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Brook Trout -Charr (*Salvelinus fontinalis*)



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## INLAND REPORT

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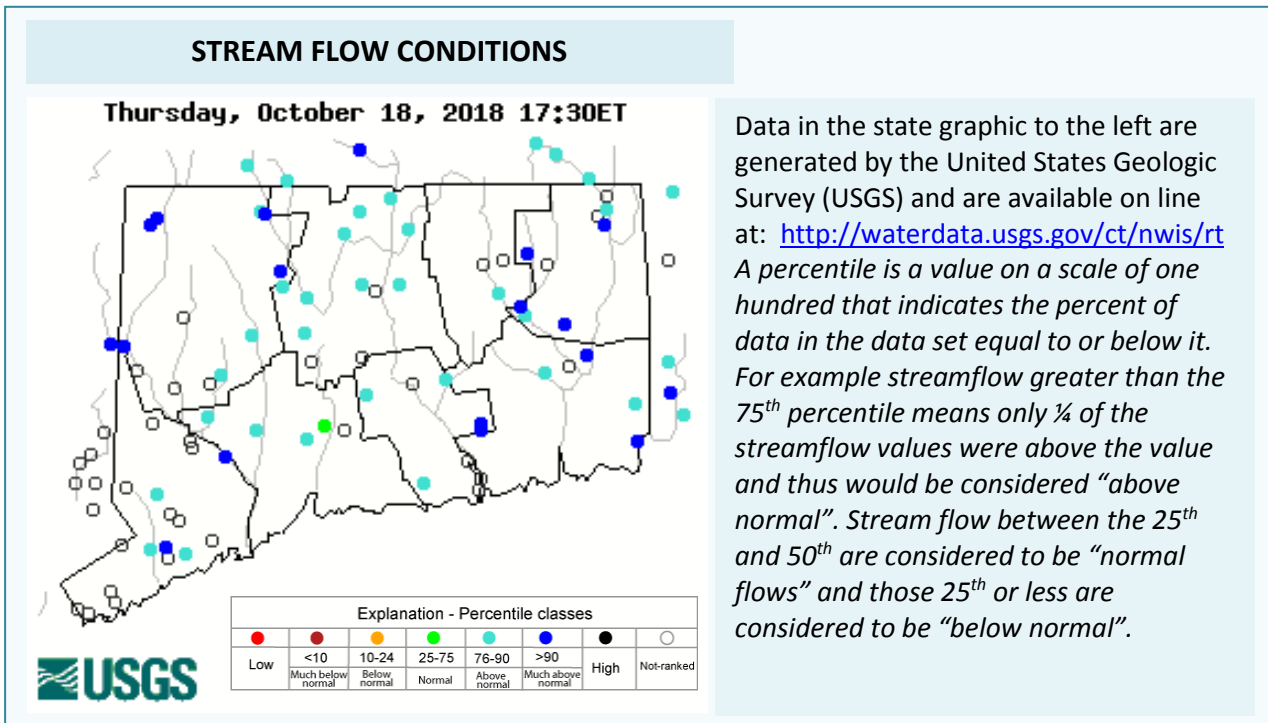
**TROUT & SALMON STOCKING UPDATE.** Stay in touch with our [Current Stocking Report](#) and [Interactive Trout Stocking Map](#):

- **BROODSTOCK ATLANTIC SALMON** were stocked into the upper **Naugatuck River Broodstock Area** (80 fish) on Monday, 10/15 and into the lower **Naugatuck River Broodstock Area** (81 fish) on Thursday, 10/18. These fish range from 1-10 lbs each, mostly 4-5 lb fish with a few up to 10 lbs.
- **TROUT - RIVERS AND STREAMS:** In **western CT**, the **Mill River TMA** (Fairfield, 450 Rainbow Trout) and **Mianus River TMA** (450 Rainbow Trout). In **Eastern CT**, the **Moosup River TMA** (300 12" and up Rainbow Trout), the **Yantic River TMA** (350 12" and up Rainbow Trout), the **Natchaug River** (1,000 12" and up Rainbow Trout), the **Salmon River & Salmon River TMA** (1,200 12" and up Rainbow Trout, of which 800 went into the TMA and 400 in the river downstream of the TMA), the **Shetucket River** (550 12" and up Rainbow Trout) and the **Hammonasset River** (200 Rainbow Trout) and the **Hammonasset River TMA** (300 12" and up Rainbow Trout). Additionally, the **Naugatuck River TMA** was stocked with 50 broodstock Brown trout (3-4 lb fish) on Monday, 10/15.
- **TROUT - LAKES AND PONDS:** In **Eastern CT**, **Long Pond** (500 Rainbow Trout) was stocked this week.
- **TROUT PARKS:** The **Mohegan Park Pond** (Spaulding Pond, 300 Rainbow Trout), **Natchaug River** (400 12" and up Rainbow Trout) and **Chatfield Hollow** (Schreeder Pond only -300 Rainbow Trout) Trout Parks in eastern CT.

**ATLANTIC SALMON.** Anglers are finding action on both the upper Naugatuck River Broodstock Area (lots of hook-ups reported) and the Shetucket River. Mount Tom Pond and Crystal Lake are also providing catches. Please note that a [Trout and Salmon Stamp](#) is required to fish the Broodstock Areas on the Naugatuck and Shetucket Rivers and if you **keep** an Atlantic salmon from either Mount Tom Pond or Crystal Lake. If you are strictly practicing Catch and Release, the Trout and Salmon Stamp is not required to fish in either of the two lakes. For a summary of Atlantic salmon fishing regulations see page 4 of this report or page 28 of the 2018 Angler's Guide.

**TROUT - RIVERS & STREAMS.** Conditions for the weekend will be variable. Crisp, mostly dry fall weather is in the forecast, some areas were just recently stocked and flows have dropped since last week to more fishable levels in many (but not all) areas but remaining well above typical mid-fall levels statewide (see stream flow graphic on page 2). Remember that the smaller streams and tributaries will generally drop the quickest. **For real time stream flow data from 68 USGS gauging stations you can check** the following web site: <http://waterdata.usgs.gov/ct/nwis/current/?type=flow>.

Some nice catches reported from the West Branch Farmington River, Naugatuck River TMA with several nice 3-4 lb broodstock browns already caught (on Grey ghosts) and even from the Housatonic River where flows have been high for well over a month now. Streamers work well in the fall. Please note that we will not be able to stock the Mill River TMA in Hamden this fall due to the lingering impacts of the May storms.



**Farmington River.** Conditions for the upcoming weekend will be fair with flows clear and fishable but somewhat on the high side, currently 435 CFS at Riverton plus 174 CFS from the Still River. As the Still continues to slowly drop, look for flows to moderate a bit more below the confluence. Water temperatures range from the low 50’s °F to the low 60’s.

**Hatches/patterns.** The higher flows continue to hamper large scale hatching activity. During the daylight hours, streamers and nymphing has been good. Expect the insects to be shifting to the fall patterns activity beginning later in the morning. Some go-to flies include Isonychia (#12-14, parachute style), Blue Wing Olives (#18, 22-24, mid-late afternoon), Caddis (tan #16-18, all day; brown #16-18), Midges (#20-32, morning), and Rusty Spinner (#14-20, mornings). White Wooly Buggers, Muddlers, or Grey or Black Ghosts (#4-10) are standard streamers. Bottom bouncing nymphs with Caddis pupa (#14-16), Serendipity (#14-16), Prince (#6-18) and Hare’s ear (#8-20) works well.

**Housatonic River.** Flows are just beginning to clear and drop towards more fishable levels (you may want to check the local tributaries for more fishable conditions), currently 1,980 CFS at Falls Village and 2,850 CFS at Gaylordsville. Water temperatures are currently in the upper 60’s ° to low 60’s °F. Anglers can call FirstLight Power Resources at 1-888-417-4837 or check the USGS website (<http://waterdata.usgs.gov/ct/nwis/current/?type=flow>) for updated Housatonic River flow information (and also check with a local bait & tackle shop). **NOTE:** The Cornwall Covered Bridge has **re-opened** after the DOT remodeling project.

**Hatches/patterns.** Patterns to try include Fall Sulfurs (#16-18), Blue Wing Olive (#18-24, early morning; spinner fall in evening), Isonychia (#10-12 evening), Midges (#20-24) and caddis (#14-18, early morning & evening). Also try terrestrial patterns such as Black and Cinnamon Ants (#16-18, midday, when breezy) and large streamers, or nymphing the pockets, deeper riffles and pool heads. Streamer fishing and nymphing with big stoneflies have been productive. Streamer patterns to try include White Zonkers, Wooly Buggers (#2-12),

Muddlers, Lion Buggers, and Grey or Black Ghosts (#4-10). Light Cahill (#12-14, evening), Isonychia (#10-12), Sulfur (#16-18) and Black caddis (#14-18, early morning & evening).

**TROUT - LAKES & PONDS.** Trout were stocked into some our lakes and ponds and trout parks again this week (see page 1). Good reports from the Chatfield Hollow Trout Park (Schreeder Pond). Reminder- *We will not be stocking Valley Falls Park Pond (due to a drawdown for dam repairs) and Wharton Brook Pond (still closed from storm damage) this fall.*

**LARGEMOUTH BASS** fishing remains slow to fair at many areas throughout the state but appears to be picking up some. Places to try include Highland Lake (some good reports from here), Candlewood Lake (fair here, keep trying along deeper edges), Bantam Lake, Wononskopomuc Lake (remember, season closes at end of month), Stillwater Pond, Mudge Pond, Quaddick Lake, Quinebaug Lake, Glasgow Pond, Pachaug Pond, Bashan Lake, Hopeville Pond, Pickerel Lake, Rogers Lake, and Billings Lake.

**Tournament angler** reports are from Amos Lake (slow to fair, 3.28 lb lunger and an average weight per fish of 2.33 lbs for one club, and 2.8 lbs per fish average and a 4.19 lb lunger for another club), Coventry Lake (tough for most, good for a few, 3.7 lb lunger), Gardner Lake (slow to fair, not much size with a 1.2 lb weight per fish and a 2.54 lb lunger), Hopeville Pond (slow to fair, but a nice 2.11 lb average fish weight and a 4.67 lb lunger), Pattagansett Lake (fair, 2.58 lb lunger), Pickerel Lake (fair to good fishing, but not much size and a 1.92 lb lunger), Rogers Lake (fair to good for most, 3.31 lb lunger), Silver Lake (fair, 3.0 lb lunger), West Thompson Lake (fair, 3.54 lb lunger) and Candlewood Lake (slow to fair, 4.6 lb and 3.56 lb lungers).

**SMALLMOUTH BASS.** It still remains tough at Candlewood Lake (try at around 30 feet, bait anglers likely have the advantage as smallies here often target alewife in the early fall). A few reported from Highland Lake, Lake Lillinonah and Lake Zoar. **Tournament angler** are from Coventry Lake (a few caught, 1.5 lb lunger), West Thompson Lake (some caught) and Candlewood Lake (tough for most, good for several, 3.81 lb lunger).

**CATFISH (CHANNEL AND WHITE).** Please take our [Catfish Survey](#). Nice sized catfish have been caught in Union Pond Manchester. Several other Catfish Management Lakes that are worth a try include Silver Lake, Wauregan Reservoir, Lake Kenosia, Mohegan Park Pond, Burr Pond, Butternut Park Pond, Birge Pond, and the Maltby Lakes.

**CHAIN PICKEREL.** A few reports in from south central & eastern CT, they are starting to perk up a bit -look for activity to increase as we move deeper into fall.

**COMMON CARP.** Activity is picking up; October typically proves to be good fishing for these huge fish. Carp favorites are 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. See the CT River section for carp tournament results.

**NORTHERN PIKE.** No reports this week but the fish are eager to feed. Other favorite Pike Waters include Mansfield Hollow Reservoir, Winchester Lake, Bantam Lake, and the CT River.

**WALLEYE.** Limited reports but the more consistent string of cooler nights should be bringing the Walleye up into the

One of the newly installed signs to alert anyone using Coventry Lake (and a similar sign for the Connecticut River) about the presence of the highly invasive plant, Hydrilla.

shallows, especially along steep drops offs. Nighttime is best now. Reports include some catches are reported from Squantz Pond, Lake Saltonstall and Saugatuck Reservoir. Other places to try include Coventry Lake, Mount Tom Pond, Lake Zoar, Mashapaug Lake, Cedar Lake and Beach Pond.

**KOKANEE SALMON.** DEEP trap-netted lots of large Kokanee at West Hill Pond for spawning. Also in the trap nets were some large rainbows, browns, bullhead, and sunfish.

**PANFISH.** Perch, sunfish, and Crappie continue to do well in most places.

**CONNECTICUT RIVER.** Flows are coming down again (currently 14,200 CFS at Thompsonville), and providing better access and fishing. **LARGEMOUTH BASS** remains on and off, with the side channels and coves providing better action. **SMALLMOUTH BASS** are still quiet in the Windsor-Enfield area. Look for some action along the mainstem from Middletown to Haddam. **CHANNEL CATFISH/WHITE CATFISH** had been hitting (staff favorites are 3" sections of eel). Note that carp tournament participants reported lots of large catfish taking their carp baits – so it's a great time to get a nice bag of channel cats. **COMMON CARP** have been providing some steady action, especially in the Haddam/East Haddam and Mattebesset areas. The 2018 CT Carp Open Tournament is over. Many good fish weighed in between 25-30 pounds and the winning big fish was 34 pounds. Also lots of fish in the 15-20 lb range reported but not weighed-in.

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#### ***Atlantic salmon fishing regulations and areas summary***

- **Regulations for Atlantic salmon on the Shetucket and Naugatuck Rivers.** In the Naugatuck, Housatonic and Shetucket Rivers, from September 1 through November 30, angling for Atlantic salmon is restricted to **catch-and-release only**. From December 1, 2018, through March 31, 2019, 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 September 1<sup>st</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup>, 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 September 1<sup>st</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup>, 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 2018 CT Angler's Guide for trout regulations).

**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 and will not be stocked with trout this fall.

**CANDLEWOOD LAKE (safety buoy removals).** The Candlewood Lake authority has removed the hazard, navigation and speed buoys for the winter. Boaters, especially those unfamiliar with the lake should use extra caution out on the lake.

**CENTER SPRING POND (Manchester - dredging).** A dredging project is ongoing at Center Spring Pond. Hydraulic dredging is used so there will be no drawdown but access to a portion of the park may be limited. The project is currently expected to be completed by this Thanksgiving.

**VALLEY FALLS POND (Vernon – dam repair).** DEEP will not be stocking the Trout Park at Valley Falls Pond this fall due to dam repair work.

**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 locations along the river including Wethersfield and Crow Point coves and at a site in Enfield.** See the Coventry Lake entry on the next page for what river users should do to prevent spread of this invasive plant to other waterbodies.

**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.

**LAKE HOUSATONIC (drawdown).** The lake will be drawn down approximately three feet on **Monday night, October 22, with refill expected to begin by late Tuesday night, October 23,** for maintenance. Launching trailered boats from the state boat launch will be very difficult to impossible.

**FISHING SEASONS.** Anglers are reminded that the fishing season at the Pasture Pond Trout Park closed September 30.



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

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## MARINE FISHING REPORT



Surface water temperatures in Long Island Sound (LIS) are around 60-68 °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://marine.rutgers.edu/mrs/sat_data/?nothumbs=1)

<http://www.ndbc.noaa.gov/>

<http://www.wunderground.com/MAR/AN/330.html>

**HUMPBACK WHALES** have been reported in Long Island 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.

**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.

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**TAUTOG (Blackfish) REMINDER TO ANGLERS: SEASON IS OPEN!** Fishing is good throughout LIS! The warmer water temps have made fishing interesting. Fish shallow water, (less than 30 ft). Rocky reefs, rock piles, and wrecks have been producing great tog fishing action. As the water temperatures drop, tog will move off into deeper water. Any of the rocky reefs, rock piles, and wrecks in LIS will hold tog. Green, Asian or Hermit Crabs will work. Consider putting the crab (bait) on a jig (1/4 to 1 ounce). I would highly recommend planning a trip on a [party/charter boat](#) trip to fish for tautog this fall.

**ATLANTIC BONITO & LITTLE TUNNY** fishing continues to be good throughout the sound. Pink, brown and green is the lure color choice. Many anglers are scoring using a Hogy heavy minnow jig in pink. Shore anglers are scoring at **Fort Trumbull, mouth of the Thames River, Ocean Beach, Seaside Park, Harkness Memorial, Hammonasset State Park, Rocky Neck State Park.** In the west try **New Haven Harbor, Compo Beach, Sherwood Island, Burying Hill Beach (Fairfield), Southport Harbor, Shady Beach/ Calf Pasture (Norwalk) and Fayerweather Island in Bridgeport along with Long Beach Stratford.** Dawn and dusk is typically the best time to fish for these inshore tunas but they can be caught during the daytime. They are feeding heavily of young of the year transparent juvenile anchovy. Try casting metal (heavy) lures (Swedish pimple, albie snax and Epoxy jigs in brown or green) to feeding fish on the surface. A [quiet approach](#) and finding birds (gulls/terns) actively feeding is the key to a successful trip. **Jigging (1.5oz crippled herring) for them also works when they are close to the bottom and your fish finder is "lit up".**

**STRIPED BASS** fishing is very good as we approach the "Hunters" full moon. **It's time for shore anglers to hit the SURF, especially at coastal state parks.** The fall season is starting off strong, with many shore anglers catching bass on top water at [Enhanced Shore Fishing Opportunities](#). These bass are migrating and feeding heavily on all the bait. You can have great success during the daytime, especially under overcast skies. The top water technique has produced some very big bass recently (49 inches – 41 pounds, (DEEP Marine Headquarters, Old Lyme). 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 (Breakwalls) and the upper reaches, **Charles Island area**, lower Housatonic River, buoys 18 and 20 off Stratford Point, **Stratford Shoal/Middle Ground**, Milford Point, Penfield Reef, around the Norwalk Islands, and Cable and Anchor Reef.

Striped bass are a little pickier than bluefish, but top-water plugs are also working well. There are some large holdover stripers available on top...but the smaller juveniles are really on fire this week. Plastics are very effective on the 14"-24" striped bass inhabiting our lower rivers this fall. Anglers are having a blast catching smaller striped bass on the Housatonic and Norwalk Rivers. Bait fish like to take refuge in harbors, rivers and estuaries at night, so the rule still goes that the best fishing is at dusk and dawn. **Please use circle hooks when fishing with bait (prevent gut hooking) and practice catch & release.**

**Don't have a Boat? Hook up with the many [Party or Charter Boats](#) found throughout CT's shoreline from Greenwich to Stonington.**

**BLACK SEA BASS** fishing is excellent. Hit every favorite wreck/reef/hump, to find good numbers of these tasty bottom fish. **Angler please be careful when releasing sublegal sea bass. There is lots of them out there...let's give them a chance to grow, reproduce and get big.** The sea bass are smaller closer to home...venture out to Block Island Sound and Montauk and you will find huge buckmouths. 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 devise 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.

**SCUP (porgy)** fishing is good throughout the Sound. Party/Charter boats are still targeting them...that's how plentiful they are. **Hit the coastal state parks (especially around high tide) and spend time chumming...this will improve your success.** Try these nice shore fishing areas (incoming tide better); Morningside, and **East Norwalk, Woodmont** (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, Gulf Beach Pier, Bonds Dock (Stratford)** and **Short & Long Beach** (excellent shore spots in Stratford). Other shore spots include **The Sound School Fishing Pier/Dock, Rocky Neck State Park, Harkness Memorial State Park, Meigs Point, Hammonasset, Sherwood Island State Park, Charles Island** and Fort Trumbull State Park. Locate your favorite [Enhanced Shore Fishing Opportunities](#) for these hard fighting and excellent eating "Reef Slammers".

**BLUEFISH** fishing is very good. Throw a top water plug/popper and hang on. They can be found throughout the Sound (find the birds). Still a lot of bluefish cruising the lower estuaries, rivers and beaches feeding on menhaden/anchovies. 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, **Norwalk Islands** and Cable and Anchor Reef. Atlantic mackerel and bunker (Atlantic menhaden) are good bait choices.

**WEAKFISH** fishing is still good in the central and western Sound. Falkner, Goose Island and **the Norwalk Island** area is producing some very nice "tide runners". Fish up to 33 inches are being reported from West Haven Beaches/Charles Island area to **Norwalk**.

**HICKORY SHAD** fishing is fair to good in the lower Connecticut River (DEEP Marine Headquarters fishing pier), East and West River, Lieutenant River, and Black Hall River.

**WHITE PERCH** fishing during fall is very good. 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.



**NOTABLE CATCHES –**

Species	Length (in.)	Weight (lbs)	Angler
False Albacore	25"	8 lbs. 10 oz.	Justin T.
Banded Rudderfish	13"	1 lb. 5 oz.	Israel R.
Scup	20"	4 lb. 1 oz.	Xavier S.
Blue Crab	8.25"	1 lb. 2 oz.	J. Scott R.
Black Sea Bass	21.75"	4 lb. 10 oz.	Thomas S.

**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.](#)

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<https://www.st.nmfs.noaa.gov/msd/html/siteRegister.jsp>

**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](http://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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