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Cover: Trout stocking to support recreational fishing is one of the top priorities of the Fisheries Division. As one of the most popular sport fish, trout produced from our hatchery system, provided hundreds of thousands of hours of quality fishing. Matt Devine, Fish Management Program Stocking Coordinator, is pictured stocking the Willimantic River.

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INTRODUCTION

Recreational fishing is a healthy outdoor experience that is important to the quality of life for many of Connecticut's residents and is beneficial to the state's economy. With millions of fishing days enjoyed by adult anglers annually in Connecticut, the benefit to our economy is estimated to be approximately \$657.1 million dollars per year¹. Two priorities of the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's (DEEP) Fisheries Division are to conserve fish populations and provide equitable access to a diverse set of fishing opportunities.



To support high-quality fishing experiences or to accelerate the pace of restoration, the State of Connecticut stocks fish that are raised at one of three [State fish hatcheries](#) or in managed marshes, purchased with [Federal Sportfish Restoration](#) (SFR) funds, or captured during upstream migration. Currently, Brown Trout, Brook Trout, Rainbow Trout, Tiger Trout, Atlantic Salmon and Kokanee Salmon (a landlocked form of the anadromous Pacific Sockeye Salmon) are raised at one or more of the three State fish hatcheries. Other stocked species include Northern Pike (spawned in managed marshes and purchased from commercial vendors with SFR funds), Walleye and Channel Catfish (purchased from commercial vendors with SFR funds and/or State funds), and American Shad, Alewife, and Sea Lamprey (captured as they migrate into freshwater to spawn).



Connecticut's Stocked Fish:

TROUT: The Fisheries Division stocks trout into waters that have suitable habitat and are [open to public fishing](#). In general, the Fisheries Division stocks hundreds of thousands of catchable sized trout each year into approximately 150 rivers/streams and 100 lakes/ponds. Catchable sized trout can be adult (9-12 inches), "specialty" trout (12-14-inch range), or broodstock (weighing 2-10 pounds or more). In addition, tens of thousands more are stocked as yearlings (5-6 inches).

Quality trout fishing is available year-round in Connecticut. Trout distribution (stocking) generally begins in late February and continues until mid-May.



More than half the year's trout are stocked in their respective waters prior to the start of the "Catch and Keep" season (second Saturday of April). A subset of waters (including a number of Trout Management Areas) are stocked in September and October to enhance fall and winter trout fishing.

Innovative fish management tools such as minimum lengths, reduced creel limits, catch-and-release only areas and wild trout management areas are used to enhance angler opportunities in selected waters. Although these special management areas ([Trout Parks](#), [Trophy Trout Areas](#), [Trout Management Areas](#), [Trout Management Lakes](#) and [Wild Trout Management Areas](#)) are perhaps the most noticeable and popular trout fishing areas, two-thirds of the catchable-sized trout stocked in Connecticut are released into areas with no special management or regulations (where statewide regulations apply). [Maps](#)

¹ [Economic Contributions of Recreational Fishing](#), American Sportfishing Association by Southwick Associates, January 2019. [CT Summary](#).

[displaying stocking points](#) are available for over 200 locations on the DEEP web page.

KOKANEE: [Kokanee](#) are a land-locked form of the Pacific Sockeye Salmon first introduced to Connecticut in the 1930's. The Fisheries Division currently maintains a [Kokanee fishery](#) in West Hill Pond (New Hartford/Barkhamsted) and [East Twin Lake](#) (Salisbury). Each fall mature Kokanee are trap-netted and transported to the [Burlington State Fish Hatchery](#) for spawning. The eggs are incubated and after they hatch are reared until the fry are stocked in the spring. Fry surplus to the needs of West Hill and East Twin Lake are stocked in either Wononskopomuc (Salisbury) or Beach Pond (Voluntown/Exeter, RI) or both.



NORTHERN PIKE: [Northern Pike fisheries](#) are developed and maintained by stocking fingerlings (3 - 8") that are raised in managed marshes located in Haddam and Mansfield. Northern Pike fry growth and survival are maximized by managing the water level, vegetation type and by limiting predatory fish species. Within a few months, fingerlings are captured by lowering the water level in each of the marshes. In addition, the Fisheries Division purchases young Northern Pike from a commercial hatchery. The Fisheries Division has authorized the Lake Lillinonah Authority to stock yearlings in Lake Lillinonah.



WALLEYE: DEEP began to develop [Walleye fisheries](#) in 1993, which are supported through annual stockings of 4 - 6 inch fingerlings purchased using Federal Sportfish Restoration Funds. Walleye are stocked at rates of 8-15 fish per acre in each lake. The developing fishery in each lake is evaluated by monitoring the growth and abundance of Walleye and other fish species and by measuring angler effort and fishing success. In addition

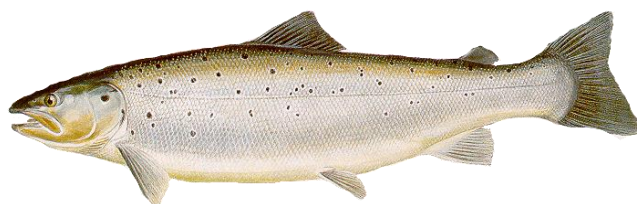
to fish purchased and stocked by DEEP, the South Central CT Regional Water Authority, Aquarion Water Company, and Town of East Hampton may also purchase Walleye with their own funds to stock into water company property waters and Lake Pocotopaug respectively.



CHANNEL CATFISH: Expanding upon the popularity of the [Channel Catfish fishery](#) in the Connecticut River and privately owned waters stocked by individuals, the Fisheries Division began stocking Channel Catfish in 2007. The Fisheries Division currently stocks Channel Catfish to provide a high-quality year-round fishery in select community fishing waters, which are in areas with high population density.



ATLANTIC SALMON: From 1992 to 2013, the Fisheries Division annually stocked over one million juvenile salmon (fry, parr, and smolts) as part of a multi-state and Federal effort to restore Atlantic Salmon to the Connecticut River watershed. The Federal effort concluded in 2013, however, the Fisheries Division still maintains salmon at the [Kensington State Fish Hatchery](#) to preserve the genetic integrity of the Connecticut River strain.



The Fisheries Division plans to stock approximately one hundred thousand newly hatched salmon fry into selected streams within the Farmington and Salmon River watersheds annually as part of a Legacy Program to ensure the continued presence of Atlantic Salmon in Connecticut. It is important to note that any juvenile or adult salmon occurring within the Farmington River, Salmon River, or anywhere else in the Connecticut River watershed are a result of these stockings. All salmon caught in these waters must be released immediately without avoidable injury.

To support the unique Atlantic Salmon recreational fishery that has been established in the State in the Shetucket River, Naugatuck River, and select lakes, the Fisheries Division is specifically producing about 1,000-1,200, 2-3 year old fish (average weight of 2-5 pounds) to stock in [Atlantic Salmon Management Areas](#). An additional 200-250 large (average weight of 10-15 pounds) Atlantic salmon are

stocked for recreational fishing after being spawned. Salmon are stocked into sections of the Naugatuck and Shetucket Rivers and selected lakes each fall. Harvest is allowed in these areas, refer to the [Connecticut Fishing Guide](#) for details.

ANADROMOUS SPECIES RESTORATION AND ENHANCEMENT: DEEP is actively working to restore and enhance anadromous American Shad, Alewife and Sea Lamprey runs in Connecticut by removing obsolete dams, building fishways that allow fish to migrate past remaining dams, and transplanting pre-spawn adults from streams with healthy runs to targeted rivers having suitable habitat and water quality. Donor sites for these species include Bride Brook, for Alewife, and the Holyoke Dam fish lift on the Connecticut River in Massachusetts for American Shad and Sea Lamprey. These fish are trucked to streams targeted for restoration and released to reproduce naturally.



American Shad



Alewife



Sea Lamprey

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DEEP State Fish Hatcheries: The Fisheries Division manages three fish hatcheries, Burlington State Fish Hatchery (Burlington), Quinebaug Valley State Trout Hatchery (Plainfield), and Kensington State Fish Hatchery (Berlin). The staff at these hatcheries are charged with hatching, rearing, and distributing over 500,000 catchable trout and salmon and 300,000 fry, fingerlings, and eggs to support various Fisheries Division management goals. These three fish hatcheries produce all the trout and salmon stocked by the Fisheries Division.

Connecticut's state fish hatcheries have four key fish rearing areas, a hatch house (for hatching eggs and rearing the fry and fingerlings), intermediate tanks (fish 3-6 inches), final tanks (6-12 inches and 12+ inch specialty fish) and broodstock tanks (hold large fish that provide the eggs and milt [sperm] for production of future generations of stocked trout).

Burlington State Fish Hatchery

Address: 34 Belden Rd, Burlington, CT 06013

Hours: 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

Tours: Self-guided or by reservation

Phone: 860-673-2340



The [Burlington State Fish Hatchery](#) was constructed in 1923, making it our oldest operational fish hatchery. One of the many types of fish cultured at this hatchery is the “[survivor](#)” strain of Brown Trout. The idea behind the “survivor” program is to produce hatchery fish that more closely mimic the behavior of wild trout, are more temperature tolerant, have better avian predator avoidance, and will be able to reproduce successfully on their own. Fisheries Division staff collect potential broodstock from the West Branch Farmington River each fall and transfer these fish to the Burlington State Fish Hatchery. After spawning, the adults are returned to the river and their offspring raised and stocked approximately one year later. While research continues on the effectiveness of the program, the program has been successful as there were very few “wild” Brown Trout in the West Branch Farmington River prior to these efforts and now wild Brown Trout catches are commonplace. In addition, work conducted in the Housatonic River shows that “survivors” may indeed be more fit than the domestic Cortland strain stocked by the state. The Burlington State Fish Hatchery is the only State hatchery that rears [Kokanee](#) fry.

Quinebaug Valley State Trout Hatchery

Address: 141 Trout Hatchery Rd, Central Village, CT 06332

Hours: 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

Tours: Self-guided in the visitor's center (the hatchery itself is not open to the public).

Phone: 860-564-7542

The [Quinebaug Valley State Trout Hatchery](#) is one of the largest trout production facilities on the East Coast. Built in 1971 at a cost of 2.5 million dollars and renovated in the mid 1990's, the hatchery is supplied by 11 wells that each produce 50-500 gallons per minute (gpm) and water recirculation pumps to provides another 1,000 gpm. This quantity of water allows the facility to produce an estimated 380,000 pounds of trout for distribution throughout public waterways in Connecticut and three million eggs. Quinebaug Valley State Trout Hatchery belongs to the National Broodstock Registry and as such can ship fish and eggs to other facilities.



Kensington State Fish Hatchery

Address: 120 Old Hatchery Rd, Kensington, CT 06037

Hours: Not open to the public

Phone: 860-829-8518

Constructed in 1934, the [Kensington State Fish Hatchery](#) is our second oldest hatchery in operation. One of the former functions of the Kensington State Fish Hatchery was to support Atlantic Salmon Restoration efforts. With Federal restoration efforts concluded (2013), DEEP maintains the “Legacy Program”. The legacy program will maintain enough Atlantic Salmon at our Kensington State Fish Hatchery to preserve genetic integrity of the Connecticut River strain. For over 45 years, biologists have been breeding adult salmon that have returned to the

Connecticut River as part of the restoration program. Fish that were originally stocked to support restoration came from Maine, but over time, the genetic identity of the strain shifted as fish adapted to their new river. The current strain is the southernmost population of Atlantic Salmon and it is important to maintain this strain, not only to support CT’s Atlantic Salmon Legacy program but also to preserve this unique genetic resource, the importance of which may go beyond the boundaries of Connecticut.

Each year hatchery personnel spawns approximately 200 four-year-old salmon. After spawning these fish, which may weigh in excess of 20 pounds, they are stocked into the [Atlantic Salmon Management Areas](#) on the Naugatuck and Shetucket Rivers. Additionally, each year, just over 1,000 2–3-year-old salmon are raised and stocked specifically for the recreational Atlantic Salmon fishery on the Naugatuck and Shetucket Rivers as well as selected lakes. These fish provide an angling opportunity that attracts anglers worldwide. Surplus eggs are supplied to over 80 schools that participate in the Connecticut River Salmon Association’s [Salmon-In-Schools](#) program. Students are responsible for caring for the eggs until they hatch, feeding the fry, and then releasing them into local waters. The Kensington facility is pleased to support Trout Unlimited’s [Trout in The Classroom](#) project by providing Brown Trout eggs. Over 100 schools in Connecticut participate each year. The students monitor the eggs until they hatch and then release the fry into a local waterbody.



Connecticut's Hatchery Raised Trout



Brook Trout have a dark body with light spots and a worm-like pattern on the back, head, and sides. The lower fins are typically red-orange with a white leading edge. Stocked Brook Trout are typically less colorful than wild Brook Trout.



Brown Trout have a light body with dark spots. The lower fins are typically brown, tan, or nearly colorless and may have a white leading edge. Wild Brown Trout may have bright red and orange spots and an orange adipose fin (a fleshy fin located between the dorsal fin and the tail on trout and salmon). The tail is more rounded than forked. Brown Trout and Atlantic Salmon can look very similar.



Rainbow Trout have a light body with dark spots on the head and the tail. There is usually a pink-colored band along each side. The lower fins typically do not have a white leading edge.



Tiger Trout are a sterile hybrid produced with the eggs from a Brown Trout and the milt of a Brook Trout. Physical characteristics are a distinctive reticulated ("confused") pattern of light and dark markings on back and sides, which are somewhat like the wormlike markings on the back of a Brook Trout. Darker markings on the back and sides typically brownish or olive. There are also lighter markings of tan, greenish or yellowish. The lower flanks typically have a russet hue.

In addition to timely and interesting fisheries information, the FISHERIES DIVISION posts stocking information each afternoon during trout season and when Channel Catfish and Atlantic Salmon are stocked.



When and where are trout stocked?

To put you on the fish- check out our [interactive map](#) that tracks the number of days since a waterbody was last stocked. The purpose of this map is to provide the angling community with near real-time information on the Fisheries Division stocking and visually present where the stocked waters are located using the latest in mapping technology. It is our intention that this information will help increase angler appreciation of the great fishing afforded through our stocking program.

Features:

- Search by town name or waterbody name
- Fixed Search (Query) Options
 - List all stocked waters
 - List all waters stocked within 1 day, 1 week, 1 month
 - List Trout Management Areas
 - List Trout Parks
 - List Community Fishing Waters
 - List Wild Trout Management Areas
- Zoom in and out
- Custom print your area of interest
- Buttons to display a legend, information about the location, query options, and to change the base map
- “Buy my fishing license” link

Other sources of trout stocking information:

- [Current Stocking Report](#)
- Social Media Posts: [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [YouTube](#)



Point your cell phone’s camera at this icon to open the interactive trout stocking map.

Have You Caught A Trophy Fish? Submit Your Catch In Real-Time Online.

The Fisheries Division would like you to submit your trophy catch using the recently released online [Angler Recognition System](#). Simply open the link to provide details about the fish, angler, and add up to four photos. Once your info is reviewed and approved your catch will join other great catches from anglers around CT visible in the [dashboard](#). Anglers have the option to download and print a customizable Trophy Fish Certificate (links are on the [Trophy Fish Award webpage](#))



Angler Recognition Form

The [Trophy Fish Award Program](#) recognizes and rewards angling skill. Please fill out the requested information to the best of your ability. You can upload up to 4 images of your fish.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Angler First Name:*

Angler Last Name:*
Conservation ID#:
Found on your fishing license.
Age Category:*
Youth is under age 16 as of date of catch

Adult Youth

Gender:*

Male

Female

Point your cell phone's camera at this icon to open the online Trophy Fish Award Submission Form.



2023 Stocking Summary:

Public Act 21-12 included language that removed the closed season for trout, thereby affording year-round access to Connecticut's trout resources. To support the spirit of the law, the Fisheries Division updated the inland sportfishing regulations in 2022 to remove the closed season on all waterbodies and created a period of statewide catch and release trout fishing (March 1 until 6:00 am on the second Saturday of April).

The Fisheries Division stocked **1,173,299** fish in various waters throughout Connecticut in 2023. The remainder of this report provides the number of fish stocked by the Fisheries Division in various waterbodies throughout Connecticut. For additional details or questions regarding any of our stocking programs, please contact us at 860-424-FISH (3474) or by email at deep.inland.fisheries@ct.gov

Fish species (approximate size)	Total 2023
Alewife, adults (6-8")	1,500
Atlantic Salmon, broodstock (18-32")	1,474
Atlantic Salmon, fry (< 1.5 ")	334,738
Atlantic Salmon, parr (4-6")	255
American Shad, adults (12-16")	572
Broodstock, all trout species (18-26")	2,402
Brook Trout, specialty (>12")	2,000
Brook Trout, standard (9-12")	90,089
Brown Trout, specialty (>12")	31,110
Brown Trout, standard (9- 12")	174,931
Brown Trout, yearlings (5-6")	24,713
Kokanee, fry (< 1.5")	192,000
Northern Pike, fingerlings (1-6")	22,501
Rainbow Trout, specialty (>12")	73,007
Rainbow Trout, standard (9-12")	166,319
Sea Lamprey, adults (24-30")	213
Tiger Trout (hybrid), standard (9-12")	17,895
Walleye, fingerlings (4-10")	37,580

Trout stocked by the Fisheries Division:

SUMMARY OF CATCHABLE TROUT STOCKED IN 2023 (LISTED BY FISHERIES MANAGEMENT TYPE):

<i>By Management Type</i>										
	<i>Standard Trout:</i>						<i>Specialty Trout</i>			
	Brown Yearling	Brook Adult	Brown Adult	Rainbow Adult	Tiger Adult	Brook >12"	Brown >12"	Rainbow >12"	Brood- stock	Total Trout
Community Fishing Waters	0	4,525	3,310	6,165	700	0	300	120	0	15,120
Trout Management Lakes	9,142	5,085	26,910	13,668	0	2,000	3,800	8,815	811	70,231
Trout Park Ponds	0	6,700	7,555	19,628	5,405	0	575	2,610	105	42,578
Lakes with No Special Management	1,500	10,295	27,865	34,079	1,355	0	450	3,675	111	79,330
Lake/Pond Totals	10,642	26,605	65,640	73,540	7,460	2,000	5,125	15,220	1,027	207,259
Enhanced Wild Trout Streams	0	3,010	8,070	19,355	835	0	355	3,250	50	34,925
Trophy Trout Managed Streams	0	5,660	5,687	6,964	1,815	0	7,582	15,044	370	43,122
Trout Park Streams	0	3,365	2,193	1,536	1,250	0	555	2,950	45	11,894
Trout Management Areas (TMAs)	14,071	11,921	22,316	24,860	2,680	0	16,570	22,318	585	115,321
Rivers with No Special Management	0	39,528	71,025	40,064	3,855	0	923	14,225	325	169,945
River/Stream Totals	14,071	63,484	109,291	92,779	10,435	0	25,985	57,787	1,375	375,207
Total Trout	24,713	90,089	174,931	166,319	17,895	2,000	31,110	73,007	2,402	582,466

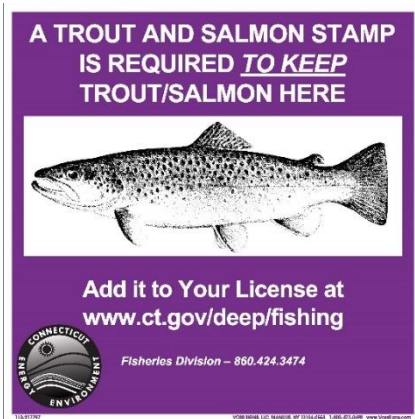
Trout and Salmon Stamp

Connecticut initiated a [Trout and Salmon Stamp](#) in 2018 in order to maintain its trout and salmon programs. The cost of the stamp is \$5 for everyone except those age 16-17 (\$3). The stamp is valid for an entire calendar year. The trout and salmon stamp is needed either to fish certain areas or to keep any trout or salmon. 100% of your investment in fishing licenses, stamps, and tags is required by law to support fisheries programs (CGS 26-15, 26-15a and 26-15b).



A Trout and Salmon Stamp is **needed for those age 16 or older to fish** in:



- A [Trout Management Area](#) (Rivers and Streams. Note: A stamp is NOT needed to fish in a Trout Management Lake)
- A [Wild Trout Management Area](#) (Classes 1, 2, and 3)
- A [Trout Park](#)
- An [Atlantic Salmon Management Area](#) (Naugatuck River and Shetucket River)



Everywhere else, the trout and salmon stamp is **needed for those age 16 or older to KEEP** any trout or salmon. Unless you are fishing in waters not stocked at the expense to the state (private fish and game clubs, private ponds). This means if you practice catch and release or accidentally catch and release a trout while fishing for another species, you are not required to have a trout and salmon stamp.

Lakes and Pond Trout Summary

Column headers: BN = Brown Trout, BK = Brook Trout, RW = Rainbow Trout, Tiger = Tiger Trout, Brood = Broodstock, Y = yearling, A = adult.

Name	Town	BN (Y)	BK (A)	BN (A)	RW (A)	Tiger (A)	BK 12+	BN 12+	RW 12+	Tiger 12+	Brood	Total
Community Fishing Waters (15)												
	Beaver Park Pond/Lagoon	New Haven	0	380	420	400	0	0	0	0	0	1,200
	Birge Pond	Bristol	0	495	445	335	0	0	0	40	0	1,315
	Bunnells Pond (Beardsley Park Pond)	Bridgeport	0	550	100	1225	0	0	0	0	0	1,875
	Center Springs Park Pond	Manchester	0	0	420	300	0	0	0	0	0	720
	Colony Park Pond	Ansonia	0	305	230	450	350	0	0	0	0	1,335
	Freshwater Pond	Enfield	0	100	200	0	0	0	0	0	0	300
	Keney Park Pond	Hartford	0	500	50	590	0	0	300	0	0	1,440
	Lake Wintergreen	Hamden	0	540	460	955	150	0	0	0	0	2,105
	Mirror Lake (Hubbard Park Pond)	Meriden	0	750	375	775	0	0	0	0	0	1,900
	Mohegan Park Pond (Spaulding Pond)*	Norwich										
	Pickett's Pond	Derby	0	315	150	350	200	0	0	0	0	1,015
	Rogers Park Pond	Danbury	0	150	100	150	0	0	0	40	0	440
	Rowan's Pond (Butternut Park Pond)	Middletown	0	240	160	200	0	0	0	0	0	600
	Stanley Quarter Park Pond	New Britain	Not Stocked in 2023 due to ongoing pond dredging project									
Upper Fulton Park Pond	Waterbury	0	200	200	435	0	0	0	40	0	0	875
Trout Management Lakes (13)												
	Amos Lake	Preston	0	150	2150	1330	0	0	0	785	0	4,415
	Black Pond	Woodstock	0	675	0	0	0	1000	0	0	300	1,975

Name	Town	BN (Y)	BK (A)	BN (A)	RW (A)	Tiger (A)	BK 12+	BN 12+	RW 12+	Tiger 12+	Brood	Total
Candlewood Lake	Danbury, New Milford, New Fairfield, Sherman	0	0	7100	540	0	0	0	0	0	0	7,640
Crystal Lake	Ellington	0	0	2100	1698	0	0	450	420	0	35	4,703
East Twin Lake	Salisbury	5500	300	1060	1700	0	0	950	1405	0	33	10,948
Highland Lake	Winchester	0	0	2500	1200	0	0	1500	2080	0	35	7,315
Long Pond	North Stonington	0	150	1910	400	0	0	450	200	0	38	3,148
Mohawk Pond	Cornwall, Goshen	0	1560	0	0	0	1000	0	0	0	300	2,860
Quonnipaug Lake	Guilford	0	0	1490	1490	0	0	0	875	0	0	3,855
Rogers Lake	Lyme, Old Lyme	0	450	1800	1940	0	0	0	925	0	0	5,115
Squantz Pond	New Fairfield, Sherman	0	0	2050	820	0	0	0	450	0	35	3,355
West Hill Pond	Barkhamsted, New Hartford	0	1800	3250	800	0	0	450	1425	0	35	7,760
Wononskopomuc Lake	Salisbury	3642	0	1500	1750	0	0	0	250	0	0	7,142
Trout Park Ponds (11)												
Black Rock Pond	Watertown	0	1050	500	2170	480	0	300	105	0	10	4,615
Day Pond	Colchester	0	325	550	2170	830	0	0	405	0	5	4,285
Great Hollow Pond	Monroe	0	890	585	1945	480	0	275	305	0	10	4,490
McGovern Pond	West Hartford	0	730	260	1020	450	0	0	50	0	10	2,520
Mohegan Park Pond (Spaulding Pond)	Norwich	0	450	1100	2570	880	0	0	205	0	10	5,215
Pasture Pond	Plainfield	0	375	340	650	275	0	0	200	0	10	1,850
Schreeder Pond	Killingworth	0	350	1300	970	730	0	0	605	0	10	3,965
Southford Falls Pond	Oxford, Southbury	0	875	1005	1430	150	0	0	0	0	10	3,470
Stratton Brook Park Pond	Simsbury	0	690	910	1785	500	0	0	105	0	10	4,000
Valley Falls Park Pond	Vernon	0	0	0	2938	150	0	0	525	0	10	3,623
Wharton Brook Pond	Wallingford	0	965	1005	1980	480	0	0	105	0	10	4,545
Lakes and ponds with No Special Management (64)												




Name	Town	BN (Y)	BK (A)	BN (A)	RW (A)	Tiger (A)	BK 12+	BN 12+	RW 12+	Tiger 12+	Brood	Total
Angus Park Pond (aka Eastbury Pond)	Glastonbury	0	150	525	650	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,325
Baldwin Pond	Meriden	0	0	135	450	0	0	0	0	0	0	585
Ball Pond	New Fairfield	0	600	1185	500	0	0	0	100	0	0	2,385
Bashan Lake	East Haddam	0	0	593	795	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,388
Baumner Pond	Naugatuck	0	150	150	405	0	0	0	0	0	0	705
Beach Pond	Voluntown	0	500	700	1570	0	0	450	0	0	38	3,258
Beaver Brook Park Ponds	Windham	0	30	477	57	0	0	0	0	0	0	564
Bicentennial Pond	Mansfield	0	0	650	160	0	0	0	0	0	0	810
Bigelow Pond	Union	0	70	548	949	390	0	0	200	0	0	2,157
Billings Lake	North Stonington	0	150	675	0	0	0	0	50	0	0	875
Black Pond	Middlefield, Meriden	0	250	800	1195	290	0	0	400	0	38	2,973
Black Rock Impoundment	Thomaston, Watertown	0	185	565	150	0	0	0	0	0	0	900
Branford Supply Pond	Branford	0	0	100	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	150
Broad Brook Mill Pond	East Windsor	0	200	300	0	150	0	0	0	0	0	650
Cedar Lake	Chester	0	300	1640	1910	0	0	0	850	0	0	4,700
Christensen's Pond	Granby	0	350	290	350	0	0	0	200	0	0	1,190
Colebrook Reservoir	Colebrook	0	0	500	2000	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,500
Congamond Lakes	Suffield	0	0	0	1100	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,100
Driscoll Pond	Voluntown	0	0	0	200	0	0	0	50	0	0	250
Fountain Lake	Seymour, Ansonia	0	285	390	625	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,300
Gardner Lake	Salem, Bozrah, Montville	0	250	1400	1700	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,350
Gay City Park Pond	Hebron	0	150	360	100	50	0	0	0	0	0	660
Green Falls Reservoir	Voluntown	0	0	765	465	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,230
Hancock Brook Impoundment	Plymouth	0	50	200	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	350
Hanover Reservoir	Canterbury	0	0	150	75	0	0	0	50	0	0	275
Hewitt Fly Pond	North Stonington	0	50	360	125	0	0	0	100	0	0	635
Higganum Reservoir	Haddam	0	350	461	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	811
Hop Brook Impoundment	Middlebury, Waterbury	0	200	250	450	0	0	0	0	0	0	900
Hopeville Pond	Griswold	0	75	175	175	0	0	0	0	0	0	425
Horse Pond	Salem	0	200	450	450	200	0	0	0	0	0	1,300




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Howells Pond	Hartland	0	250	180	200	0	0	0	0	0	0	630
Keach Pond	Thompson	0	0	170	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	270
Lake Saltonstall	Branford, East Haven	0	0	500	700	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,200
Lake Stibbs	Southbury	0	100	70	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	270
Lower Storrs Pumping Station Pond	Mansfield	0	160	100	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	360
Mad River Impoundment	Winchester	0	150	550	250	0	0	0	0	0	0	950
Mansfield Training Ponds	Mansfield	0	75	435	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	585
Mashapaug Lake	Union	0	0	1740	1520	0	0	0	0	0	35	3,295
Millers Pond	Durham	0	100	405	0	0	0	0	75	0	0	580
Mohegan Lake	Fairfield	0	180	210	825	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,215
Moosup Pond	Plainfield	0	150	500	350	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,000
Mt. Tom Pond	Litchfield - Washington	0	675	400	1275	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,350
Nells Rock Reservoir	Shelton	0	175	225	400	0	0	0	0	0	0	800
Northfield Impoundment	Thomaston	0	150	150	200	0	0	0	0	0	0	500
Pattaconk Lake	Chester	0	100	660	150	0	0	0	100	0	0	1,010
Prospect Town Park Pond	Prospect	0	500	100	430	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,030
Roseland Lake	Woodstock	0	0	540	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	540
Saint Martha's Pond	Enfield	0	0	200	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	300
Salmon Brook Pond	Glastonbury	0	0	300	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	300
Saugatuck Reservoir	Easton, Redding, Weston	1500	0	0	1500	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,000
Scoville Reservoir	Wolcott	0	300	565	500	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,365
Shenipsit Lake	Ellington, Tolland	0	0	514	500	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,014
Somersville Mill Pond	Somers	0	100	360	0	100	0	0	0	0	0	560
Starret Pond	Redding	0	250	310	470	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,030
Stillwater Pond	Torrington	0	250	230	670	100	0	0	0	0	0	1,250
Twin Brooks Pond	Trumbull	0	50	150	300	0	0	0	0	0	0	500
Tyler Pond	Goshen	0	690	200	775	0	0	0	250	0	0	1,915
Uncas Lake	Lyme	0	500	630	460	0	0	0	50	0	0	1,640
Walkers Reservoir	Vernon	0	0	0	815	0	0	0	200	0	0	1,015
Wangumbaug Lake (Coventry Lake)	Coventry	0	300	233	1380	50	0	0	100	0	0	2,063


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Wauregan Reservoir	Killingly	0	25	600	1604	25	0	0	0	0	0	2,254
West Branch Reservoir	Colebrook	0	0	845	400	0	0	0	750	0	0	1,995
West Side Pond	Goshen	0	485	300	790	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,575
Wyassup Lake	North Stonington	0	35	699	384	0	0	0	150	0	0	1,268

Rivers, Streams, and Brooks Summary

Column headers: BN = Brown Trout, BK = Brook Trout, RW = Rainbow Trout, Tiger = Tiger Trout, Brood = Broodstock, Y = yearling, A = adult.

Name	Town	BN (Y)	BK (A)	BN (A)	RW (A)	Tiger (A)	BK 12+	BN 12+	RW 12+	Tiger 12+	Brood	Total
Enhanced Wild Trout Streams (14)												
Beacon Hill Brook	Bethany, Naugatuck	0	0	0	350	0	0	0	0	0	0	350
Blackberry River	Canaan, Norfolk	0	500	900	1130	285	0	0	0	0	10	2,825
East Aspetuck River	New Milford, New Preston	0	530	1470	1900	250	0	0	0	0	5	4,155
Farm River (Lower)	East Haven	0	600	675	200	100	0	0	200	0	5	1,780
Fenton River	Mansfield	0	0	0	3350	0	0	0	2000	0	0	5,350
Little River	Oxford, Seymour	0	0	0	1400	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,400
Macedonia Brook (State Park)	Kent	0	50	50	1375	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,475
Morgan Brook	Barkhamsted	0	0	0	300	0	0	0	0	0	0	300
Naugatuck River, E. Branch	Torrington, Winchester	0	430	200	450	0	0	205	0	0	0	1,285
Norwalk River	Ridgefield, Norwalk	0	300	2375	2900	0	0	150	200	0	10	5,935
Roaring Brook	Glastonbury	0	0	1095	1120	100	0	0	0	0	0	2,315
Roaring Brook	Stafford, Willington	0	0	0	850	0	0	0	300	0	0	1,150
Salmon Brook, including E. Branch	Granby, East Granby	0	0	0	4030	0	0	0	0	0	15	4,045
Shunock Brook	North Stonington	0	600	1305	0	100	0	0	550	0	5	2,560

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Trophy Trout Areas (8)												
Natchaug River	Eastford, Chaplin, Windham	0	1300	795	1640	300	0	2297	4079	0	85	10,496
Naugatuck River (Lower)	Waterbury, Beacon Falls	0	400	475	785	325	0	435	660	0	25	3,105
Naugatuck River (Mid)	Thomaston, Waterbury	0	400	495	400	0	0	370	555	0	25	2,245
Naugatuck River (Upper)	Harwinton, Litchfield, Torrington	0	470	470	175	0	0	420	540	0	25	2,100
Pequonnock River (Trumbull Basin)	Trumbull	0	575	325	725	190	0	825	1070	0	30	3,740
Pomperaug River	Woodbury, Southbury	0	1450	1240	1850	0	0	1525	1800	0	25	7,890
Salmon River	Colchester	0	1065	370	500	1000	0	170	2760	0	70	5,935
Shetucket River	Windham, Scotland, Sprague	0	0	1517	889	0	0	1540	3580	0	85	7,611
Trout Park Streams (5)												
Branch Brook	Watertown	0	395	125	225	50	0	205	0	0	0	1,000
Chatfield Hollow Brook	Killingworth	0	750	744	50	200	0	0	700	0	5	2,449
Eight Mile Brook (Southford Falls State Park)	Oxford, Southbury	0	265	194	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	485
Kent Falls Brook	Kent	0	640	300	205	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,145
Natchaug River	Eastford	0	1315	830	1030	1000	0	350	2250	0	40	6,815
Trout Management Areas (19)												
Farmington River (Goodwin Dam to West BR. TMA boundary)	Hartland, Barkhamsted	0	1675	2110	1985	0	0	2135	3430	0	95	11,430

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Farmington River (West Br. TMA)	Barkhamsted, New Hartford	1571	0	5200	2000	0	0	1500	0	0	50	10,321
Farmington River (West Br. TMA to Collinsville)	New Hartford, Canton	0	1415	2275	2675	0	0	2690	3210	0	85	12,350
Farmington River (Collinsville to RT 177)	Avon, Canton, Farmington	0	1125	1955	1325	0	0	1985	2768	0	65	9,223
Hammonasset River	Madison, Killingworth	0	1064	1116	2001	170	0	0	785	0	20	5,156
Hockanum River	Manchester	3000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,000
Housatonic River, Bull's Bridge	Kent, Sherman, New Milford	3000	0	1500	1000	0	0	1600	400	0	0	7,500
Housatonic River, Upper	Cornwall, Sharon	3000	0	2000	4000	0	0	5000	4000	0	0	18,000
Mianus River	Greenwich, Stamford	0	850	920	1115	250	0	0	0	0	20	3,155
Mill River (Sleeping Giant State Park)	Hamden	0	840	630	1015	285	0	0	650	0	20	3,440
Mill River	Fairfield	0	0	0	1670	250	0	0	0	0	20	1,940
Moosup River	Plainfield	0	605	507	1254	120	0	0	525	0	20	3,031
Naugatuck River	Harwinton, Litchfield	0	545	595	240	0	0	560	1360	0	30	3,330
Pequabuck River	Bristol	3000	200	320	485	250	0	0	0	0	5	4,260
Salmon River	Colchester	0	1830	720	950	650	0	650	4290	0	100	9,190
Saugatuck River (Fly)	Westport	0	550	795	740	190	0	100	300	0	15	2,690
Tenmile River	Kent, Sherman	500	0	250	300	0	0	350	100	0	0	1,500
Willimantic River	Tolland, Willington	0	0	805	1372	255	0	0	0	0	20	2,452
Yantic River	Bozrah	0	1222	618	733	260	0	0	500	0	20	3,353
Stream Sections with No Special Management (108)												
Aspetuck River	Easton, Fairfield, Weston	0	100	305	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	410
Bantam River, Inlet	Litchfield	0	780	530	350	0	0	0	0	0	10	1,670
Bantam River, Outlet	Litchfield, Morris	0	775	435	650	0	0	0	0	0	10	1,870
Bantam River, West Branch of Inlet	Goshen, Litchfield	0	100	210	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	360
Bartlett Brook	Lebanon	0	350	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	350

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Beaver Brook (incl. Ponds)	Franklin, Sprague	0	65	791	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	931
Bible Rock Brook	Haddam	0	450	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	450
Bigelow Brook	Ashford, Eastford	0	387	439	864	0	0	0	175	0	0	1,865
Blackledge River (Lower)	Marlborough	0	1550	1990	300	150	0	0	500	0	10	4,500
Blackledge River (Upper)	Bolton, Hebron	0	400	320	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	730
Blackwells Brook	Brooklyn, Plainfield	0	530	300	0	200	0	0	100	0	0	1,130
Branford River	Branford	0	0	1240	250	0	0	0	400	0	0	1,890
Broad Brook	Preston	0	300	330	300	0	0	0	100	0	0	1,030
Bungee Brook	Eastford	0	300	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	300
Butternut Brook	Litchfield	0	350	170	150	0	0	0	0	0	0	670
Byram River	Greenwich	0	300	150	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	450
Choate Brook	Preston	0	300	100	100	0	0	0	100	0	0	600
Coginchaug River	Durham, Middlefield	0	1250	1130	400	0	0	0	400	0	5	3,185
Dickenson Creek	Marlborough	0	100	975	750	0	0	0	250	0	5	2,080
East Swamp Brook	Bethel, Danbury	0	50	200	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	300
Eight Mile Brook, Open	Middlebury - Southbury	0	350	235	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	585
Eight Mile River	Salem, East Haddam, Lyme	0	700	875	550	0	0	0	0	0	10	2,135
Eight Mile River (East Branch)	Salem, East Haddam, Lyme	0	400	425	25	0	0	0	0	0	5	855
Falls River	Essex	0	450	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	450
Farm River (upper)	North Branford	0	0	0	1190	0	0	0	600	0	5	1,795
Farmill River	Shelton	0	550	745	775	0	0	0	0	0	5	2,075
Farmington River	Bloomfield, Simsbury	0	200	650	220	0	0	0	0	0	10	1,080
Farmington River	Avon, Canton, Farmington	0	650	1520	2700	0	0	673	0	0	10	5,553
Five Mile River (Lower)	Thompson, Putnam, Killingly	0	500	200	1550	400	0	0	1300	0	5	3,955
Five Mile River (Upper)	Thompson	0	0	0	200	0	0	0	0	0	0	200
French River	Thompson	0	0	630	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	630
Furnace Brook	Stafford	0	150	630	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	855

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Green Falls River	North Stonington, Voluntown	0	0	720	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	720
Hall Meadow Brook	Torrington, Goshen	0	400	665	190	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,255
Hammonasset River	Clinton, Madison, Killingworth	0	1650	1970	700	125	0	0	500	0	10	4,955
Hop Brook	Middlebury	0	400	560	250	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,210
Hop River	Bolton, Coventry	0	854	1402	500	100	0	0	250	0	5	3,111
Hunts Brook	Waterford	0	450	360	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	810
Indiantown Brook	Preston, Ledyard	0	0	1415	150	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,565
Jeremy River	Colchester, Hebron	0	600	850	760	250	0	0	200	0	2	2,662
Kettletown Brook	Southbury	0	80	220	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	300
Kitt Brook	Canterbury	0	700	200	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	900
Latimer Brook	East Lyme	0	300	1260	0	200	0	0	200	0	5	1,965
Leadmine Brook	Harwinton, Thomaston	0	850	1315	800	0	0	0	0	0	5	2,970
Little River	Canterbury, Sprague	0	1588	1069	450	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,107
Mad River	Norfolk, Winchester	0	175	300	250	0	0	0	0	0	0	725
Mashamoquet Brook	Pomfret	0	700	500	550	0	0	0	0	0	5	1,755
Mianus River	Greenwich, Stamford	0	450	570	300	0	0	0	0	0	10	1,330
Middle River	Stafford	0	0	702	179	0	0	0	0	0	0	881
Mill Brook	Woodstock	0	200	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	200
Mill River	Fairfield, Easton	0	150	640	430	0	0	0	0	0	10	1,230
Mill River	Hamden	0	1215	1700	985	0	0	0	400	0	10	4,310
Moosup River	Plainfield, Sterling	0	1350	1245	650	0	0	0	0	0	10	3,255
Morrissey Brook	New Milford, Sherman	0	200	400	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	630
Mount Hope River	Ashford, Mansfield	0	1000	2703	894	500	0	0	1250	0	3	6,350
Mount Misery Brook	Voluntown	0	0	450	440	0	0	0	200	0	0	1,090
Muddy River	North Haven, Wallingford	0	500	655	850	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,005
Myron Kinnie Brook	Voluntown	0	0	395	550	0	0	0	250	0	0	1,195
Naugatuck River, West Branch	Torrington	0	200	100	200	0	0	140	0	0	0	640
Nepaug River	New Hartford	0	250	540	200	0	0	0	0	0	5	995
Nonewaug River	Bethlehem, Woodbury	0	500	325	350	0	0	0	0	0	5	1,180

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Northfield Brook	Litchfield, Thomaston	0	50	200	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	300
Oxoboxo Brook	Montville	0	150	200	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	350
Pachaug River	Griswold, Voluntown	0	200	1450	450	100	0	0	700	0	0	2,900
Pattaconk Brook	Chester	0	0	0	540	0	0	0	0	0	0	540
Pequabuck River (Rockwell Park - Blvd.)	Bristol	0	450	655	500	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,605
Pequonnock River (Beardsley Park)	Bridgeport	0	400	220	800	0	0	0	0	0	10	1,430
Pequonnock River (Old Mine Park)	Trumbull	0	50	75	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	175
Pequonnock River, Open	Trumbull, Bridgeport	0	800	415	1100	0	0	0	0	0	10	2,325
Pequonnock River, West Branch	Monroe	0	150	0	100	0	0	110	0	0	0	360
Pond Brook	Newtown	0	165	425	150	0	0	0	0	0	5	745
Ponset Brook	Haddam	0	0	360	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	360
Pootatuck River (Lower)	Newtown	0	375	630	250	0	0	0	0	0	5	1,260
Quanduck Brook	Sterling	0	300	720	0	0	0	0	150	0	0	1,170
Quinebaug River	Plainfield, Thompson, Putnam, Killingly, Griswold, Lisbon, Preston, Canterbury	0	495	5000	2625	100	0	0	2000	0	6	10,226
Quinnipiac River	Cheshire, Meriden	0	100	925	800	0	0	0	0	0	5	1,830
Reservoir Brook	Portland	0	495	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	495
Rippowam River	Stamford	0	650	415	200	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,265
Salmon Brook, West Branch	Granby	0	200	545	315	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,060
Sandy Brook	Colebrook	0	600	870	500	0	0	0	0	0	5	1,975
Saugatuck River, Lower	Weston, Westport	0	650	615	750	0	0	0	0	0	10	2,025
Saugatuck River, Upper	Danbury, Redding	0	400	970	700	0	0	0	0	0	10	2,080
Saugatuck River, West Branch	Wilton, Westport	0	75	300	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	450
Sawmill Brook	Sherman	0	100	200	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	320
Scantic River (Lower)	East Windsor	0	200	980	600	300	0	0	500	0	2	2,582

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Scantic River (Upper)	Somers, Enfield	0	1650	1600	1385	780	0	0	1200	0	2	6,617
Shepaug River	Roxbury	0	150	225	275	0	0	0	0	0	0	650
Skungamaug River	Coventry, Tolland	0	382	1022	800	150	0	0	300	0	10	2,664
Snake Meadow Brook	Killingly	0	0	440	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	440
Still River	Barkhamsted, Colebrook	0	150	300	100	0	0	0	0	0	5	555
Still River	Danbury	0	100	110	150	0	0	0	0	0	0	360
Still River	Eastford	0	250	900	100	250	0	0	0	0	0	1,500
Stony Brook	Suffield	0	0	200	350	0	0	0	0	0	0	550
Susquetonscut Brook	Franklin	0	200	405	0	0	0	0	200	0	0	805
Taylor Brook	Woodstock	0	405	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	405
Ten Mile River	Lebanon, Columbia	0	0	810	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	810
Weekeepeemee River	Woodbury	0	500	525	250	0	0	0	0	0	5	1,280
Wepawaug River	Milford, Orange	0	600	550	550	0	0	0	0	0	5	1,705
West River	Guilford	0	37	1125	135	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,297
Whetstone Brook	Killingly	0	0	540	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	540
Whitfords Brook	Ledyard, Stonington	0	0	540	0	150	0	0	200	0	0	890
Whiting River	North Canaan	0	150	100	155	0	0	0	0	0	0	405
Willimantic River (above TMA)	Stafford	0	200	3052	1718	0	0	0	1000	0	20	5,990
Willimantic River (below TMA)	Mansfield, Coventry, Windham	0	100	2105	1139	0	0	0	500	0	10	3,854
Yantic River	Lebanon, Bozrah	0	450	1550	150	100	0	0	300	0	10	2,560

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Congratulations to the 2023 Top Anglers! Each will receive a generous prize pack of great fishing related goodies.

To take part in the fishing challenge:

1. Get or renew your FREE [Youth Fishing Passport](#) via [DEEP’s licensing system](#).
2. Submit each catch from the Youth Fishing Passport [Scorecard](#) using the online [Angler Recognition System](#) (select Fishing Challenge as in the “recognition sought” field).

Adam Chrzanowski	32
Rocco Semeraro	31
Riley Sawyer	30
Adam OBrien	29
David Roberts	28
Adrian Swietek	28
Colton Johnson	26
Hunter Billings	22
Oakley Johnson	19
Zakk Wallace	16
Jackson Biroscak	14
Serena Das	13
Cameron Das	12
Michael Pinette	11
Alex Shiue	11
Logan Lape	10
Jaylin Biroscak	9
Mason DeRubeis	9
Reid Harrington	9
Emma Swietek	8
Preston Lape	3
Kaeden Anderson	2
Eliaz Moore	2
Maximus Bradshaw	1
Easton Cole	1



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[Fish with CARE](#) (CT Aquatic Resources Education) Program in 2024 and check off many of the species in the [Fishing Challenge](#).

Other fish stocked by the Fisheries Division:

Several species of fish, some of which are not of catchable size, are stocked to provide a diversity of angling experiences, to enhance naturalized populations, and to work towards restoration of populations of fish migrating from sea to freshwater to spawn (anadromous). The number of these fish are provided in the following tables.

Atlantic Salmon:

Atlantic Salmon (5)		Adults
Crystal Lake	Ellington	125
Mount Tom Pond	Litchfield, Morris, Washington	125
Naugatuck River (Lower)	Naugatuck, Beacon Falls	312
Naugatuck River (Upper)	Harwinton, Litchfield	282
Shetucket River	Windham, Scotland, Sprague	630
Total Atlantic Salmon (Due to high flow issues in December, 105 were not stocked until January 2024. The fish stocked in 2024 will be included in the 2024 report).		1,474

Kokanee Fry:

Kokanee Fry (4)		Fry
Beach Pond	Voluntown	50,000
East Twin Lake	Salisbury	50,000
West Hill Pond	Barkhamsted, New Hartford	52,000
Lake Wononoskopomuc	Salisbury	40,000
Total Kokanee Fry		192,000

Channel Catfish: No channel catfish were stocked in 2023 due to supply chain issues. Stocking should resume in 2024.

Walleye:

Walleye (12)		Fingerlings
Batterson Park Pond	Farmington	2,044
Beach Pond	Voluntown	3,540
Coventry Lake (Wangumbaug Lake)	Coventry	1,060
Gardner Lake	Salem	2,259
Lake Pocotapaug*	East Hampton	1,466
Lake Saltonstall*	East Haven	2,031
Lake Zoar	Derby-Oxford	10,207
Long Pond	North Stonington	1,575
Mashapaug Lake	Union	1,200
Mt. Tom Pond	Litchfield-Washington	822
Saugatuck Reservoir*	Redding-Weston	6,865
Squantz Pond	New Fairfield	4,531
Total Walleye Fingerlings		
*these fish were purchased by the South Central Regional Water Authority, Aquarion Water Company, or the Town of East Hampton.		37,580

Northern Pike:

Northern Pike (4)		Fingerlings
Bantam Lake	Litchfield, Morris	9,100
Mansfield Hollow Lake	Mansfield	1,731
Pachaug Pond	Voluntown	2,337
Winchester Lake	Winchester	9,333
Total Northern Pike		22,501



Migratory Fish Species Stocking

Several species of fish migrate upstream through Connecticut's tidal rivers to spawn (anadromous). As part of Connecticut's early industrialization, dams were constructed across many rivers and streams, blocking access to upstream spawning and juvenile habitat. The Fisheries Division has several strategies to restore access to the upstream habitat and accelerate the pace of restoration. These include construction of fishway or removing dams and other man-made barriers, stocking fry and parr (trout and salmon), and transporting captured adults (American Shad, Alewife, and Sea Lamprey) around barriers that lack fish passage.

Atlantic Salmon (5)		Fry	Parr
Blackledge River	Colchester/Marlborough	12,496	255
Dickenson Creek	Colchester	15,940	
Farmington River, West Branch	New Hartford/Barkhamsted	194,978	
Jeremy River	Colchester	30,705	
Salmon River	Colchester	80,619	
Total Atlantic Salmon Fry and Parr		334,738	255

Alewife (1)		Alewife
Rogers Lake	East Lyme	1,500
Total Alewife adults		1,500

American Shad (1)		Shad
Shetucket River	Windham	572
Total Shad Adults		572

Sea Lamprey (2)		Adult
Eightmile River	Lyme	100
Merrick Brook	Scotland	113
Total Sea Lamprey Adults		213



Relocations

The following waters had fish relocation efforts, which are undertaken to support conservation or to restore the fish community.

- **Turkey Hill Brook (Waterbury)** – 22 wild Brook Trout were collected downstream of Interstate Lane and relocated upstream of the culvert, which was deemed a barrier to upstream migration based on fish community sampling work.
- **Purgatory Brook/Tributary to Branch Brook (Watertown)** – 155 fish were collected and relocated to Branch Brook within Black Rock State Park in support of the temporary need to dewater a section of stream during the DEEP Western District Headquarters construction project.
 - American eel 5
 - Brown Bullhead 2
 - Bluegill 8
 - Brook Trout 6
 - Blacknose Dace 25
 - Creek Chub 89
 - Golden Shiner 1
 - Largemouth Bass 2
 - Pumpkinseed 2
 - Redfin Pickerel 1
 - Rainbow Trout 3
 - White Sucker 11
- **Kent Falls Brook (Kent)** – 43 Brown Trout were collected from upstream of the falls and relocated to below the falls as part of an experimental project to improve the Brook Trout population by removing competition from Brown Trout.
- **Stanley Quarter Park Pond (New Britain)**- Salvage/relocation done by a contractor under supervision of Fisheries Division staff as the pond was de-watered. The following were moved from Stanley Quarter Park Pond to Batterson Park Pond.
 - Bluegill sunfish 790
 - Channel catfish 40
 - Largemouth Bass 205
 - Golden shiner 30
 - Black Crappie 15
 - Common Carp 13
- **Re-stocking of Stanley Quarter Park Pond**- CT DEEP Fisheries Biologists collected and relocated 118 Bluegill, 89 Black Crappie, and 21 Golden Shiner collected from Batterson Park Pond following completion of a dredging and habitat improvement project that required the pond be drained.
- **Tributary to Roaring Brook (Farmington)** - 62 fish were relocated from below West Avon Road to upstream of West Avon Road (Route 167) as part of the channel needed to be de-watered to support culvert replacement.
 - Brown Bullhead 1
 - Bluegill 6
 - Blacknose Dace 6
 - Golden Shiner 7
 - Longnose Dace 7
 - Pumpkinseed 35

Anglers, Thank You for Your Support!



100 % of the fees collected from the sale of fishing and hunting licenses, tags, permits, and stamps goes to support fish and wildlife conservation, preservation, and recreation programs administered by the Bureau of Natural Resources.

So the next time you catch a Walleye, Brown Trout, or Striped Bass, see a Bald Eagle, harvest a white-tail deer, pheasant, or turkey, give yourself and your fellow sportsmen and sportswomen a pat on the back!

Together we are making a difference and we thank you for your support!

