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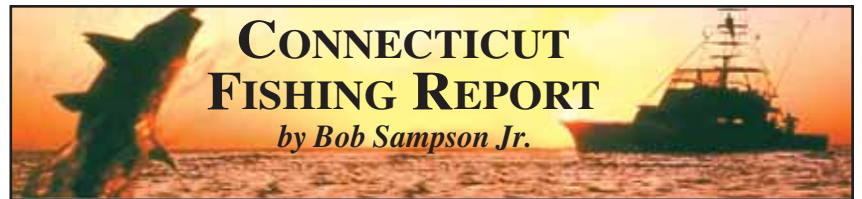
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come and gone before most people even begin to think about fishing along the coast. Difference is that the trout fishing is open during March when flatfish are closed.

Look for searun browns in the upper tidal stretches of coastal rivers that have been stocked with trout, on up to the first major obstruction or entry point of a freshwater stream. These fish will be found in the coastal rivers labeled in blue as having "sea run trout" in the Connecticut Anglers Guide. The spots that have been producing the most consistent catches of searuns since they were once again officially "managed by the DEP" beginning in 2001 are the upper Mystic River, Niantic River (near the Golden Spur where Latimer Brook enters the upper bay), Hammonasset River, and Saugatuck River. These places along with other coastal estuaries that have been stocked with brown trout may be targeted in conjunction to winter

flounder fishing early in April. Look for the best sea run action to take place early or late in the day around low tide for this species. Catch them using small trout lures, streamer flies, live shiners or mummichogs for bait.

Sea run browns are elusive and winter flounder can be tough nowadays due to still low population levels. However, by fishing for both in some of the likely spots, such as Niantic Bay, Mystic River, the Saugatuck River, it may be possible to improve the odds of success — or a double skunking, depending on how it turns out. For an interesting angling challenge, try to catch a sea run trout and flatfish on the same day. (In some spots meeting this challenge in any given spring would be an angling accomplishment.)

All angling options considered, after a long winter the best bet for some sort of fishing action during April in Connecticut will be found from striped bass in the larger coastal rivers and around warm water outflows.



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