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P R E S S R E L E A S E

DEP COMPLETES FALL TROUT STOCKING

Stockings began in early September,

Low stream flows and warm weather hampered stockings of many areas

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) today announced completion of its 2010 autumn trout stockings. From early September through late October, DEP released nearly 30,000 trophy and adult sized trout into selected waters throughout the state. Among the areas stocked this fall were twenty-four lakes and ponds, twenty-three rivers and streams including fourteen of the Trout Management Areas (TMA), and eight Trout Parks. DEP also stocked 43,000 “yearling” trout into selected waters throughout the state.

DEP stocked eight of the designated Trout Parks this fall, and most were stocked several times. These areas are managed to enhance fishing opportunities for families and novice anglers and are easily accessible with picnic areas and other amenities nearby. “Our Trout Parks are great places for family fishing outings,” said Susan Frechette, Deputy Commissioner of the DEP. “A family can get outdoors before winter sets in and enjoy a day of fishing and picnicking in the late fall weather.”

Fall trout stocking was affected by this year’s drought and extended bouts of warmer than usual weather, and a number of popular areas including many of the Trout Management Areas typically stocked in September were instead stocked in October. “This September was one of the most challenging months ever for our fall stocking program as we had to make numerous changes to stocking schedules,” said Peter Aarrestad, Director of DEP’s Inland Fisheries Division.

Approximately 29,500 adult trout were released, of which 14,500 were trophy size brown trout (all greater than 12 inches in length) including 4,000 fish from the Kensington Fish Hatchery that averaged 3.5 pounds each. The remaining 15,000 adults were standard size (9-10

inch) rainbow trout. A total of 3,000 “yearling” brown trout was also stocked into the Housatonic River.

This year DEP also stocked 40,000 yearling (6-9 inch fish) brook, brown and rainbow trout from the Quinebaug Hatchery in addition to the adult trout typically stocked in the fall. These stockings are experimental and DEP will be assessing some of the stocked areas to gauge angler activity and interest.

Among the Trout Management Areas (TMA) stocked this fall were the two areas on the Housatonic River. In September, DEP released a total of 9,000 trout (1,000 large brown trout, 5,000 rainbow trout, 3,000 “yearling” brown trout) into the Housatonic River TMA and 2,500 rainbow trout into the Bull’s Bridge TMA. The large brown trout are intended to augment the population of holdover trout in the river this fall, while the rainbow trout and “yearling” browns should enhance the holdover population for next spring.

The West Branch Farmington River (West Branch Reservoir to the West Branch TMA upper boundary) also received its annual Labor Day stocking with DEP releasing 2,000 of the large brown trout (12 inches and larger fish) just prior to the Labor Day weekend.

Fishing in all sixteen Trout Management Areas during the fall is catch-and-release only. Trout Parks have a two-fish per day creel limit. Regulations vary on many of the other waters being stocked this fall. The DEP advises anglers to check fishing regulations in their *2010 Connecticut Angler’s Guide*. Guides are available from many Town Clerks and bait & tackle stores, or by contacting the DEP Inland Fisheries Division (860-424-FISH). The Angler’s Guide and Weekly Fishing Reports can be found on the DEP web site at: www.ct.gov/dep/fishing.

See pages 3 and 4 for lists of areas stocked this fall.

Page 3: Areas stocked with large brown trout and/or adult rainbow trout this fall (2010).

Page 4: Areas stocked with the yearling trout.

Below are the areas that were stocked with large brown trout and/or adult rainbow trout this fall.

TROUT PARKS:

Black Rock Pond	Natchaug River	Valley Falls Park Pond
Chatfield Hollow (<i>Schreeder Pond</i>)	Wolfe Park (<i>Great Hollow Pond</i>)	Wharton Brook (<i>Allen Brook Pond</i>)
Day Pond	Mohegan Park Pond	

TROUT MANAGEMENT AREAS (TMA):

Bulls Bridge TMA (<i>Housatonic River</i>)	Housatonic River TMA	Salmon River TMA
Farmington River TMA (<i>Collinsville to Unionville</i>)	Moosup River TMA	Willimantic River TMA
Hockanum River TMA	Naugatuck River TMA	Yantic River TMA

RIVERS AND STREAMS (see Trout Parks & TMAs for additional locations):

Natchaug River	Salmon River	West Branch Farmington River
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LAKES AND PONDS (see Trout Parks for additional locations):

Amos Lake	Crystal Lake (Ellington)	Quonnipaug Lake
Bashan Lake	Gardner Lake	Rogers Lake
Beach Pond	Long Pond	Squantz pond
Bigelow Pond	Mashapaug Lake	Stillwater Pond
Black Pond (Meriden)	Mohawk Pond	Tyler Pond
Black Pond (Woodstock)	Mt. Tom Pond	West Hill Pond
Cedar Lake	Pattaconk Lake	West Side Pond
Coventry Lake		

The 40,000 yearling brook, brown and rainbow trout (6-9 inch fish) were stocked into the following areas:

TROUT PARKS:

Black Rock Pond	Wharton Brook (<i>Allen Brook pond</i>)	Wolfe Park (<i>Great Hollow Pond</i>)
Valley Falls Park Pond		

LAKES AND PONDS (see Trout Parks for additional locations):

Amos Lake	Black Pond (<i>Middlefield</i>)	Horse Pond
Beach Pond	Coventry Lake	Long Pond
Bigelow Pond	Gardner Lake	Uncas Lake

TROUT MANAGEMENT AREAS (TMA):

Bulls Bridge TMA (<i>Housatonic River</i>)	Mill River TMA (<i>Fairfield</i>)	Salmon River TMA
Mianus River TMAS	Naugatuck River TMA	Saugatuck River TMA
Sleeping Giant TMA (<i>Mill River –Hamden</i>)	Pequabuck River TMA	

RIVERS AND STREAMS (see Trout Parks & TMAs for additional locations):

East Aspetuck River	Mill River (<i>Hamden</i>)	Quinnipiac River
Farmill river	Norwalk River	Saugatuck River
Mianus River	Pequabuck River	Shetucket River
Mill River (Fairfield)	Pequonnock River	Wepawaug River

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