler
Northern Puffer	9 ½"	-	Ryan A.
Grey Triggerfish	18"	4 lbs 6 oz.	Matt S.
Summer Flounder	28"	8 lbs 3 oz.	Jay M
Summer Flounder	31"	14 lbs 8 oz.	Robert Herreria
Black Sea Bass	23.5"	4lbs 10 oz.	Cameron Ravetto
Cobia	48"	37 lbs	David M.

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 is on the DEEP website at: www.ct.gov/deep/fishing. For the latest marine regulations also click this link: **2018 CT Marine Recreational Fishing Regulations.** **PLEASE CALL 1.800.842.4357 TO REPORT FISHING VIOLATIONS.**

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