

ATLANTIC SALMON OPEN SEASON, DAILY CREEL LIMIT, MINIMUM LENGTH AND METHOD OF TAKING

Under the authority of Section 26-112 of the Connecticut General Statutes and Section 26-112-45(c) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, I hereby declare open fishing seasons, daily creel limits, minimum lengths and legal methods for taking Atlantic salmon in the following stream sections and lakes: that portion of the Naugatuck River extending from the confluence of the East and West Branches of the Naugatuck River (Torrington) downstream to its confluence with the Housatonic River; that portion of the Housatonic River extending from the Derby Dam (Derby-Shelton) downstream to its confluence with Long Island Sound (Stratford-Milford); and that portion of the Shetucket River extending from the Scotland Dam (Windham) downstream to the Water Street Bridge (Norwich); Beach Pond (Voluntown), Crystal Lake (Ellington, Stafford), Long Pond (Ledyard, North Stonington), Mashapaug Lake (Union) and Mount Tom Pond (Morris, Litchfield, Washington). The taking of Atlantic salmon remains prohibited in all other areas of the State of Connecticut.

The open seasons and daily creel limits for Atlantic salmon in open areas of the Naugatuck River, Housatonic River, and Shetucket River will be as follows:

- (1) From 6:00 AM on September 1, 2015, through November 30, 2015, inclusive, angling will be restricted to catch-and-release only in all areas. The daily creel limit is zero and all Atlantic salmon shall be immediately returned, without avoidable injury, to the waters from which taken.
- (2) From December 1, 2015, through March 31, 2016, inclusive, the daily creel limit for Atlantic salmon is one.
- (3) From April 1, 2016, to 6:00 AM on April 9, 2016, inclusive, the fishing season for Atlantic salmon is closed.
- (4) From 6:00 AM on April 9, 2016 through August 31, 2016, inclusive, the daily creel limit for Atlantic salmon is one.

The open seasons and daily creel limits for Atlantic salmon in Beach Pond, Long Pond (Ledyard, North Stonington), Mashapaug Lake and Mount Tom Pond will be as follows:

- (1) From 6:00 AM on September 1, 2015, through February 29, 2016, inclusive, the daily creel

limit for Atlantic salmon is one.

- (2) From March 1, 2016, to 6:00 AM on April 9, 2016, inclusive, the fishing season for Atlantic salmon is closed.
- (3) From 6:00 AM on April 9, 2016 through August 31, 2016, inclusive, the daily creel limit for Atlantic salmon is one.

The open seasons and daily creel limits for Atlantic salmon in Crystal Lake will be as follows:

- (1) From 6:00 AM on September 1, 2015, through March 31, 2016, inclusive, the daily creel limit for Atlantic salmon is one.
- (2) From April 1, 2016, to 6:00 AM on April 9, 2016, inclusive, the fishing season for Atlantic salmon is closed.
- (3) From 6:00 AM on April 9, 2016 through August 31, 2016, inclusive, the daily creel limit for Atlantic salmon is one.

There shall be no minimum length for Atlantic salmon in all areas open to the taking of Atlantic salmon, except for Crystal Lake, where the minimum length for Atlantic salmon is sixteen inches.

During the open season, the legal method for taking Atlantic salmon in open areas of the Naugatuck River, Housatonic River, and Shetucket River is limited to angling using a single fly, or an artificial lure with a single free swinging hook. Additional weight may not be added to the line.

During the open season, the legal methods for taking Atlantic salmon in Beach Pond, Crystal Lake, Long Pond, Mashapaug Lake and Mount Tom Pond are limited to angling and ice fishing.

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Date



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