

The week of May 3, 2012

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CONNECTICUT River:

Mouth and Lower: This week saw the river returning to somewhat normal flows after the rains passed through last week. Most reports from the mouth are of frustrated anglers NOT seeing and fish, bait, or Birds of prey. The water temps (still a chilly 50-52) should warm up by the weekend and then we expect it to get hot.

Greater Hartford Area:

Keeper Striper s are plentiful. Continuing good numbers of Herring and Alewife. Charter Oak Landing and east river park have been producing fish for the sand and blood worm crowd, even during the daytime.

Wethersfield cove:

Herring and Alewife are in and the stripers are following. Many reports of keeper fish from the cove. Also a good

amount of Crappie from in front of the Yacht Club. Also, one customer showed us pictures of what appears to be a Hybrid Pickerel Pike from the cove caught near the north shore. Largemouth bass have been hitting well on Arkansas shiners and 10" power worms.

Black Pond: Was well stocked with fresh trout. Hearing of some good sized Bows coming in by the shore crowd.

North of Hartford:

Catching Stripers has been reported as challenging for everyone fishing in the day and NOT breaking the herring ban...Guys and Gals heading out at night, with plugs and eels are doing much better. Shad fishing is still quite hot in the CT and the lower Farmy. Lloyd took a large Searun Brown in the CT in the rain on a white Striper plug to everyone's surprise.

Salmon River and Farmy TMA's: Well the reports just keep pouring in. Both "Samuel L" and "Spencer for hire"

hit the Salmon this week, and neither was disappointed. Many fish and Quality fish aplenty. Giant (Super) Mealies and in line spinners. Mike on the Farmy was using curly tail grubs on tiny jig heads in the rip for a load of Browns in the 12-18" range.

MARINE:

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Blackfishing reports sound good for some in the New Haven area. Winter flounder fishery seems to be producing nicely, a good limit out of the Niantic river this week. Seems as if the cold water temps and the severe wind put the kei-bash on many plans. This week should be different.

Next report comes to us from the fish connection in preston Joe Senior, tells us he fished the Salmon River fly fishing for trout with Cheyenne from the shop and did very well, Joe was surprised at the size and quality of this years fish.

The Mystic River,

Cheyenne has been spending his time Fly fishing for Striped Bass on the Mystic River, he reports of seeing concentrations of Bunker, smelt and squid in the River! As I speak! The mouth of the Mystic River had been hosting small harbor size blue fish

The Thames river

Has steady blue fishing for blues in the 8-9 lb class, at buoy 27, this hot spot can be fished from the shoreline or boat. On 5/8/ the Black Ops Fishing recon team, checked the Greenville Dam and found a couple of guy's in waders shad catching! Also two happy anglers who caught 4 keeper stripers on Tube and Worms.

The Marine report, Joe say's the bass and blues have been on the reefs for about a week now, flounder fishing remains good at Bluff Point and Niantic River.

Next report comes from Daves bait and tackle in Westchester,

Dave is a help yourself bait store, let's keep it that way, take your bait but leave your loot in the Honor Box.

Dave say's guys have been reporting good bass fishing at Moodus Resivior, Pickeral and BashionLakes, with the latter producing some nice small mouths around the Islands, Dave say's some nice trout reports from Bashion have come to the shop as well.

All the rivers and Day pond have been stocked again at least once and rain has the fish spread around and the catching has been awesome!

Stop by and check out Daves bait and tackle look for the Bright orange sign on route 149. Daves kids have fresh free range chicken eggs for sale at the shop too!

The Black Ops Fishing Mafia report

Sunday 4/29

Hitman Fished the Ct river for 12 hours in brutal wind from Hartford to Essex, not finding anything bassy, not to be skunked I headed up the Salmon river and beached

the boat to fish from shore, I nailed 4 channels and sweet carp that ate a 4 dollar ball of blood worms.

After Sunday the fishing got red hot for us! F-Shawn, Jeff and I have been hammering on the trout at Day Pond and they are big! We have done well on flies but for bait, Day Pond is a power bait hotspot! Fish power bait on a slip rig and it's a guarantee. Last night Fishawn nailed 5 trout and a big bass, on you guessed it power bait.

Before coming down and joining me for striper fishing.

Striper fishing is great in the Salmon River right now, we have catching and releasing a ton of bass every night!

The Hitman and Catpaw, fished the lower salmon river for a bunch of small mouth bass and a couple of fat brookies.

Kudos' this week go to Fishawn with the amazing catch of a huge trophy white catfish weighing in at 10.4 lbs. We

sent the info to the DEEP for his trophy catch. Nice job sunny! 2012 Fluke Tournament

Fishin Factory 3

Andrew says the fishing for everything has been so good this season it's all he can do just keeping bait and inventory in stock and waiting on customers! Stop at the shop and see what's up!

Fishin'Factory 3's Third Annual Season Long Fluke Tournament

Rules: The Tournament will run from Connecticut's Opening day until the last day of the Summer Fluke season in CT (May 15th - October 31st), Fish from New York and Rhode Island are permitted so long as they were caught during Connecticut's Fluke Season.

All fish must be weighed and documented at either the Fishin'Factory 3 in Middletown CT, Rivers End in Old Saybrook, Hillyer's in Waterford, Jimmy O's in Bridgeport or Tidewater Bait and Tackle in Westbrook on a certified scale, no exceptions. If you choose to weigh your fish at a location other than the Fishin'Factory 3 you need to notify Andrew @ 860-344-9139, you will also have to have a slip from the store you are weighing it at and a picture of you with the fish. The slip needs to be mailed or delivered to the Fishin'Factory 3, the picture can be emailed/mailed or delivered. When weighing a fish at any of these locations you need to inform the shop that you are weighing a fish for Fishin'Factory 3's Fluke Tourney. The scoreboard will be updated daily at both the Fishin'Factory 3 and on our website under the Fishing Reports Page @ www.FishinFactory3.com

Registration is twenty dollars, you can register at the Fishin'Factory 3 in Middletown (860-344-9139) with Kenny Nelson (860 790 6247) Pete Hawley or Chris at Cedar Ridge Golf Course in East Lyme Ct (860 691 4568). If you register after May 15th you will have to wait 24 hours before entering a fish. We will not take any registrations after June 17th.

Prizes will be based upon amount of entries. Cash Prizes will be awarded to the top three fish. All other prizes will be Gift Certificates to the Fishin'Factory 3 in Middletown CT. Participants can win ONE prize for there heaviest fish, you may enter as many fish as you'd like, however you are only eligible for ONE prize. Last year we paid out over \$1500 in prize money.

The Season Long Tournament will be followed by a Picnic at the Fishin'Factory 3. Your registration fee will cover your food at the picnic, however it will be a BYOB event.

