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Hey Anglers! It's Al the HitMan Sims here with the **Weekly Fishing Recon Report** brought to you by BlackOpsFishing.com - "Reel Undercover Fishing"

Today's first recon report comes to us from Cheyenne at the Fish Connection, In Preston and it's a good one!

### **Fish Connection - Preston Report**

Cheyenne tells us that striper fishing is Hot and getting better daily!

On the Thames river try Norwich Harbor, Poquonock Cove and buoy 27 are great places to try!

Cheyenne reminds us to use large lures in the 8 to 9 inch range; some of his favorites are the Yo Zuri Crystal minnow, Hogies and Slugos.

Farther upstream on the Shetucket River stripers can be found all the way to the Greenville Dam. Before you reach the Dam there is also a football field, with shore access and it's another good spot to cast for stripers.

Some anglers have been filling their 2 fish winter flounder limits on the Niantic River and off of Bluff Point, some are more secretive with their locations. Sandworms are the bait of choice.

Carp fishing is going strong with huge carp spawning right now in Poquonock Cove right now, Cheyenne can attest to the humongous size of these carp!

Cheyenne says a few customers have been hitting the trout management areas on the Salmon and Farmington Rivers with Great success.

Small ponds that are open to fishing prior to April 21<sup>st</sup> have been producing the usual bass, pickerel and Pan fish.

### **Connecticut Outfitters - Wethersfield Cove Report**

Gary from Connecticut outfitters would like to remind us that the shop has all the usual live, fresh and frozen baits in stock, including Jumbo Arkansas Shiners, pinheads, mealworms, night crawlers, Blood worms, sandworms and green crabs!

Connecticut River

The lower Connecticut River area brings us reports of some spotty striper action at the Lieutenant River, with a few shad in the mix.



School stripers have also appeared in Hamburg Cove and at the junction of the Salmon River where anglers were reporting fast action on small schoolies, using sandworms, with an occasional keeper mixed in.

Greater Hartford area

Reports of larger Striped bass from 32-36 inches from Cromwell all the way to West Springfield are becoming common as more and more anglers are getting out on the river, bloodworms and sandworms are the bait to use for these larger bass. Plenty of striper action is coming from East Hartford and Charter Oak Landings and last Sunday a keeper striper was taken on a live Eel right in Wethersfield Cove!

The Shad are in but have slowed a bit since the river cooled down a few degrees

Gary also commented that some river anglers have been tearing up smallmouth bass to 4 pounds on Alabama rigs!

Ethan, a shop regular, out did his amazing 11 pound Catfish of last week with a 15lb slob in Wethersfield Cove. Ethan likes to use Eel chunks for big Cats.

Pike are moving out of the channels and into the shallows of the coves and are providing great action on lures or Jumbo Arkansas shiners.

Crappie fishing remains excellent in the coves use small jigs tipped with pinhead shiners for some fast action.

The yellow Perch bite continues to be very good at this time.

Gary had one customer catch 3 carp early this morning and bought sandworms for a new adventure.

Gary also mentioned fast action on the Salmon and Farmington Rivers TMA areas, Trout are averaging 14" and seem to be very well fed.

Marine report

Bunker

Sightings of adult and peanut bunker have come in from western long Island sound.

Sandworms, bloodworms and green crabs have been flying out the door with folks headed to the shoreline for Flounder and Blackfish.

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