



## WEEKLY FISHING RECON REPORT

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Hey Anglers! It's Shawn AKA Fi-Shaaaawn here with the Weekly Fishing Recon Report brought to you by BlackOpsFishing.com - "Reel Undercover Fishing" This week I had luck with largemouth bass at some of small local secret ponds, it was slow but at times there were lot's of bites! Also the Salmon River is on fire, many breeders have been seen, remember it's catch and release only until tomorrow 4-21-12. Me and hitman also got a few fish around Wethersfield Cove to the salmon river boat launch, including, channel cats, stripers, perch, bass, American eels and white catfish. The best fish was a 4lb Channel cat Hitman landed on a spinner bait!

## **CT Outfitter's Fishin' Report By Gary**

Big News Anglers! The Bait is finally here! Herring and Alewives are going bazurk! Wethersfield cove is loaded with bait! Stripers are plunging at them, the river is boiling with action! Stripers are breaching from Cromwell to Hartford, with big ones mixed in!!

Green Crabs in stock now as well as flounder chum, sand and blood worms and live eels

Don't forget Gary has a 24 live bait machine in front of his store if you can't make during regular hours or run out of bait in the middle of the night.

CONNECTICUT River:

Mouth : Gary says bait is staging up outside the mouth of the Connecticut river and this includes Alewife, Blue backs, and yes, some Bunker in the mix.

Lower Connecticut river: Herring are moving through in smaller numbers. Alewife can also be seen gathering in the Salmon River near the Leesville dam. Schoolie, Stripers seem to be everywhere.

In Greater Hartford Area: Keeper Striper reports are coming in everyday now.

Carp fishing is still excellent.

Paderewski Pond is great for black Crappie.

Also, Matt was KILLIN smallies In the Enfield area on Albino & LC Shakers 3.25 inch on 1/2os lead heads from shore near the confluence of the Scantic river! His biggest weighing 4.5 pounds.

MARINE: Blackfish seem, picky, green crabs and Asians crabs closer to the inlets. Gary has

heard of some successful flounder outings around Waterford.

Sandworms and clam chum are the ticket

Connecticut Outfitters also reports bunker and some striper action on the Thames .

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

Jack said the big news was the bunker showing up on the Thames all the way to Norwich Harbor, with 4

to 5 pound blue fish slamming them at the mouth of the River.

Poquetanuck Cove and buoy 27 are producing stripers. Also striper fishing in front of the casino

is a good bet.

Cheyenne , who often fishes the cove in his kayak, reminds us to use large lures in the 8 to 9 inch range.

Some of his favorites are the Yo Zuri, Crystal minnow, Super Fluke, Hogies and Slugos.

A few stripers have been caught in the Greenville dam area. Fish Connection-

Mystic River - Cheyenne spotted cinder worms, bass were feeding on them, using a cinder worm fly on the dropper loop was productive. Fish are chasing smelt in the river, no big fish but lot's of schoolies with the largest being reported at 27''

We still desperately need rain to bring the big run of bass in, we are all praying for the rain anticipated for this weekend. Winter flounder fishing is good and anglers have been filling their 2 fish flounder limits on the Niantic River and off of Bluff Point. A few guys have also accidentally hooked into an occasional flounder while trying for Blackfish at Millstone.

Sandworms are the best bait.

Ladimere Brook –spotting herring in Niantic area, over 16,000 counted so far this season.

Carp fishing is very good and Poquetanuck Cove has been producing some really large fish.

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 21st have been producing the usual bass, pickerel and pan fish.

### **Fishin Factory 3 Report - Middle town**

Andrew tells us he spent the last few weeks filling the shop with all the latest rods, reels and lures with still plenty more to come.

Andrew would also like us to know that the shop is hosting a catered BBQ for the next 3 weekends so

stop in and register for the trout tournament and join the fun!

Sandworms and Bloodworms are now in stock.

Black Fish: A few fish were reported from the rock piles in Niantic Bay but other than that it's been kind of quiet. Reports are a little better to the west of the CT river.

Andrew says he has had a scattering of reports on winter flounder from the usual places.

Also reports of Bunker in Norwich Harbor came into the shop this week and some small "Harbor Size" bluefish in the mouth of the Thames.

The Mouth of the CT River has an abundant supply of Schoolie Striped bass with some legal fish mixed in, expect that bite to bust wide open in the next few weeks as the bait starts to move in.

The Salmon River, Farmington River and Hammon asset are all fishing well at the moment. River flows are ideal! Small Rapala Husky Jerks and Rooster Tails continue to be the lures of choice. Meal Worms and Garden Worms will also get'em tight. Just remember, it's catch and release in these areas,

The Pike bite in Haddam has slowed down, but there are still some "gators" willing to take a swipe at a swimbait or slam a large live bait in that area.

The Coves: (Especially Chapmans Pond) have been giving up a few northerns, but he's not hearing about any real monsters.

Andrew was talking to a few of the commercial Shad fishermen who say there is no shortage of bait from Essex to the breakwalls for Stripers. There are a good amount of schoolie size fish being caught in the river and this week reports of legal size fish being caught are pretty consistent.

They weighed in a 22 pounder on 4/12 that was caught on a Sandworm in Cromwell. The Goodspeed at the Haddam Bridge has coughed up a few nice fish this week as well.

The White Perch fishing has been pretty solid, most of the reports are coming from anglers fishing for Stripers with worms up and down the river .

One angler caught a 30lb, 41 inch Striper on a trout worm while fishing for white perch, he was behind meadow meat "the slaughter house" on the river!

That's the black ops fishing recon report , see you next week – Keep Off My Bass!

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