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Redbreast sunfish (*Lepomis auritus*)

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INLAND REPORT

LARGEMOUTH BASS fishing is generally reported as good (with a few tough spots). Night fishing is productive. Try black jitterbugs and surface poppers. Places to try include Lake McDonough, West Hill Pond, East Twin Lake, Gardner Lake, Pickerel Lake, Beseck Lake, Amos Lake, Beach Pond, Highland Lake, Seymour Reservoir #4, Crystal Lake, Mudge Pond, West Side Pond, Tyler Lake, Mansfield Hollow Reservoir, Dog Pond, Hatch Pond, Park Pond, Lake Wononskopomuc, Lake Saltonstall, Bishop Swamp, Winchester Lake, Congamond Lakes, Quinebaug Pond, Coventry Lake, Black Pond (Meriden), Burr Pond, Griggs Pond, Anderson Pond, Billings Lake, Moodus Reservoir, Aspinook Pond, Babcock Pond, Pachaug Pond, Lake Hayward, Quonnipaug Lake, Rogers Lake and Stillwater Pond. **Tournament angler** reports are from Aspinook Pond (fair action, but mostly 1-1.25 lb fish and a 3.25 lb lunker), Mansfield Hollow Reservoir (fair, with 3.27 lb and 3.09 lb lunker), Powers Lake ("tough day", legal-size fish were hard to find, with a 0.96 lb lunker), Quaddick Lake (very good action, with a 6.1 lb lunker caught by Jeremy Sadowski of Voluntown), Rogers Lake (fair to good, 4.81 lb lunker), and Candlewood Lake (fair for largemouth, 5.88 lb, 5.48 lb and 5.25 lb lunkers).

SMALLMOUTH BASS. Catches reported from Candlewood Lake, Housatonic River (Upper), Naugatuck River, Lake McDonough, Lake Zoar and Lake Lillinonah. Housatonic River smallmouth fishing has been good. **Tournament angler** reports are from Aspinook Pond (not many, but a 3.25 lb lunker) and Candlewood Lake (still not easy to find many, 4.84 lb and 3.19 lb lunkers).

THIS SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, is a

FREE FISHING LICENSE DAY

The second 2015 Free Fishing License Day is this Saturday, **August 15, 2015** (and also the day of the NCLI/DEEP CARE program Saltwater fishing event at Fort Trumbull State Park – see page 7 for more information on this event). **Anyone can obtain a free one-day fishing license to fish this day.**

The free 1-day license for fishing on August 15, 2015 is now available. They can be obtained through our convenient online system at www.ct.gov/deep/sportsmenlicensing (now mobile friendly!) and at the same vendors Designated vendor (tackle shop), Town Halls and DEEP offices where other licenses are available (DEEP Offices).

CARP were caught in Lake Zoar, including a very nice "Mirror Carp".

KOKANEE SALMON catches were reported from East Twin Lake (early morning) and West Hill Pond (early night fishing with corn, south end). Target 30-35 feet with down riggers on beads.

NORTHERN PIKE fishing success is reported from Winchester Lake and Bantam Lake.

CATFISH – Good fishing may be found at a number of locations including Keeney Park Pond (Hartford), Black Pond (Middlefield), Mirror Lake (Meriden), Wauregan Reservoir (Killingly), Stanley Quarter Pond (New Britain), Spaulding Pond (Norwich) and Silver Lake (Meriden).

PANFISH has been excellent this season so far. For some great summer time fun try shore fishing in shallow areas. This simple and inexpensive method is the best way to get into them, small grubs, worms or shiners and bobber will put fish in your creel. Both small local ponds and larger waters work great. Areas reporting action include Tyler Lake, Lake Hayward, Keney Park Pond, Morey Pond, Peck Pond, Black Rock State Park Pond, West Side Pond, Dog Pond and Zeiner Pond.

TROUT-*LAKES & PONDS* - Some lakes are still producing good fishing, with reports from Lake McDonough (15 trout for one boat, orange/silver Flash Kings at 7 colors, near outlet), Colebrook Reservoir (25 feet), East Twin Lake (Thinfish Copper; Mooselook Wobbler blue/silver at 30 feet), Beach Pond (Kobra 114, 18 or 5, rigger at 23' feet), Long Pond (streamers), West Hill Pond (south end), Crystal Lake (Ellington, at 7-8 colors, 40 feet of water) and Highland Lake (second bay, 25-30 feet).

TROUT- *RIVERS & STREAMS* - Conditions should be fair again this weekend. This week's rain refreshed streams throughout the state (although flows in much of eastern CT still remain below typical mid-August levels – *see stream flow graphic on page 4*). However, the moderate weather disappears as a heat wave is in the forecast for the latter part of the weekend and early next week. Fishing mornings and early evenings is still producing some nice action, with good reports from the West Branch Farmington River and the Housatonic River TMA.

Attention:
OUTDOOR GROUPS/CLUBS/BUSINESSES.

The upcoming **Hunting and Fishing Day**, September 26, 2015 is from 10 am to 4 pm at Sessions Woods Wildlife Management area and DEEP would like to invite you to attend.

There is no charge for the event and you can showcase your group/business/organization with a tabletop display.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Laurie Fortin at laurie.fortin@ct.gov.

For more information on the event go to: www.ct.gov/deep/huntfishday.

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. Additionally, a thermal refuge has been established on the Salmon River in East Haddam, located around a spring entering the Salmon River approximately 220 feet south of the unused paved boat launch at the state-owned property formerly known as the Sunrise Resort off of Route 151. The refuge includes all water within 100 feet from the end of the pipe as posted. The Salmon River refuge will be closed to fishing and access through September 15.

Farmington River - Fishing has been good on the West Branch and conditions should be good for the weekend. Water temperatures are in the mid 60's°F (and rising in the afternoon). Flows are clear and moderate (currently 259 cfs at Riverton, with the Still River adding an additional 30 cfs). These flow conditions warrant the use of an 8 foot 6 inch fly rod balanced for 5 weight line with a 9 foot leader and a 6X tippet.

Hatches/patterns 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, mid day), Flying Ants (#18-22, mid day, when windy/humid), Stone Hopper (#8-12, mid-day), White Flies (#12-14) and Golden Drake (*Anthopotamus distinctus*, #10-14, late evening).

Housatonic River – Fishing has been good, and conditions for the weekend should be fairly good. Flows are clear, have been refreshed thanks to this week's rain, and remain great for fishing (currently 598 cfs at Falls Village and 761 cfs at Gaylordsville). Morning water temperatures are currently in the low 60's °F (rising into the 70's °F as the day progresses).

The White Fly (*Ephoron leukon*) hatch is still hanging on. You really don't want to miss this one. Use a White Wulff (#8-12). Other insect activity includes Light Cahill (#12-14, evening), Isonychia (#10-12), Sulfur (#16-18) and Black caddis (#14-18, early morning & evening). Midges (#20-24) and stoneflies are at the mouths of streams, golden stonefly nymphs hatch at first light and adults egg-lay after dark. Don't forget streamers (morning & evening). Patterns to try include White Zonkers, Wooly Buggers, Muddlers, Micky Finn, Grey or Black Ghosts (#4-10). Also try brown crayfish like streamers, they are effective right now.

ATTENTION FARMINGTON RIVER USERS.

Is that "didymo" that you may have seen on rocks in the river this summer?

Not exactly –But close. It's *Cymbella janischii* (another diatom).

Cymbella janischii is currently blooming in the West Branch Farmington River in the town of Barkhamsted. *Cymbella janischi*i is related to Didymo and forms thick mats (2-4 inches thick) that can cover the substrate. *Cymbella janischii* closely resembles Didymo in that it to produces long thin stalks and is commonly lumped as a "rock snot". To the naked eye, these stalks look light grey, fluffy, and some may form longer "tail-like" strands.

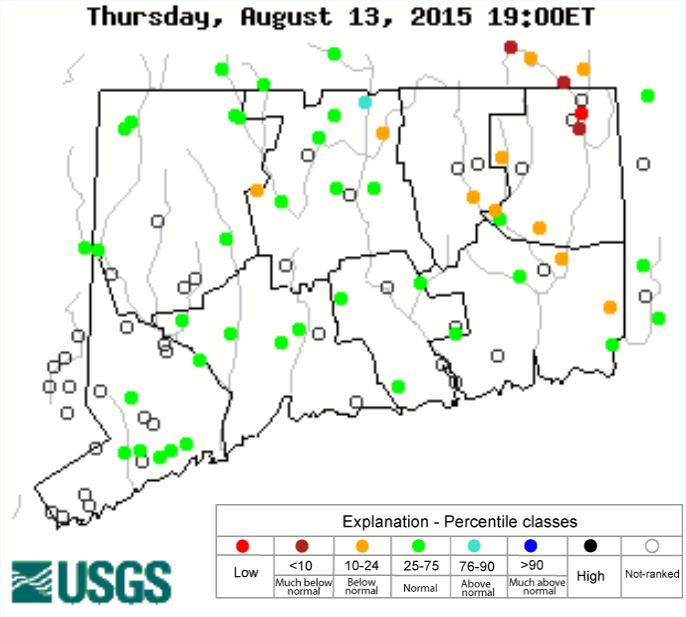
Anglers and all users of the river are urged to follow check, clean, dry methods to reduce the transport of *Cymbella janischii* (and all potential non-native species) from the West Branch Farmington to other waters around the state.

Cymbella janischii is endemic to the Pacific Northwest, where it can also form thick mats, and prior to its discovery in the West Branch Farmington River in 2012, had not been reported east of the Rocky Mountains.

CONNECTICUT RIVER

Flows are up a bit, and turbidity has increased some, but the river remains comfortable for boating and fishing. **LARGEMOUTH BASS** are being taken in the coves in the mid to lower river. Last week, **SMALLMOUTH BASS** were caught in the northern river (Windsor & Enfield area). Small to medium size bait were working well. Try 3-4 inch rubber worms on 3/8 ounce football jigs or 2.5 inch paddle tail worms. Surface poppers in that size range can also be effective. **CARP** are being caught in the upper and lower river on pre-baited 'swims'. Anglers are finding **CATFISH** by night angling in the Hartford to Middletown stretch. Try from just north of Hartford on downstream, fish the outside bends (deep holes are producing as well, try cut bait).

Stream flow conditions as of 8/13/2015



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".*

LAKE & POND BATHYMETRIC MAPS

Bathymetric maps of many of Connecticut's public access lakes and ponds can be found online at:

www.ct.gov/deep/lib/deep/fishing/general_information/lakebathymetrymaps.pdf

Both plain line maps and maps overlaying an aerial photo available.

NOTES & NOTICES:

BASHAN LAKE (drawdown). Bashan Lake remains drawn down (slow refill has begun – lake currently down approximately 10 feet) following dam repairs and the state boat launch is closed.

CANDLEWOOD LAKE (boat race). CLA will be holding its annual "***Dragon Boat Races***" on Saturday, August 15 from 7 am to 5 pm in the upper end of the New Milford arm (Lynn Deming Town Park). This area will be congested with participants and spectators.

CONNECTICUT RIVER (Hartford, boat race). Riverfront Recapture will be holding its annual "***Dragon Boat Races***" on Saturday, August 15 (8 am – 4 pm) and Sunday, August 16 (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.

COVENTRY LAKE (waterski event). A Waterski Exhibition will be held Sunday, August 16 from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm in the area just to the west (in front of) the state boat launch. The launch will remain open for use by the public and a lane will available to pass by the water ski area. Boaters should use caution in this area.

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

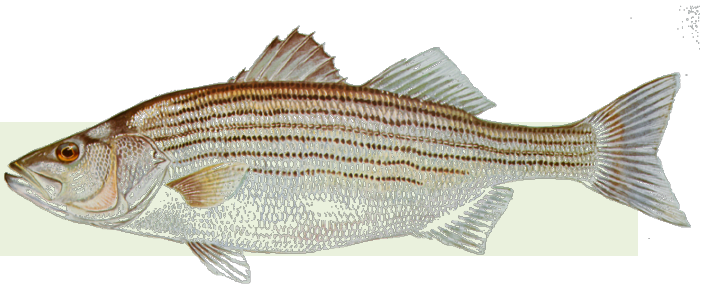
For more information including precautions that should be taken to prevent the spread of zebra mussels to additional waters, visit www.ct.gov/deep/invasivespecies or the Aquatic Invasive species section of the 2015 CT angler's Guide(www.ct.gov/deep/anglersguide).

REMINDER TO ANGLERS-

FISHING IN OR CASTING INTO PERMITTED SWIM AREAS IS PROHIBITED.

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

MARINE FISHING REPORT



Surface water temperatures in Long Island Sound (LIS) continue in the mid 70's ^{0}F. Check out the following web sites for more detailed water temperatures and marine boating conditions:

http://www.mysound.uconn.edu/stationstat.html
http://www.ndbc.noaa.gov/
http://marine.rutgers.edu/mrs/sat_data/?nothumbs=1
http://www.wunderground.com/MAR/AN/330.html

STRIPED BASS fishing should be good (especially at night) around this weekend's NEW moon. Fishing continues to be very good in the lower tidal rivers (CT and Thames River) especially at dawn as these large bass feed on menhaden during low light conditions. Three 50 inch striped bass were caught last week from Westbrook to West Haven (all were released). Fishing from sundown to sunrise for trophy-sized "cow" stripers is your best bet this time of the year. Casting swimming lures, surface poppers, and bouncing jigs off the bottom in the shallows at low light has been productive. Also, live lining bunker (Atlantic menhaden), hickory shad or scup on the reefs has been effective on "cow" bass. Bunker (Atlantic menhaden) schools are in the major tidal rivers and harbors with stripers following close behind. Look for hovering or diving ospreys which is an indication of bunker (menhaden) schools. The usual 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, West Haven 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. **Please use circle hooks when fishing with bait (prevent gut hooking) and practice catch and release when possible**.

Saltwater Fishing at Fort Trumbull

Saltwater Fishing Event: Our annual CARE and No Child Left Inside Summer Fishing Event will be held on Saturday, August 15, 2015 (coinciding with free fishing license day- see below). The event will be at Fort Trumbull State Park from 10 am to 3 pm. Feel free to bring your own fishing gear or you can borrow ours. We will have bait too! A great time will be had by all.

Youth Fishing Passport holders- bring your 2015 passport to be entered into our drawing for a cool fishing related prize!

BLUEFISH fishing is very good in the eastern and central sound (Southwest Reef), slower in the western sound, where a pod of adult bottlenose dolphins have been spotted feeding on menhaden. Fish finder

rigs baited with fresh bunker chunks has been effective for larger choppers. 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 is fair at best in the tidal creeks and rivers. A slow start to the season. Fishing around the top of the flood tide has been better. Snappers are also small for this time of the year (3-5 inches in length). Look for the schools of "peanut" bunker and you will find the snappers. Hopefully, things will pick up as they get larger.

SUMMER FLOUNDER (fluke) fishing has really picked up over this past two weeks with doormats weighing 10 lbs being reported. Using live snapper blues or peanut bunker for bait is the ticket for catching that trophy doormat! 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, Two Tree 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 18 inches and the daily creel limit is 5 fish per person. **Note:** New York has the same summer flounder regulations as Connecticut. **However, Rhode Island is open with an 18 inch minimum length and an 8 fish daily creel limit. Since Rhode Island has a higher daily creel limit than Connecticut and New York please make sure you abide by the state with the most restrictive regulation when crossing (by boat) state boundaries**.

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 60 of the 2015 CT Angler's Guide for CT tide information.

SCUP (porgy) fishing is awesome…they are everywhere. "**Reef Slammers**" measuring 14-18.5 inches ("hubcap size") in length continue to be reported at fishing piers, reef or rock piles in the Sound. Seriously, they are everywhere and easy to catch…go out enjoy the fast paced family fun action. Try Gardners Island, Milford (Charles Island), Montauk and Niantic, Millstone, Two Tree island, (Bartletts and Hatchetts Reef). Porgy fishing has also been reported at these very accessible shore fishing locations: **Saint Mary's by the Sea**, Calf Pasture beach, Jennings and Penfield beach, Seaside Park, (Milford), Bradley Point Park (West Haven), New Haven, **Harkness State Park**, Rocky Neck State Park, **Kimberley Reef (Guilford)**, Meigs Point Hammonassett State Park and **Fort Trumbull State Park**. Locate your favorite Enhanced Shore Fishing Opportunities for these excellent eating and fun catching "Reef Slammers". These "Panfish of the Sea" are easily caught on sandworms/cut squid/conch or any other small piece of bait. Contact your local bait and tackleshop for updated fishing information (see page 14 of the 2015 CT Angler's Guide).

BLACK SEA BASS fishing continues to be fantastic…throughout the Sound. What a fishery! The hot spots continues to be **The Race** during slack tide/**Lower Thames River Reefs/Goshen Reef/Falkner Island/Guilford/Branford Beacon/Middle Ground/Stratford Shoal**. Fishing over deep water structure/cobble/gravel in 80 to 120 ft around slack tide will produce some trophy-sized "humpbacks on baited jigs or gulp. It's important to continue to move from structure to structure and fish around slack tide (stay close to the bottom) to find these beautiful and awesome eating fish. Remember, **CT Black Sea Bass regulations are as follows…14 inch min. length, 3 fish daily limit from June 1st to August 31**

and a five fish daily limit from September 1 to December 31st. Berkely Gulp swimming mullet (green or white) on a spro jig and squid with a spinner above works great for these tasty "Bucketmouths".

BLACKFISH (TAUTOG) fishing is really good…give it a try before the season closes on September 1 (reopens October 10). There are plenty of these "**Reef Bullies**" around the local reefs and pilings (8 to 35 feet). 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. **Anglers please note: CTDEEP and Marine Fishing Clubs have been tagging blackfish with yellow American Littoral Society Tags to determine their movements and growth rates**. This critical biological information will help us understand and manage this important resident species to Long Island Sound. Please record Tag Number, Location (Lat/Long), Length and weight of Blackfish and Date of Capture. www.littoralsociety.org 18 Hartshorne Dr., Ste.1, Highlands New Jersey 07732. Thank you very much for your cooperation and participating in Marine Fisheries Management.

STRIPED SEAROBIN fishing is steady 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. With fish measuring over 23 inches and "barking up a storm" (grunting noise they make). They love sandworms, squid and any live or dead bait. They are also very good to eat.

HICKORY SHAD fishing is slowly improving. Try the Black Hall River, Niantic River, lower Connecticut River by the DEEP Marine Headquarters fishing pier, Clinton Harbor and the lower Housatonic River. Incoming tide is the key…as this species migrates a lot. These "CT Tarpon" providing outstanding/fun shore fishing for anglers. **Tie on a silver willowleaf lure or a small chartreuse jig (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.

WHITE PERCH fishing continues to be a good alternative when shore fishing for bass/blues or hickory shad. 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), upper 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, Hamburg Cove and Housatonic River. **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…just scoop them up and put them on a small hook.

BLUE CRAB fishing is slowly improving in the tidal creeks. It's been a slow year. Now is time to get out, try your favorite spot, enjoy the scenery (weather) and catch some crabs for dinner (crab cakes/sauce). **Remember…all egg bearing females must be released with unavoidable harm. Minimum carapace length is 5 inches for a hard shell crab**. Please contact your local bait and tackle shop for

BRACKISH WATER & SEA TURTLE INFORMATION

- Link to IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON SEA TURTLES
- NORTHERN DIAMONDBACK TERRAPIN TURTLE – Many shore anglers fishing in the lower Connecticut and Housatonic Rivers and other estuaries are encountering these beautiful brackish water turtles while fishing. They will frequently feed on fishermen's live or dead bait when bottom fishing. They are a protected species with very low abundance. Please take great care (use needle nose pliers) when removing the hook and release the turtle with unavoidable harm. Terrapins have a long lifespan of about 25 to 40 years.

most updated information (local hot spots), legal crab traps and bait to use for your fun-filled crabbing. 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 (along with a long handle net) is the preferred method to capture these tasty crabs**.

SHARK SPECIES YOU MAY ENCOUNTER IN COASTAL WATERS OF CONNECTICUT: Although you might catch Sand Tiger and Sandbar (Brown) Sharks, they are both protected prohibited species and must be released unharmed. **IF YOU DON'T KNOW, PLEASE LET IT GO!** Coastal shark information.

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NOTABLE CATCHES:

species	*Length (inches)*	*Weight (lbs)*	*name*
Black Sea Bass	23.5	5.3	Tobey Sweet
Bluefish	32	12.11	Jack Wallace
Bluefish	37	14.7	John Almquist
Scup	16	2.6	Lindsey Puglise
Scup	16.5	2.1	Leo Graywacz
Striped Sea Robin	23.5	4.5	Marina Molnar

For ***Current Connecticut Recreational Fishing Regulations:*** *Anglers should consult the 2015 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 can all be accessed on the DEEP website at:* www.ct.gov/deep/fishing.

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