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## **Aquarion Water Company Welcomes Area Residents to Enjoy Fishing**

BRIDGEPORT, CT – August 3, 2005 - Aquarion Water Company’s Saugatuck Reservoir in Weston and Redding, its West Pequonnock Reservoir in Monroe, and Far Mill Reservoir in Shelton are open for fishing to anyone with an Aquarion Water Company permit and a state fishing license, water utility officials said today. The fishing season began in late April, but it isn’t too late to get started. Fishing licenses and permits can be obtained from several area town halls and tackle shops. More information on locations is available on Aquarion’s website at [www.aquarionwater.com](http://www.aquarionwater.com) or can be obtained by dialing 203.452.3510.

The 860-acre Saugatuck Reservoir is the ‘jewel in the crown’ of Aquarion’s public fishing program. Stocked annually with brown trout and walleye, the Saugatuck also boasts a number of other gamefish and panfish species, including largemouth and smallmouth bass, white perch, yellow perch, pickerel, bluegill and crappie. The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and Aquarion Water Company have been working together since 1991 to develop a first-class sport fishery in the Saugatuck Reservoir, and the Saugatuck is now one of only a handful of lakes in Connecticut where anglers regularly catch trout weighing over 5 pounds. Aquarion Water Company officials noted that healthy fish populations enhance outdoor recreation as well as maintain water quality by decreasing the likelihood of algae blooms that can impart unpleasant tastes and odors to the water.

“While these reservoirs are open for fishing to those with the proper permits, it is important for people to remember that swimming and boating in these reservoirs, and public access of any kind to other Aquarion Water Company reservoirs are strictly prohibited,” said Manager of Watershed and Environmental Management Brian Thompson. “Aquarion, local police and DEP

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conservation officers patrol all Aquarion Water Company reservoir areas looking for trespassers,” Thompson said. “Violators will be arrested and fined,” he added.

Aquarion Company's principal business is public water supply. Through its Aquarion Water Company subsidiaries, it is one of the 10 largest investor-owned water utilities in the U.S., serving 219,400 homes and businesses, or approximately 677,000 people, in 53 Connecticut, New York, Massachusetts and New Hampshire communities. Aquarion Water Company of Connecticut provides high-quality water to some 176,000 homes and businesses or more than 587,000 people.

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