

Opening day of fishing season is eagerly awaited

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Tom LaButis came for a license, but stayed to talk fishing at Uncle B's Bait and Tackle on Route 5 in Wallingford. Holding his hands out, he described the 20-inch fish he caught last year.

"No one would have believed how big it was. The only one there was an old man watching me from the shore," said LaButis, a Wallingford resident. He was hazy about his fishing spot, though — somewhere on the Farmington River. The precise location, he didn't get into, especially in the days before opening day of fishing season Saturday.

"Over the years you learn where all the good spots are; so does everyone else. I like the Farmington River. I'll probably go up there. Sometimes I go with a friend. This year, I'll probably be going alone," he said.

Uncle B's Bait and Tackle in the Wallingford Plaza has been busy filling live bait requests and issuing licenses to anglers prepping for opening day. Owner Brandon Szadaj, who also goes by Uncle B, plans on staying open all night Friday into Saturday to meet last-minute needs.



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Brandon Szadaj, owner of Uncle B's Bait & Tackle in Wallingford, can be seen through fishing poles in his shop.

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