

Sec. 26-142a-12. Taking and sale of bait species

(a) The species listed in this subsection, to the exclusion of all other species, may be taken commercially in the inland district under an inland commercial bait license, or in the marine district under a marine commercial bait license. These species may also be offered for sale as bait species under a bait dealers license.

- (1) golden shiner or “pond shiner” (*Notemigonus crysoleucas*);
- (2) common shiner (*Luxilus cornutus*);
- (3) fallfish (*Semotilus corporalis*);
- (4) creek chub (*Semotilus atromaculatus*);
- (5) spottail shiner or “river bait” (*Notropis hudsonius*);
- (6) bridle shiner (*Notropis bifrenatus*);
- (7) blacknose dace (*Rhinichthys atratulus*);
- (8) longnose dace (*Rhinichthys cataractae*);
- (9) pearl dace (*Margariscus margarita*);
- (10) bluntnose minnow (*Pimephales notatus*);
- (11) fathead minnow (*Pimephales promelas*);
- (12) cutlips minnow (*Exoglossum maxillingua*);
- (13) chub sucker (*Erimyzon oblongus*);
- (14) banded killifish (*Fundulus diaphanus*);
- (15) mummichug (*Fundulus heteroclitus*);
- (16) striped killifish (*Fundulus majalis*);
- (17) tidewater silverside (*Menidia beryllina*);
- (18) Atlantic silverside (*Menidia menidia*);
- (19) sand lance or “sand eels” (*Ammodytes* spp.);
- (20) bay anchovy (*Anchoa mitchilli*);
- (21) sheepshead minnow (*Cyprinodon variegatus*);
- (22) mullet species (*Mugil* spp.);
- (23) frogs (except northern leopard frog, *Rana pipiens*);
- (24) perch bugs;
- (25) helgramites;
- (26) mayfly nymphs;
- (27) other aquatic insects;
- (28) crayfish (except rusty crayfish, *Orconectes rusticus*);
- (29) green crabs (*Carcinus maenas*);
- (30) fiddler crabs (*Uca* spp.);
- (31) hermit crabs (*Pagurus* spp.);
- (32) Asian (Japanese) shore crab (*Hemigrapsus sanguineus*); and
- (33) shrimp (families Crangonidae, Palaemonidae, and Penaeidae).

(b) In addition to the bait species listed in subsection (a) of this section, the following species, if legally taken under the appropriate commercial license and meeting the minimum legal length requirements specified in section 26-142a-8a of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, may be offered for sale as bait under a bait dealer’s license:

- (1) menhaden (*Brevoortia tyrannus*);
- (2) alewives (*Alosa pseudoharengus*);

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- (3) blueback or “glut” herring (*Alosa aestivalis*);
- (4) American eel (*Anguilla rostrata*);
- (5) butterfish (*Peprilus triacanthus*);
- (6) Atlantic mackerel (*Scomber scombrus*);
- (7) whiting (*Merluccius bilinearis*);
- (8) squid (*Loligo* sp.);
- (9) Atlantic herring (*Clupea harengus*);
- (10) hickory shad (*Alosa mediocris*);
- (11) Horseshoe crabs (*Limulus polyphemus*).

(c) Each bait dealer shall keep the following records on forms furnished by the department:

(1) the date and quantity by species and source of each consignment of bait received by the licensee;

(2) the total annual sale of bait by species made by the licensee during the license period. The above records shall be filed with the department within thirty days after the expiration date of the license.

(d) This regulation does not apply to fish used to bait lobster pots or eel pots.

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