



CONNECTICUT FISHING REPORT

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me \$162.80 and that doesn't include the new marine license cost or special stamps that are bought on the side. So next year I'm looking at \$350 to \$400 to fish and hunt in my home state and that's before I buy a single lure or a box of ammo.

Some people, for financial reasons or perhaps as a matter of principal, will simply begin poaching and take their chances with the law. Others will simply stop fishing and or hunting and in the process take their kids along with them, hence a lost generation or more of potential license-buying sportsmen is gone, which will have dire consequences on the generation of license sales and revenue long into the future. For this reason, fisheries managers at the highest levels and, above all, legislators who make the decisions that affect the behavior of the people who support fisheries and wildlife manage-

ment programs through taxes, licenses and donations, must make some concessions.

Our fisheries resources must be the primary concern, first and foremost. As our lost friend Captain Don Cameron, formerly the owner of Captain Don's Tackle, Charleston, RI used to say, "Do it like Alaska" (where he spent many years); "manage fish for the fish's sake, not the people's benefit."

Bottom line is that every survey in the book has proven that the recreational fisheries industry generates more money, jobs and trickle-down income as a whole than the commercial side of this balancing act. Recreational fishermen have, through the Wallop Breaux Fund (Originally the D/J Act for the restoration of fisheries of the 1950s), generated hundreds of millions of dollars that have essentially paid the bill for fisheries management and restoration efforts in both fresh and saltwater since the 1950s.

The license fees and taxes commercial fishermen have contributed is a pittance in comparison. Their numbers are miniscule in comparison to the recreational angling population, yet they wield greater political clout among politicians. As noted above, that, in part, is because we recreational anglers have not stood up, paid a few bucks to be counted in order to become a greater political force than we've been in the past.

Connecticut sportsmen can go to the CSA (Connecticut Sportsman's Alliance) web site at ctsportsmen.com to stay apprised of upcoming efforts to urge Connecticut legislators to roll back that unrealistic license fees increase they implemented last fall. Follow prompts to look up your local representatives and write non-confrontational, factual letters or send e-mails so marine recreational fishermen can become a greater political force, one that must be reckoned with in the future.

High Tides For February 2010 Bridgeport, CT

Feb 1	12:11 AM	12:35 PM	Feb 15	11:52 AM	-----
Feb 2	1:01 AM	1:27 PM	Feb 16	12:09 AM	12:26 PM
Feb 3	1:53 AM	2:20 PM	Feb 17	12:43 AM	1:01 PM
Feb 4	2:46 AM	3:16 PM	Feb 18	1:19 AM	1:39 PM
Feb 5	3:43 AM	4:16 PM	Feb 19	1:58 AM	2:21 PM
Feb 6	4:44 AM	5:20 PM	Feb 20	2:41 AM	3:09 PM
Feb 7	5:47 AM	6:24 PM	Feb 21	3:32 AM	4:06 PM
Feb 8	6:49 AM	7:26 PM	Feb 22	4:31 AM	5:10 PM
Feb 9	7:48 AM	8:21 PM	Feb 23	5:37 AM	6:17 PM
Feb 10	8:40 AM	9:08 PM	Feb 24	6:44 AM	7:23 PM
Feb 11	9:25 AM	9:50 PM	Feb 25	7:49 AM	8:23 PM
Feb 12	10:06 AM	10:27 PM	Feb 26	8:48 AM	9:18 PM
Feb 13	10:42 AM	11:02 PM	Feb 27	9:44 AM	10:10 PM
Feb 14	11:18 AM	11:36 PM	Feb 28	10:36 AM	11:00 PM

High Tides For Other Locations:

City Island	+0:17	Stamford	+0:03	Madison	-0:21
New Rochelle	-0:04	S. Norwalk	+0:09	Essex	-0:05
Mamaroneck	+0:12	Housatonic Rvr	+0:26	Saybrook Pt	-0:31
Cos Cob	+0:05	Milford	-0:08	New London	-1:45

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Last Quarter



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New



Feb 21, 2010
First Quarter



Feb 28, 2010
Full

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Feb 4	11:05 AM	11:42 PM	Feb 18	9:28 AM	9:43 PM
Feb 5	-----	12:01 PM	Feb 19	10:09 AM	10:24 PM
Feb 6	12:35 AM	12:55 PM	Feb 20	10:57 AM	11:14 PM
Feb 7	1:30 AM	1:54 PM	Feb 21	11:53 AM	-----
Feb 8	2:29 AM	2:58 PM	Feb 22	12:12 AM	12:55 PM
Feb 9	3:29 AM	3:59 PM	Feb 23	1:17 AM	2:04 PM
Feb 10	4:26 AM	4:54 PM	Feb 24	2:28 AM	3:15 PM
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South Shore

Amityville	+ 2:59
Bay Shore	+ 2:46
E. Rockaway Inlet	+ 0:32
Freeport	+ 1:16
Jones Inlet	+ 0:19
Moriches Inlet	- 0:18
Shinnecock Inlet	- 0:12

North Shore

Pt. Washington	+ 3:23
Oyster Bay	+ 3:32
Pt. Jefferson	+ 3:29
Mattituck Inlet	+ 3:35
Greenport	+ 2:45
Sag Harbor	+ 2:35
Montauk Point	+ 0:29

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