

FISHING REPORT NUMBER 10

6/24/2010



INLAND REPORT

TROUT

Rivers & streams - Anglers are reporting variable fishing. Several are finding garden worms or corn/mealworm combinations to be very productive. Good fishing can be found at the Farmington River (22" rainbow), Housatonic River, Natchaug River, Mill River, Saugatuck River, Naugatuck River, Shetucket River, Hammonasset River, Eight Mile River (East Haddam, Lyme) and Quinnipiac River.

Farmington River – Water temperatures are in the mid/upper 50's °F with 317cfs of water from the dam in Riverton and 39 cfs coming in from the Still River. The flows are clear. *Isonychia* (#10-12, heavy, evening), Blue Wing Olives (#20-24, mid-late afternoon), Sulphur-duns, (#14-48, afternoon to early evening for spinners), Caddis (tan #12-14, all day; green #22-26, evening), Midges (#22-28, morning), Pale Evening Duns (*Epeorus vitreus* #14-16, afternoon & early evenings) are the patterns for this time of the year.

Housatonic River – Trout fishing is good with water temperatures in the upper 60's °F. Even with the occasional thunderstorm passing through, flows continue to drop and remain very fishable. Flows are slightly off-color with 346 cfs at Falls Village and 567 cfs at Gaylordsville.

Usual insect hatches for this time of the year include: Alder/Zebra Caddis (#10-12, afternoon-evening near overhangs), Green/Brown Drakes (#8-12), Sulphur (#16-18, evening), Blue Wing Olive (#18-24, early morning; spinner fall in evening), *Isonychia* (#10-12 evening), Light Cahill (#12-14, evening), and Tan & green caddis (#14-20, early morning & evening). Midges and stoneflies are located at the mouths of streams. Streamers (morning & evening) should catch some large fish. Golden stonefly (#6-14) nymphs hatch at first light and adults egg-lay after dark.

Anglers are reminded that the thermal refuge areas on the Housatonic, Naugatuck and Shetucket Rivers are closed to fishing as of June 15. These areas will reopen on September 1. There is no fishing within 100 feet of the mouths of posted tributaries to these rivers.

Lakes & Ponds- Anglers are still reporting some big trout being caught. Crystal Lake (16 fish, Ellington), Beach Pond (20" brown), Long Pond, Wononskopomuc Lake, Candlewood Lake (**8+ lbs. brown**), East Twin Lake (target 20-30'), Lake McDonough, Gardner Lake, Highland Lake, Lake Waramaug, Mt. Tom Pond, Black Pond (Woodstock), Mohawk Pond, West Hill Pond and Mashapaug Lake.

Trout Parks – There is still some good trout fishing at our Trout Parks. East of the CT River are the Valley Falls Park Pond, Mohegan Park Pond, Day Pond and Natchaug River Trout Parks, and west of the river, Southford Falls, Stratton Brook, Kent Falls, Wolfe Park (Great Hollow Pond), Wharton Brook and Sleeping Giant (Mill River-Hamden) Trout Parks.

LARGEMOUTH BASS fishing is good in many areas. The best reports are from Wononskopomuc Lake, Candlewood Lake, Moodus Reservoir, Amos Lake, West Hill Pond, Bishop Swamp, Red Cedar Lake, Roseland Lake, Hopeville Pond, Pine Acres Lake, Halls Pond, Highland Lake (20"), Lake Waramaug, Hatch Pond, Ball Pond, Mudge Pond, Bantam Lake, Messerschmidt Pond, Lake Hayward, Lake Lillinonah, Batterson Park Pond, Park Pond, Quonnipaug Lake, Rogers Lake, West Side Pond, Pickerel Lake, Quaddick Reservoir, Middle Bolton Lake and Wethersfield Reservoir.

SMALLMOUTH BASS action reported as good from Rainbow Reservoir, Squantz Pond, Bantam Lake, Saugatuck Reservoir, Colebrook Reservoir, Highland Lake, Coventry Lake, Bashan Lake and Candlewood Lake.

KOKANEE are continuing to provide action at both East Twin Lake and West Hill Pond.

NORTHERN PIKE fishing is reported as good from Bantam Lake, Quaddick Reservoir and Mansfield Hollow Reservoir.

WALLEYE are being reported at Lake Saltonstall, Squantz Pond and Mashapaug Lake.

CONNECTICUT RIVER – STRIPED BASS are still in the mid to lower river but fishing is reported as slow. Fish are being caught on sand worms and using chunk bait. At the mouth of the river anglers are using plastics and poppers for bigger fish. **NORTHERN PIKE** fishing is good and catches are reported in Middletown to Haddam Meadows area. **SMALLMOUTH BASS** are being caught in the upper portion of the river near the mouth of the Farmington River. **CATFISH** are consistently being taken on frozen herring, live lining panfish & cut/chunk bait up and down the river.

TIPS & TRICKS

JIGGING FOR LARGEMOUTH BASS

- Cloudy days – make short casts. Wait only 2 to 3 seconds, give it a couple of shakes & reeling back to the boat.
- Cloudy days - black and blue jigs with a blue sapphire trailer.
- Sunny days - make longer pitches. Allow the bait to sink to the bottom then retrieve in an “up & down” pattern.
- Sunny days - green with green pumpkin trailer.
- Sparse cover – use a ½ oz jig, (quiet presentation/slower fall)
- Heavier cover - use 1 to 1 ¼ oz jig, (hard to reach areas).
- Spring and late fall - brown jig with a light orange tint and a crawdad trailer in green pumpkin.

For aggressive bass, target the back side of weed edges and isolated pieces of vegetation swimming the jig just underneath the surface back to the boat using a white/black jig with a white/black blue swimming trailer.

MARINE FISHING REPORT



The water temperature in Long Island Sound (LIS) is about in the low to mid 60'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>

STRIPED BASS and BLUEFISH fishing remains good. Dawn and dusk are prime time for linesiders where bluefish can be caught anytime during the day. The chance for catching cow bass weighing in the 40's is very real now. Fishing spots include the Watch Hill Reefs, Ram Island Reef (Fishers Island Sound), lower Thames River, the Race (by Race Rock and Valiant Rock), outer Bartlett Reef, the Sluiceway, Plum Gut, Pigeon Rip (area just north of Plum Island), warm water discharge from Millstone Power Station, Hatchett Reef, Long Sand Shoal, Cornfield Point, Southwest Reef, Sixmile Reef, Falkner Island area, reefs off Guilford and Branford, New Haven Harbor, buoys #18 and #20 off Bridgeport, Stratford Shoal/Middle Ground, Penfield Reef, Norwalk Islands, Eatons Point area on the New York side, Cable and Anchor Reef, Smith Reef and the reefs off Stamford and Greenwich. Bluefish are averaging 5-7 lbs. Watch for diving terns and gulls which is a dead give away for bluefish ravaging bait fish on the surface. **Snapper blues** are in but are only about 3 inches in length.

SUMMER FLOUNDER fishing has improved especially in the lower tidal rivers where even shore anglers are hooking with some nice size flatties. Fluke spots include the Sandy Point area, Stonington flats south of the breakwaters, lower Mystic River to Latimer Point, south side of Fishers Island, Twotree Island Channel, Niantic River, Black Point, White Sands Beach, lower Connecticut River, Long Sand Shoal, Falkner Island area, south of the New Haven breakwaters, off the mouth of the Housatonic River, and the Norwalk Islands. Across the pond in New York, Horton Point, Mattituck, Port Jefferson area, Smithtown Bay and Eatons Neck are other places to hit.

SCUP (PORGY) fishing is fair to good.

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