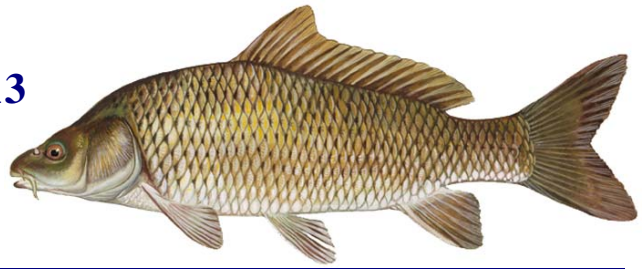


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## INLAND REPORT

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**LARGEMOUTH BASS** fishing is mostly fair to good, with the best reports from Quaddick Reservoir (excellent, lots of 2 lb bass, some 4 lb fish, and a 5.5 lb bass among the recent catches), Candlewood Lake (some 5 lb plus largemouth among the bags), Pachaug Pond, Moodus Reservoir (a 5 lb bass among the catches), Mudge Pond, Lake Saltonstall and Lake McDonough. Fair fishing for bass is reported from Glasgow Pond, Red Cedar Lake, Gorton Pond, Gardner Lake, Mansfield Hollow Reservoir, Tyler Lake, Lake Zoar, Coventry Lake and Hatch Pond and it's been tough fishing at Long Pond, Powers Lake (catches do include a 5.5 lb largemouth) and Lake Wonoskopomuc.

**SMALLMOUTH BASS** fishing is generally fair with reports from Colebrook Reservoir, Rainbow Reservoir, Squantz Pond, Lake McDonough, Saugatuck Reservoir, Highland Lake, Coventry Lake, Gardner Lake, Mashapaug Lake and Bashan Lake. Smallie action at Candlewood Lake remains good with lots of 3-4 lb fish among the bags. River smallie action is excellent in the Housatonic River.

**NORTHERN PIKE** fishing is reported to be good in Lake Lillinonah (target cold springs), Bantam Lake, Hopeville Pond and Winchester Lake.

**WALLEYE** are being reported from Lake Saltonstall and Coventry Lake.

**SUNFISH** – Summer is definitely here and sunnies have been providing excellent action statewide (try poppers on a fly rod). Now is the time to get the family out and experience the fast-paced action of fishing for panfish. Small local ponds are often excellent places to go bigger locations to try include Tyler Lake, Highland Lake, Bishop Pond, Halls Pond, Lantern Hill Pond, Quonnipaug Lake, Cedar Lake, and Lake Hayward.

**CONNECTICUT RIVER – CARP** are being caught on a variety of store bought and homemade baits. Fish over 28 lbs have come to net recently. One angler brought over 20 fish in from his “swim” this past weekend. Give these tanks a try and you'll be amazed by their stamina. **CATFISH** action is good (some over 8 lbs), try the Haddam – Portland stretch. Try frozen herring & cut/chunk bait (sunfish & eels). Target 10-30 feet of water near structures on the outside of bends. **NORTHERN PIKE** fishing is fair, best action reported from coves, Haddam area and Chapmans Pond. **LARGEMOUTH BASS** are providing some action, best in coves and backwaters from Wethersfield down to the Salmon River/Chapmans Pond area. **SMALLMOUTH BASS** are being found above Hartford in the Enfield area and at the confluence with the Farmington River. Smallies are also providing some action along the river below Hartford. A few **STRIPED BASS** are still being found at the mouth (most were “schoolie” sized fish).

## TROUT

**Rivers & streams** - Anglers and trout continue to be challenged by very warm weather. Recent rains have at least temporarily improved flows in many areas. Early and late in the day are the best fishing times during the summer. Try targeting areas of cooler waters to reduce stress on fish. Rainbow trout can be found in the fast water and brown trout will typically be in the larger, deeper pools. Bait fisherman are using a corn/mealworm combination.

**Farmington River** – Trout fishing is good to very good. West Branch flows are clear and very fishable, currently 210 at Riverton, plus an additional 30 cfs from the Still River.

*Ephemerella needhami* (hatch just started, #22-26, early morning; 9:00am), *Isonychia bicolor*, (#8-12, evening), Light Cahill, (*Stenonema ithaca*, #14, evening), Blue Wing Olives (#16-18 (*Drunella lata*) & #20-24, (*D. cornuta* & *cornutella*), cloudy days, mid-late afternoon), Sulphurs, (*Epeorus vitreus* duns #14-16, afternoon to early evening for spinners), Caddis (tan #12-18, all day; green #22-26, evening) and Midges (#22-28, morning) are successful patterns. Ants, beetles and Midges have been good throughout the day. Good success has been found below the surface on nymphs, wets and streamers. Try bottom bouncing caddis pupa.

**Housatonic River** – Although still low, recent rains have somewhat improved flows, which currently are 220 cfs at Falls Village and 350 cfs at Gaylordsville. Morning water temperatures continue to be in the mid 70's°F (and rising through the day). Summer conditions can be very stressful to trout, and with this summer's high temperatures and low flows, **it's an excellent time to switch to smallmouth bass (these conditions are near ideal for smallie fishing). Those targeting trout need to take extreme care when handling trout they plan to release!**

Although temperatures here are generally too warm for good trout fishing, the current patterns anglers can try include Alder/Zebra Caddis (*Macrostemum zebratum*, action slowing, #10-12, afternoon-evening near overhangs), Sulphurs (#14-18, evening), Blue Wing Olive (#18-20, early morning; spinner fall in evening), *Isonychia* sps. (#10-12 evening), Light Cahill (#12-14, evening), and Tan & Green caddis (#14-16, early morning & evening). Ants & Beetles (#14-18) are contributing well throughout the day. Don't forget streamers (morning & evening). Patterns to try include White Zonkers, Woolly Buggers, Muddlers, Micky Finn and Grey or Black Ghosts (#4-10).

**Anglers are reminded that the thermal refuge areas on the Housatonic, Naugatuck and Shetucket Rivers are now closed to fishing. 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-** Good summertime trout fishing reported from Crystal Lake (Ellington), Highland Lake, East Twin Lake, West Hill Pond (target 5 colors), Beach Pond, Long Pond, Mohawk Pond, Lake Wononskopomuc and Tyler Lake (a 5 lb brown among the catches).

#### NOTES & NOTICES:

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- The **Bayberry Lane State Boat Launch** Groton will be closed for renovations from August 2<sup>nd</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>.

## **TIPS & TRICKS- CARP**

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- Locate the fish before choosing a spot.
  - Use fishmeal-based boilies during the summer, and autumn, try 50/50 mixes or bird food during winter and spring.
  - Carp are attracted to rock salt in bait.
  - Try adding chilies to some particle baits. Carp seem to love that hot "kick" from those spices.
  - When the water is cold, cast the rigs more frequently, and target more areas.
  - Use different sizes of pellets.
  - Add high sources of vitamin C (orange juice) to your bait.
  - Far too many carp are caught on round baits. Square up the bait with small scissors.
  - Try crumbling a multi-vitamin pill into your method mix.
  - If you're fishing new water, try using brightly colored bait with attractant smells.
  - Try to get carp competing for the bait. When carp compete they lower their guard and are easier to catch.
  - In the winter, try fishing the silt areas at the bottom of gravel bars.
  - Always use good quality bait for big carp.
  - If you're catching carp place your rigs in the same spot every time you cast.
  - Tiny seeds used in any bait mix can help hold carp in an area longer.
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## MARINE FISHING REPORT



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Surface water temperatures in Long Island Sound (LIS) are in the low to mid 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://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 is fair to good. Dusk through dawn is the time to go, especially for that big cow striper. Live lining menhaden (bunker), eels, scup or hickory shad on three way rigs is the way to go. Also, the tube and worm combination and buck tail jigs baited with a pork rind or a squid strip bounced on the bottom will work. Fishing spots include the Watch Hill area, 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, warm water discharge from Millstone Power Station, the "humps" south of 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, Cable and Anchor Reef, Smith Reef and the reefs off Stamford and Greenwich. **SNAPPER BLUE** fishing is improving in the tidal creeks.

**SUMMER FLOUNDER** fishing remains fair. You may have to release a share of sub-legal flatties before landing that keeper doormat. Fluking locations include the Sandy Point area in Stonington, Stonington flats south of the breakwaters, Ram Island Reef to Latimer Point (Fishers Island Sound), south side of Fishers Island, Twotree Island Channel, Niantic River, Black Point, White Sands Beach, Long Sand Shoal, Southwest Reef area, Falkner Island area, south of the New Haven breakwaters, the Norwalk Islands.

**SCUP (porgy)** fishing still remains in the spotlight! Big porgies (14 to 17 inches in length!) can be had on any of the reefs and rock piles throughout LIS. So, it is time to unthaw that squid in the bait freezer and bring out the scup rigs! If you don't get a hit in less than 30 seconds once your rig hits the bottom it is time to move or recast. When located, scup fishing is nonstop action. Try to time the tide around an hour or two before and after slack tide.

**BLUE CRABBING** is getting better every day in the tidal creeks and rivers.

**For regulation updates and fishing/crabbng information, please check out our web site at:**

[www.ct.gov/dep](http://www.ct.gov/dep) or pick up the 2010 Angler's Guide.



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