



2014 INLAND FISHERIES PROPOSED REGULATION SUMMARY (as of 4/15/2014)

Sec. 1. Amends Section 26-55-1(i). Importation, possession or liberation of grass carp.

- Revise permitting procedures for the liberation of triploid grass carp (to manage nuisance aquatic plant growth) to improve the application process for water bodies under multiple ownership.

Sec. 2. Amends Section 26-112-43. Definitions.

- Under “Angling,” increase the number of lines allowed for angling to three (from two).
- Under “Spearing,” change “lamprey” to “sea lamprey,” add bowfin and tench to list.

Sec. 3. Amends Section 26-112-44. Closed seasons.

- Removes the closed season from the lower Yantic River (from just below the falls at Indian leap in Norwich to the confluence with the Thames River/Norwich Harbor) by inclusion in the Thames River listing under the “Streams open to fishing throughout the year” designation (26-112-44(a)(1)).
- Remove East Twin Lake from closed season list (last day of February) to conform with giving East Twin Lake an extended March season.
- Remove Batterson Park Pond and Mansfield Hollow Reservoir from closed season list (last day of February).
- Under “Trout Management Lakes” correct reference in following text to “Trout Management Lakes” (26-112-44(b)(5)).
- Change Opening Day to second Saturday in April.
- Add closed season to Scoville Reservoir.
- Remove all three stream sections from the list of children’s streams and twenty ponds, including Mirror Lake (Meriden) and Page Park Pond (Bristol), from the Children’s Ponds list. Some areas are being removed to reflect current management goals, others being removed are inactive water bodies.

Sec. 4. Amends Section 26-112-45. Species limitations.

- Under subsection (b). American shad and hickory shad. – Limit harvest of American shad to CT River only.
- Under subsection (d). Removes bridle shiner (a state-listed species of special concern) from the list of bait species.
- Under subsection (f). Add bowfin and tench (to carp, suckers, etc.). Establish 25 fish per day creel limit and a nine inch minimum length for American eel.

- Under subsection (m). Trout, charr and kokanee. Reduce maximum take of kokanee from eight to five.
- Add prohibition (NEW) for brook lamprey.
- Make conforming changes for moving Opening Day up one week.

Sec. 5. Amends Section 26-112-46(a). Boundary waters.

- Make conforming changes for moving Opening Day up one week.

Sec. 6. Amends Section 26-112-46(c). Trout Management Areas.

- Revise thermal refuge text in listings for the Housatonic River TMA, the Bulls Bridge TMA and the Naugatuck River TMA (to better reflect desired practice).
- Make conforming changes for moving Opening Day up one week.

Sec. 7. Amends Section 26-112-46(d). Trout Management Lakes.

- East Twin Lake - Remove special brown trout regulations and add the extended March season.
- Make conforming changes for moving Opening Day up one week.

Sec. 8. Amends Section 26-112-46(g). Wild Trout Management Areas.

- Add the Tankerhoosen River and its tributaries within the new Tankerhoosen Wildlife Management Area to the list of Class I Wild Trout Areas.

Sec. 9. Amends Section 26-112-46(h). Atlantic salmon broodstock areas.

- Correct locations of Scotland Dam (from “Scotland” to “Windham”) and Occum Dam (change from “Norwich” to “Norwich and Sprague”).

Sec. Amends 10 Section 26-112-46(k). Trophy Trout Streams.

- Revise “thermal refuge text in listings for the Naugatuck and Shetucket Rivers.

Sec. 11. Amends Section 26-112-48. Miscellaneous restrictions.

- Allow use of vessels and electric motors (no internal combustion engines) in Hewitt Pond (North Stonington) as requested by “Hewitt Farm Committee.”
- Revise thermal refuge text in listings for Kent Falls and Macedonia brooks under Housatonic River.
- Designate a thermal refuge in the lower Salmon River (sited at a spring outflow at Sunrise Resort State Park).
- Make conforming changes for moving Opening Day up one week.