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## **Aquarion stocks reservoir with 3,000 brown trout**

Aquarion Water Company has exciting news for Fairfield County's fishing enthusiasts: 3,000 Seeforellen trout recently joined their brethren in the Saugatuck Reservoir.

Personnel from Aquarion's Department of Watershed and Environmental Management worked with the state DEP's Division of Inland Fisheries to stock the Seeforellen trout in the Saugatuck.

Seeforellen brown trout, originally from lakes in Germany, is a long-lived variety that commonly grows to large sizes. Voracious predators of other fish, the Seeforellen trout was first introduced into the Saugatuck Reservoir more than a decade ago to reduce the reservoir's schools of alewives, a herring-like fish whose numbers in the lake were increasing.

Besides helping to bring the reservoir's ecology back into balance, the Seeforellen browns have made Aquarion's Saugatuck Reservoir one of Connecticut's premier sport fishing "hot spots." Catches of these trout weighing more than 5 pounds are now commonplace, and there are frequent reports of anglers landing Seeforellen trout that weigh more than 10 pounds.

In addition to the Seeforellen brown trout, the Saugatuck Reservoir also boasts some of the best walleye fishing in the state. Aquarion and the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) introduced walleyes into the Saugatuck Reservoir during the 1990s as part of the alewife population control program. This species is one of North America's favorite gamefish because of its fight and flavor. Saugatuck Reservoir anglers now enjoy frequent catches of walleyes that weigh more than 5 pounds.

Anglers need a state fishing license and an Aquarion fishing permit to fish at the Saugatuck Reservoir. For more information about obtaining a permit, which costs \$25, visit Aquarion's website at [www.aquarionwater.com](http://www.aquarionwater.com), and follow the "Recreation" and "Fishing" links.

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