

Comments For Regulation PR2020-015

Comment Period 11/12/2020 - 12/15/2020

Comment ID: 1

First Name: Lorraine

Last Name: DeCarli

Commenter Email: Momazita@aol.com

Comment Input Method: Portal

Commenter Association:

Commenter Title:

Posted Date: 11/13/20 09:06:24 AM

Comment:

Name: DeCarli, Lorraine Submission Date: 11/13/2020 Agency: Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Subject: Sport Fishing in the Inland District Tracking Number: PR2020-015 Did I read correctly that my little red and white round bobber that I sometimes use for brook trout fishing has to have my name and address printed on it??

Comment ID: 2

First Name: Jason

Last Name: Valente

Commenter Email: jvalente333@yahoo.com

Comment Input Method: Portal

Commenter Association:

Commenter Title:

Posted Date: 11/13/20 01:26:40 PM

Comment:

Name: Valente, Jason Submission Date: 11/13/2020 Agency: Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Subject: Sport Fishing in the Inland District Tracking Number: PR2020-015 spearfishing and bow fishing should be expanded, not restricted.

Comment ID: 3

First Name: Evan

Last Name: Cartabiano

Commenter Email: ecartabiano@protonmail.com

Comment Input Method: Portal

Commenter Association:

Commenter Title:

Posted Date: 11/13/20 05:09:40 PM

Comment:

Name: Cartabiano, Evan Submission Date: 11/13/2020 Agency: Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Subject: Sport Fishing in the Inland District Tracking Number: PR2020-015 This comment pertains to 26-112-48(5). In some instances, one user-group's actions on a resource directly impacts the ability of another group to use that resource; in this case the resource in question is trophy Common Carp. Trophy Common Carp are a resource that is slow to grow and by no means abundant, and once removed from a water take a considerable time to replenish. A compounding factor is that once removed, its place in the ecosystem can often be taken up by more and much smaller Common Carp, which are often not desirable to anglers or to the ecology of the waterway. This means that the water may never support the same size of Common Carp again. However, the impact of removing smaller Common Carp from a water is normally not significant. Shooting a fish (especially a large long-lived fish) with an arrow effectively means that that fish will never be caught again by any angler, so great care should be taken to protect these fish in a manner that preserves the resource for all groups. Shooting three Common Carp above thirty inches brings the distinct possibility for considerable permanent damage to the size structure of the Common Carp fishery, and in practice strongly favors those wishing to shoot Common Carp over those who wish to practice catch and release of trophy-sized fish. Allowing removal of sub-thirty inch class Common Carp is far more sustainable and allows for a much more equitable use of the resources of the State of Connecticut.

Comment ID: 4**First Name:** PETER**Last Name:** KANTOR**Commenter Email:** KANTORPC@ATT.NET**Comment Input Method:** Portal**Commenter Association:****Commenter Title:****Posted Date:** 11/17/20 03:52:10 PM**Comment:**

Name: KANTOR, PETER Submission Date: 11/17/2020 Agency: Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Subject: Sport Fishing in the Inland District Tracking Number: PR2020-015 I WOULD LIKE TO SEE A TWO FISH LIMIT AT MOHAWK POND, & ALSO LIKE TO SEE IF THE STATE COULD STOCK THE POND BY BOAT SO THE FISH WOULD SPREAD OUT.THEY STOCK AT THE BOAT LAUNCH & FOR 3 WEEKS NOW THEY STILL POD UP AT THE LAUNCH & HAVE NOT DISPERSED OUT INTO THE LAKE IT'S LIKE FISHING IN A BARREL. THANK YOU FOR A GREAT SEASON PETER

Comment ID: 5**First Name:** Donald**Last Name:** DeStefano**Commenter Email:** mdestefano@snet.net**Comment Input Method:** Portal**Commenter Association:****Commenter Title:****Posted Date:** 11/18/20 12:15:14 PM**Comment:**

Name: DeStefano, Donald Submission Date: 11/18/2020 Agency: Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Subject: Sport Fishing in the Inland District Tracking Number: PR2020-015 I applaud DEEP Fisheries on your establishment of special Brook Trout Management areas for Mohawk and Black Ponds, great idea! I would suggest that DEEP look into the establishment of a Brook Trout Management Area on the upper Farmington River from Riverton upriver to Hogback Dam. In that area, brook trout would be protected by an all year C&R regulation, only browns and rainbows would be allowed to be taken during the creel season of April to September 1st. In addition to trying to enhance any native brook trout that populate that section of the Farmington River, DEEP should research strains of brook trout that would grow fast and large for stocking, skew the stocking rates a little more towards brook trout, then establish a survivor brook trout program, similar to what they've done with brown trout in the TMA section downriver. As you may know, that section of the Farmington River upriver of Riverton, has very cold water, probably the only larger riverine ecosystem where brook trout can survive all year in the state. It would be a great opportunity for CT to establish a unique large river fishery for brook trout, our only native trout species in the state.

Comment ID: 6**First Name:** Matt**Last Name:** Chop**Commenter Email:** mattchop@ymail.com**Comment Input Method:** Email**Commenter Association:****Commenter Title:****Posted Date:** 11/23/20 10:59:07 AM**Comment:**

Name: Chop, Matt Submission Date: 11/23/2020 Agency: Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Subject: Sport Fishing in the Inland District Tracking Number: PR2020-015 William, Bow fishing should be illegal plain and simple. Creel limits should be 2 trout per angler per day in all Connecticut waters. TMA areas should be catch and release only. Trophy trout areas like the pomperaug should have trophy sized trout. Atlantic salmon rules should be slightly changed to increase the success of anglers who spin fish, we should be allowed to float fish, add weight to the line, and use treble hooks, guys who prac catch and release like I do are very mindful of the fish. Lastly I would like to see bigger brookies and tigers in the rivers, I feel a lot of fish a wasted in ?trout parks?.

Thanks for listening, hopefully it doesn't sound ungrateful it's just my two sense?you guys do a wonderful job, I have had 170 trout that blessed the net so far this year and 1 Atlantic salmon on the board!

Comment ID: 7

First Name: Richard

Last Name: Linane

Commenter Email: rlinane@gmail.com

Comment Input Method: Portal

Commenter Association:

Commenter Title:

Posted Date: 11/24/20 11:20:07 AM

Comment:

Name: Linane, Richard Submission Date: 11/24/2020 Agency: Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Subject: Sport Fishing in the Inland District Tracking Number: PR2020-015 I would like to see a higher TIP reward (increase of \$100 to \$150 for tips leading to arrests for fishing law violations.) and stronger penalties for excessive fresh water poaching. I regularly see people flagrantly poaching trout from the Salmon river. There is a guy who comes in with his sons and canvas the river taking dozens of trout, claimed it was his right as a tax payer.

Comment ID: 8

First Name: BILL

Last Name: CHAPUT

Commenter Email: chaputelectric@live.com

Comment Input Method: Portal

Commenter Association:

Commenter Title:

Posted Date:

Comment:

Name: CHAPUT, BILL Submission Date: 11/24/2020 Agency: Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Subject: Sport Fishing in the Inland District Tracking Number: PR2020-015 Just wanted to leave a comment about Boat launches around the state. Since all this covid garbage started, a lot of the local lakes have been getting a lot of people from out of state. The beaches closed so folks are going to places like Black Pond in Woodstock to swim and it's clearly marked no swimming. It would be one thing if they just jumped in to cool of and then went on there way but they don't. They bring tables and block the boat launch and that's the annoying part. I'm not trying to be a jerk but the out of state folks have already turned the mashapaug swimming area in union into a dump, I don't want to see it happen in my town as well. I used to go there in my teens to swim and it was beautiful. Now it's disgusting. Diapers thrown under bushes, no more fresh air, just the smell of pot throughout the air. Cans, bottles, trash, you name it. They leave garbage all over and it's just plain sad that no one does anything about it. I put this comment here because I've talked to plenty of other fisherman who don't even go to some of these places anymore because they are either sick of not being able to turn a trailer around or in some cases park a trailer because of all the people there that aren't supposed to be or the atmosphere just isn't what it used to be. No one wants to go enjoy a nice relaxing day fishing near the landfill.

Comment ID: 9

First Name: William

Last Name: Ricker

Commenter Email: williamricker@comcast.net

Comment Input Method: Portal

Commenter Association:

Commenter Title: Chair man of CC and Board of Directors of WLIA

Posted Date: 11/24/20 11:34:14 AM

Comment:

Name: Ricker, William Submission Date: 11/24/2020 Agency: Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Subject: Sport Fishing in the Inland District Tracking Number: PR2020-015 Living on Wyassup Lake, I am aware of the electro fishing UCONN has recently done on Wyassup to determine the size and species of fish present and the % of mercury found in bass. Those of us who fish the lake are dismayed that it has been over 200 days since

trout have been stocked in the lake. In years past there was a spring and fall stocking which I understand has been cut back. The lake has extensive numbers of fishermen coming to the lake to fish and all I've talked to have expressed their upset that trout fishing has disappeared. Please return to the spring and fall restocking and return Wyassup to a fisherman's destination. I also see that a 3' draw down is to commence in early November. The lake association has not recommended that draw down nor has the Board of Selectman requested it. The lake is down 19' - 20" due to the drought and has only come back up 3" this fall. As we have just treated the lake with Diquot for the variegated milfoil (now 3 fanwort plants have been detected), a draw down is not advisable.

Comment ID: 10

First Name: Robert

Last Name: Cordone

Commenter Email: Rpcmd@optonline.net

Comment Input Method: Portal

Commenter Association:

Commenter Title:

Posted Date: 11/24/20 12:24:09 PM

Comment:

Name: Cordone, Robert Submission Date: 11/24/2020 Agency: Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Subject: Sport Fishing in the Inland District Tracking Number: PR2020-015 Suggest eliminating all requirements for barbless flies in TMA's. The barbs on these tiny hooks cannot cause any more significant injury than that of a barbless.

Comment ID: 11

First Name: michael

Last Name: swirzewski

Commenter Email: swirzewski@hotmail.com

Comment Input Method: Portal

Commenter Association:

Commenter Title:

Posted Date: 11/24/20 12:24:19 PM

Comment:

Name: swirzewski, michael Submission Date: 11/24/2020 Agency: Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Subject: Sport Fishing in the Inland District Tracking Number: PR2020-015 You should extend the class 1 designation at sessions woods; freedom hill brook to below the park down through seymour park past the nature center==this stretch of brook gets fished and had held many more wild brook trout in the past than it currently does.- it is also definitely wild brook trout waters down to & probably even farther downstream from this point where it winds through backyard properties.

Comment ID: 12

First Name: dave

Last Name: thompson

Commenter Email: fishforlife@gmail.com

Comment Input Method: Portal

Commenter Association:

Commenter Title:

Posted Date:

Comment:

Name: thompson, dave Submission Date: 11/24/2020 Agency: Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Subject: Sport Fishing in the Inland District Tracking Number: PR2020-015 carp: statewide bowfishing for carp should be reconsidered; i.e. added restrictions. i floated most of the quinebaug and shettucket rivers this year and have a better understanding of these populations of carp than most people. based on pod numbers, distribution and specimen size, these two fisheries are far from teeming but also provide great opportunities for those who put in effort; i.e. no additional management strategies are necessary. i would like to see these fisheries protected and managed for future generations. these fish have an incredible heart which, when given an opportunity to display, will impress most people. it is a shame these mouth-breathers deprive the fish from spreading joy and shame on the

state for enabling them. foster catch and release: i think all fisheries could benefit from having a couple designated catch and release lakes scattered throughout the state. often mouth-breathers do not have the ability to understand concepts unless they experience it first hand. we need to create a pristine and thriving fishery so that we can drive home the point how well a fishery can become if allowed to mature. bass fishing during the spawn is unethical. shame on you for targeting these vulnerable fish to help compensate for your inadequacies as a human; go smoke a couple packs of cigarettes instead. i suspect most bass fisheries could benefit from a revised and larger slot limit; 13"-24". it seems the point which populations stagnate coincide with the point they need to shift their diets from predominantly invertebrates to piscivorous. the few fish which have started that shift need to be more protected and i think that extra inch or two would allow fisheries to recover quicker. trophy yellow perch considerations: the trophy yellow perch requirements reflect terrible judgement and lack of pride in ones job. the current catch and release requirements are unrealistic as they represent, close to, the maximum potential of the species. this would be similar to changing the trophy requirements of striped bass to 65 pounds, common carp to 35 pounds, largemouth bass to 10 pounds, smallmouth bass to 7 pounds, walleye to 13 pounds, crappie to 3 pounds; basically the top .1% of a given species population. this is asinine but for some reason these unicorn standards have been imposed on yellow perch fisherman for years and left unchanged when presented with a logical rebuttal. yet, the state stocks 17"+ brook trout which are already at the trophy standard for the simpletons to catch. it has been bittersweet to see the quality of local perch populations increase over the last two years the mouth-breathers have not been able to get out on ice and rape and pillage the few they catch. i propose a 14.50" length requirement and the fish needs to be imaged on a bump board. if you are a person of science you understand the importance of precise and repeatable data; a bump board does this and deprives the mouth-breathers from their tape measure shenanigans. start thinking about how your decisions impact the future of the fisheries. peace and long life!

Comment ID: 13**First Name:** Robert**Last Name:** Flanders**Commenter Email:** robflandersjr@gmail.com**Comment Input Method:** Portal**Commenter Association:** Citizen**Commenter Title:** Taxpayer**Posted Date:** 11/24/20 12:58:13 PM**Comment:**

Name: Flanders , Robert Submission Date: 11/24/2020 Agency: Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Subject: Sport Fishing in the Inland District Tracking Number: PR2020-015 I would love to see a tagged fish program i know you were giving out tshirts for tigers could have special tagged fish with prizes like shirts or hats etc would be a fun hunt for us anglers could tag all species and if you get all the tags you get a ?? that would be cool ct 2021 master angler just a thought

Comment ID: 14**First Name:** Kristen**Last Name:** Nelson**Commenter Email:** Kristinanelson.0@gmail.com**Comment Input Method:** Portal**Commenter Association:****Commenter Title:****Posted Date:** 11/24/20 02:35:11 PM**Comment:**

Name: Nelson, Kristen Submission Date: 11/24/2020 Agency: Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Subject: Sport Fishing in the Inland District Tracking Number: PR2020-015 Hello. In regards to the comment mentioning that bobbers will be required to have your name and address printed on them. Is this true? I didn't see this in the summary of changes?

Comment ID: 15**First Name:** Scott**Last Name:** Morese**Commenter Email:** smorese69@gmail.com

Comment Input Method: Portal**Commenter Association:****Commenter Title:****Posted Date:** 11/24/20 02:56:31 PM**Comment:**

Name: Morese, Scott Submission Date: 11/24/2020 Agency: Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
 Subject: Sport Fishing in the Inland District Tracking Number: PR2020-015 COVID 19 restrictions have simply made fishing better on the lakes in my area-most notably Candlewood/Lilionah and Bantam...the lack of tournament pressure was significant. It was as if the fish got a real break and could "be fish" perhaps we should look at lessening the number of tournaments allowed. also so many of the anglers come from other states in the region...Having fished this region for over 20 years, I can say that many of them do not respect our waterways!!!I am an avid Bass fisherman and would love to see a variation of these restrictions/limits continue...of course also being a Hospital/ED worker, I can tell you the pandemic is not going away-If anything it is/will get much worse before it gets better late into next year-allowing "free for all" tournaments again is a BAD IDEA! so for simple safety/public health reasons these restrictions/limits must be kept/enforced into the 2021 season...Thank you. SM

Comment ID: 16**First Name:** Jon**Last Name:** Orris**Commenter Email:** jorris39@gmail.com**Comment Input Method:** Portal**Commenter Association:****Commenter Title:****Posted Date:** 11/24/20 04:09:43 PM**Comment:**

Name: Orris, Jon Submission Date: 11/24/2020 Agency: Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
 Subject: Sport Fishing in the Inland District Tracking Number: PR2020-015 Outlaw bow fishing completely. It's not fishing. Reduce the creel limit and increase the fines for those exceeding the limit and fishing without a license.

Comment ID: 17**First Name:** John**Last Name:** Fiora jr**Commenter Email:** Jack@ppo2.com**Comment Input Method:** Portal**Commenter Association:****Commenter Title:****Posted Date:** 11/24/20 05:47:00 PM**Comment:**

Name: Fiora jr, John Submission Date: 11/24/2020 Agency: Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
 Subject: Sport Fishing in the Inland District Tracking Number: PR2020-015 I lived on bashan lake east haddam all my life and I alway wondered why you never stock but just a few trout and never any walleyes. It is one of the cleanest lakes in the state and I hope you will stock it more heavily. Please respond to my request.

Comment ID: 18**First Name:** Ken**Last Name:** Mn**Commenter Email:** manzari@att.net**Comment Input Method:** Portal**Commenter Association:****Commenter Title:****Posted Date:** 11/24/20 08:23:25 PM**Comment:**

Name: Mn, Ken Submission Date: 11/24/2020 Agency: Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
 Subject: Sport Fishing in the Inland District Tracking Number: PR2020-015 Would like to see the establishment of

more wild brook trout streams, although the results of the Random Revisit of Statewide Stream Survey results were quite disheartening.

Comment ID: 19

First Name: Geoff

Last Name: Sheppard

Commenter Email: Geoffsheppard1982@yahoo.com

Comment Input Method: Portal

Commenter Association:

Commenter Title: Member

Posted Date: 11/24/20 11:08:38 PM

Comment:

Name: Sheppard, Geoff Submission Date: 11/24/2020 Agency: Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
Subject: Sport Fishing in the Inland District Tracking Number: PR2020-015 Just a suggestion. When it comes to trout stocking and having an opening day, can we transition it over from spring to fall? The reason I ask is that if we had a heavier stocking in the fall, the trout would survive for a longer period of time, thus giving us a longer season to fish for them. Currently, the majority of the streams are only stocked in the spring and the fish that are not caught die off due to the temperatures getting too high for them to survive in just a few months. If we stocked them in the fall, it would add 6 to 8 months to our season and supplemental stockings could occur throughout the winter. The same would be true for lakes. It gives us, as anglers more opportunities to go fishing and the small businesses (bait and tackle shops) would also benefit from having a longer season as well as it would create more revenue for them.

Comment ID: 20

First Name: Phil

Last Name: Sheffield

Commenter Email: bonefishmon@aol.com

Comment Input Method: Portal

Commenter Association:

Commenter Title:

Posted Date: 11/25/20 06:03:09 AM

Comment:

Name: Sheffield, Phil Submission Date: 11/25/2020 Agency: Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
Subject: Sport Fishing in the Inland District Tracking Number: PR2020-015 I would like to see the Atlantic Salmon stockings increase to the levels they were before the legacy program. It's popularity in late fall has increased. I am seeing lots of out of state plates. Thus the need for more salmon. Please apply some of the funds from the salmon stamp to increase production in Kensington. Maybe expand if you are short on space. With Canada closed due to Covid, CT seems to be the best alternative. More salmon=more license fees= more money for the surrounding communities.

Comment ID: 21

First Name: Paul

Last Name: Dufour

Commenter Email: garcondeleon@att.net

Comment Input Method: Email

Commenter Association:

Commenter Title:

Posted Date: 11/25/20 01:10:43 PM

Comment:

Name: Dufour, Paul Submission Date: 11/25/2020 Agency: Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
Subject: Sport Fishing in the Inland District Tracking Number: PR2020-015 This is how I feel about new laws! The most terrifying words in the English language are: I'm from the government and I'm here to help. Ronald Reagan Government is like a baby. An alimentary canal with a big appetite at one end and no sense of responsibility at the other. Ronald Reagan Read more at <https://www.brainyquote.com/authors/ronald-reagan-quotes>
Guess you'll take fishing out of my life too. The golden years, Paul Dufour 76 and ready for God.

Comment ID: 22**First Name:** Ryan**Last Name:** Gallagher**Commenter Email:** ryang01@yahoo.com**Comment Input Method:** Email**Commenter Association:****Commenter Title:****Posted Date:** 11/25/20 01:12:42 PM**Comment:**

Name: Gallagher, Ryan Submission Date: 11/25/2020 Agency: Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
 Subject: Sport Fishing in the Inland District Tracking Number: PR2020-015 Yes a open season for trout year round would be nice and hopefully anglers will hopefully be notified. I strongly disagree with stocking any type of pike in CT that would hurt natural populations. Trout are non native and should be stocked only in land locked man made ponds not rivers or streams. If DEEP does not stock more often and prove that they did stock they will get defunded. More than 159 days in between stocking dates is totally unacceptable. Thank for your time and hearing me. Ryan Gallagher

Comment ID: 23**First Name:** Alan**Last Name:** DiCara**Commenter Email:** alandicara@gmail.com**Comment Input Method:** Email**Commenter Association:****Commenter Title:****Posted Date:** 11/25/20 01:14:56 PM**Comment:**

Name: DiCara, Alan Submission Date: 11/25/2020 Agency: Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
 Subject: Sport Fishing in the Inland District Tracking Number: PR2020-015 11.24.2020 re: suggestion for a change in regulations re fishing in CT Hi Mr Foreman- Thanks for seeking input from people who fish about proposed regulations, copy below. As long as you are making changes, I have a suggestion to consider: please delete the regulation that requires fisher men and women to throw back trout in designated areas. While I understand this is to increase supplies of trout in designated areas for sport trout fishermen/women, we all know what really happens too often: fewer trout are caught and kept - the goal - but then the drought sets in, DEEP continues stocking and 100s of dead trout turn up on the shores of, eg, the Housatonic River where I worked at Housa Meadows some time ago. If DEEP had allowed people to 'catch and keep' there might be fewer dead fish along the shores and more on peoples' plates - espec during national and state emergencies and, for the hungry in CT - more for them and their families. Thanks for any consideration and reply- Alan DiCara, Winchester

Comment ID: 24**First Name:** Jessie**Last Name:** Kyler Johnson**Commenter Email:** jessiekylerjohnson@yahoo.com**Comment Input Method:** Email**Commenter Association:****Commenter Title:****Posted Date:** 11/27/20 04:14:02 PM**Comment:**

Name: Kyler Johnson, Jessie Submission Date: 11/27/2020 Agency: Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
 Subject: Sport Fishing in the Inland District Tracking Number: PR2020-015 Firstly, thank you for inviting me to share my opinion on the proposed changes to inland fishing regulations. I have read over the provided material, and it appears many of the changes are minute corrections to which I have no objections. I am also not opposed to the addition of a closed season at Black Rock Pond, Walker Reservoir (East), and McGovern Pond. I am however, curious to know if Northern Pike hybrids are prominent enough to have their own specified regulations that are separate from the species under which they are listed or if this is a revision that may be made should they become more prominent? I also hope that these regulations, along with existing regulations, can be further enforced

to prevent over fishing, pollution, and other negative environmental impacts. Again, thank you for inviting me to voice my concerns, Jessiekylar Johnson

Comment ID: 25

First Name: Brian

Last Name: Lisk

Commenter Email: Blisk26@gmail.com

Comment Input Method: Portal

Commenter Association:

Commenter Title:

Posted Date: 11/28/20 10:51:46 AM

Comment:

Name: Lisk, Brian Submission Date: 11/28/2020 Agency: Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
Subject: Sport Fishing in the Inland District Tracking Number: PR2020-015 Better regulation of the Mill River TMA in Fairfield. Seems like people are keeping the trout out of the river since it's harder to catch them a week after a stocking. Also require barbless hooks there too

Comment ID: 26

First Name: Joseph

Last Name: Rydzy

Commenter Email: jrydzy@snet.net

Comment Input Method: Portal

Commenter Association:

Commenter Title:

Posted Date: 11/28/20 03:00:07 PM

Comment:

Name: Rydzy, Joseph Submission Date: 11/28/2020 Agency: Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
Subject: Sport Fishing in the Inland District Tracking Number: PR2020-015 Stop stocking thousands of trout in no kill areas. your turning rivers and lakes into hatcheries

Comment ID: 27

First Name: Patrick

Last Name: Lefemine

Commenter Email: pat@bowsitemail.com

Comment Input Method: Portal

Commenter Association: United Bowhunters of Connecticut

Commenter Title:

Posted Date:

Comment:

Name: Lefemine, Patrick Submission Date: 11/30/2020 Agency: Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
Subject: Sport Fishing in the Inland District Tracking Number: PR2020-015 My name is Pat Lefemine, I represent bowhunters in the State of Connecticut, I also own a bowhunting website that is frequented by Connecticut Sportsmen. I would like to state my support for these inland fishing regulations, specifically the changes to bowfishing regulations. Bowfishing is a sport enjoyed by many in the state. The previous regulations greatly impacted the sport of bowfishing and we feel these revisions address the negative impacts. It is also an acceptable compromise with no negative impact to the common carp population. Thank you - Pat Lefemine Eastford, CT

Comment ID: 28

First Name: Herbert

Last Name: Van Kruiningen

Commenter Email: dr.herbert.vankruiningen@gmail.com

Comment Input Method: Email

Commenter Association:

Commenter Title:

Posted Date: 12/01/20 03:33:18 PM

Comment:

Name: Van Kruiningen, Herbert Submission Date: 12/1/2020 Agency: Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Subject: Sport Fishing in the Inland District Tracking Number: PR2020-015 It would be great for the mental health of all of us if the State would buy trout and stock them in our rivers. Perhaps next year stockings can be spread out into the fall and winter. Many of us are not able to fish from a boat, so stocking all the fish into the lakes is a misjustice. Herb

Comment ID: 29**First Name:** Steven**Last Name:** Culton**Commenter Email:** swculton@yahoo.com**Comment Input Method:** Portal**Commenter Association:** none**Commenter Title:****Posted Date:** 12/03/20 01:13:06 PM**Comment:**

Name: Culton, Steven Submission Date: 12/3/2020 Agency: Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Subject: Sport Fishing in the Inland District Tracking Number: PR2020-015 Changing the Session Woods WTMA from Class 3 to Class 1 is an excellent idea. In the last ten years, and especially the last few, this brook has seen a dramatic uptick in angler pressure, and the fishing experience has fallen off precipitously. I don't catch anywhere near the number of char I used to. Hopefully this change will help the wild trout and char population rebound. Don't forget to place numerous signs making anglers aware of the change! And better enforcement of the regs wouldn't hurt either.

Comment ID: 30**First Name:** Charles**Last Name:** Robinson**Commenter Email:** Chuckrsr@gmail.com**Comment Input Method:** Portal**Commenter Association:****Commenter Title:****Posted Date:** 12/03/20 10:03:58 PM**Comment:**

Name: Robinson , Charles Submission Date: 12/3/2020 Agency: Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Subject: Sport Fishing in the Inland District Tracking Number: PR2020-015 Someone used my Social security number to reprint a hunting/fishing license. I think you have a problem with the online sportsman's system. In 2019 I noticed something odd when I was looking at my 2017 credentials. Someone had used my social security number to get a fishing/hunting license. Last four of Connecticut drivers license used is 3079. This could be happening to other sportsman's licenses as well. Please let the public know. I have been a licensed hunter/fisherman in Connecticut since 1997. Now I have two sportsmans ID numbers. I notified the DEEP in 2019. I did not get an answer how this is happening. This might not have been an issue prior to the online system.

Comment ID: 31**First Name:** Richard**Last Name:** Sears**Commenter Email:** dick.sears@gmail.com**Comment Input Method:** Portal**Commenter Association:****Commenter Title:****Posted Date:** 12/06/20 12:05:17 PM**Comment:**

Name: Sears, Richard Submission Date: 12/6/2020 Agency: Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Subject: Sport Fishing in the Inland District Tracking Number: PR2020-015 Sport Fishing in the Inland District DEEP--Proposed Regulations Section 26-112-46 Trout Management Lakes: Mohawk Pond--After observing multiple side-by-side pulling in daily limits of just-stocked brookies, I am strongly in favor of limiting the brook

trout creel limit to 1 per day and size to 14?+. Also, please stock fish from a boat to remove the ?fishing in a barrel? from the boat launch and Camp beach sites. Mt. Tom Pond: From what I see, trout and salmon stocks get heavily battered early in the season with the five (trout) and one (salmon) daily creel limits. I thought I saw in your revisions a size or daily creel limit for trout, which I think is a good idea. I met a guy bragging that he had caught more than 40 salmon this past season from the beach with live bait. I hope he respects the daily limit, but is there any precedent for setting a seasonal limit for salmon? I suppose there is probably no way to regulate this. Keep up the good work regulating the fisheries.

Comment ID: 32**First Name:** John**Last Name:** Kadow**Commenter Email:** johnkadows@aol.com**Comment Input Method:** Portal**Commenter Association:****Commenter Title:****Posted Date:** 12/06/20 10:36:03 PM**Comment:**

Name: Kadow, John Submission Date: 12/6/2020 Agency: Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
 Subject: Sport Fishing in the Inland District Tracking Number: PR2020-015 Under ice fishing the following comment seems to be either unclear (at least to me) or too restrictive because if each point is a hook it seems to allow only a single treble hook on a tip up. This would preclude the double treble hook or single hook /treble hook setups used with larger pike bait: (2) Each line shall be restricted to not more than three baited hooks, with or without attractors, or three ice flies or three artificial lures or any combination thereof, not exceeding three in the aggregate. given the definition from above it: (o) ?Hook? or ?fishhook? means a curved, pointed device, with or without barb, used to catch fish. Hooks may be single, double or treble and each point shall be considered as a single hook.

Comment ID: 33**First Name:** Shannon**Last Name:** Young**Commenter Email:** chairman@lla-ct.org**Comment Input Method:** Email**Commenter Association:** Lake Lillinonah Authority**Commenter Title:****Posted Date:** 12/09/20 11:22:15 AM**Attachments:**

PR2020_015_LLA Tiger Musky Regulation Comment Dec 2020 rec 12-07-2020.pdf

Comment:

Name: Young, Shannon Submission Date: 12/9/2020 Agency: Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
 Subject: Sport Fishing in the Inland District Tracking Number: PR2020-015 Greetings I am submitting our written comments from The Lake Lillinonah Authority. Thank You ?Shannon Young

Comment ID: 34**First Name:** Cory**Last Name:** Williams**Commenter Email:** cwilli06@gmail.com**Comment Input Method:** Portal**Commenter Association:****Commenter Title:****Posted Date:** 12/09/20 06:40:54 PM**Comment:**

Name: Williams, Cory Submission Date: 12/9/2020 Agency: Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
 Subject: Sport Fishing in the Inland District Tracking Number: PR2020-015 Consider making TMA?s catch and release only- the angling pressure in Fairfield county in particular is severe - there are no trout left by Mid May in some streams.

Comment ID: 35**First Name:** Joseph**Last Name:** Jacobowitz**Commenter Email:** margoguitarist@yahoo.com**Comment Input Method:** Email**Commenter Association:****Commenter Title:****Posted Date:** 12/10/20 11:24:28 AM**Comment:**

Name: Jacobowitz, Joseph Submission Date: 12/10/2020 Agency: Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Subject: Sport Fishing in the Inland District Tracking Number: PR2020-015 Subject: Tiger musky proposal (Joe Jacobowitz) Just wanted to write in my opinion on the tiger musky regulations. My thought is they should be catch and release only or at worst 1 at day at full growth over 45?. The fact they are not able to reproduce and the lake association paying decent money to have them in the lake it seems like a shame and waste to see 2 a day go home at juvenile size. With only a 700 stocked a few times in a massive lake the regulations deserve to be different then northern pike. Very different fish which deserves different laws. I was hoping seeing tigers on the docket the state was considering adding tigers to our stocking in more places. This year I made a petition that received over 645 signatures about having musky in CT. I added the link below. There is huge interest in these fish and it could generate a lot of interest. If never pure strains then tigers would be an amazing compromise. Please check it out! Thank you for your time. Mike was kind enough to email personally about this -Joseph Jacobowitz 203-710-7940 https://www.change.org/Musky_stocking_ct Link for petition! Sent from my iPhone

Comment ID: 36**First Name:** Al**Last Name:** Sonski**Commenter Email:** asonski@aol.com**Comment Input Method:** Email**Commenter Association:****Commenter Title:****Posted Date:** 12/10/20 05:19:41 PM**Comment:**

Name: Sonski, Al Submission Date: 12/10/2020 Agency: Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Subject: Sport Fishing in the Inland District Tracking Number: PR2020-015 Subject: Re: Reminder - comment period is open until December 15, 2020 for proposed Inland Sport Fishing Regulations! I like the daily limit of one brook trout harvested in Black Pond, Woodstock. I am sure many people went home with a limit of 5 of those beautiful fish. Brook trout are the easiest of our salmonids to catch.

Comment ID: 37**First Name:** David**Last Name:** Murawski**Commenter Email:** Ctfishingbum@yahoo.com**Comment Input Method:** Portal**Commenter Association:****Commenter Title:****Posted Date:** 12/14/20 10:59:23 AM**Comment:**

Name: Murawski, David Submission Date: 12/14/2020 Agency: Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Subject: Sport Fishing in the Inland District Tracking Number: PR2020-015 Please do not allow bow fishing in the CT river. I believe this will lead to the accidental killing of northern pike. Due to the usual murkiness/low visibility of the water and overall size and shape similarities of carp and northern pike. Because of these this I believe bow fishing should not be allowed in any waterbodies containing northern pike.

Comment ID: 38**First Name:** Brian

Last Name: Piepho**Commenter Email:** bpiepho8@gmail.com**Comment Input Method:** Email**Commenter Association:****Commenter Title:****Posted Date:** 12/14/20 11:18:35 AM**Comment:**

Name: Piepho, Brian Submission Date: 12/14/2020 Agency: Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
 Subject: Sport Fishing in the Inland District Tracking Number: PR2020-015 As an avid Pike fisherman, I fish 50+ days/year and I always do catch and release. Now that Tiger Musky have been stocked in Connecticut, please set the state regulation as catch and release.

Comment ID: 39**First Name:** Mike**Last Name:** Matthews**Commenter Email:** mrmatthews.86@gmail.com**Comment Input Method:** Portal**Commenter Association:** Farmington Valley Trout Unlimited**Commenter Title:** Board Member**Posted Date:** 12/14/20 01:11:08 PM**Attachments:**

FVTU DEEP Support Letter_FINAL.docx.pdf

Comment:

Name: Matthews, Mike Submission Date: 12/14/2020 Agency: Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
 Subject: Sport Fishing in the Inland District Tracking Number: PR2020-015 Submitted on behalf of Farmington Valley Trout Unlimited -129: December 14, 2020 Farmington Valley Trout Unlimited -129 139 Hopmeadow Rd. Bristol, CT 06010 Commissioner Katie Dykes Department of Energy and Environmental Protection 79 Elm Street Hartford, CT, 06106 Commissioner Dykes, Farmington Valley Trout Unlimited -129 (FVTU) is submitting this letter of support for all of the 2020 Proposed Inland Fishing Regulations submitted by the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environment (DEEP): amending sections 26-112-43, 26-112-44, 26-112-45, and 26-112-46, and repeal sections 26-112-24 and 26-112-47 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies. As the second largest Trout Unlimited chapter in New England with a membership of over 600 and growing, FVTU- 129 fully supports these changes and DEEP's continued commitment to preserving and restoring Connecticut's coldwater fisheries. In addition to these proposals however, FVTU-129 would like to urge DEEP to continue prioritizing those efforts aimed at conserving our remaining brook trout population. As the only non-migratory salmonid native to Connecticut, the brook trout is a vitally important species to our state's natural heritage. Threats such as habitat loss and climate change are rapidly shrinking the number of streams that host our beloved ?squaretail?, which is why we implore DEEP to expand its efforts in this regard. Thank you for your continued leadership and commitment to Connecticut's coldwater fisheries and please don't hesitate to contact us with any suggestions on how we might assist your efforts. Sincerely, John DiVenere - President, Farmington Valley Trout Unlimited- 129

Comment ID: 40**First Name:** John**Last Name:** Bzenas**Commenter Email:** Jbaze10675@aol.com**Comment Input Method:** Portal**Commenter Association:****Commenter Title:****Posted Date:** 12/14/20 02:00:18 PM**Comment:**

Name: Bzenas, John Submission Date: 12/14/2020 Agency: Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
 Subject: Sport Fishing in the Inland District Tracking Number: PR2020-015 Allow Centerpin float style fishing in Atlantic Salmon stocked areas. Centerpin fishing requires weights attached to the line. The lures are drifted under the float

Comment ID: 41**First Name:** Phil**Last Name:** Sheffield**Commenter Email:** bonefishmon@aol.com**Comment Input Method:** Portal**Commenter Association:****Commenter Title:****Posted Date:** 12/15/20 08:41:48 AM**Comment:**

Name: Sheffield, Phil Submission Date: 12/15/2020 Agency: Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
 Subject: Sport Fishing in the Inland District Tracking Number: PR2020-015 When the TIP line is called due to poaching, no one shows up. Should we call the police instead? Please pass a Bill to include more CO?s!

Comment ID: 42**First Name:** Charlie**Last Name:** Robinson**Commenter Email:** chuckrsr@gmail.com**Comment Input Method:** Portal**Commenter Association:****Commenter Title:****Posted Date:** 12/15/20 10:55:20 AM**Comment:**

Name: Robinson, Charlie Submission Date: 12/15/2020 Agency: Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
 Subject: Sport Fishing in the Inland District Tracking Number: PR2020-015 I have been hunting/fishing in Connecticut for three decades. I have some questions about the regulations being proposed. Sec.26-112-44. Closed Season (b.) (1.) Lakes and Ponds Gills Pond in Berlin is listed. What street is this pond located off of? I cannot locate it. Are you going to be posting it as closed? Additional water bodies in this section might be known locally by a different name as well. Sec. 26-112-45. Species Limitations (p.)Walley(Sander Vitreus) (3.) Lake Pocotopaug, East Hampton Walley Fishing in Connecticut is great. Does lake Pocotopaug offer access to Persons with Physical Disabilities? Or the public? Sec. 26-112-43. Definitions and restrictions (u.) (3.) "Ice Fishing" Bobbers would be difficult to label with name and address. Would conservation ID be sufficient? Finally I have a question about Bow Fishing regulations. Are you currently required to have an archery endorsement on your fishing license to Bow fish? You learn valuable lessons taking an archery course. Some of it might help save a life. In addition you learn about safety and signs of hypothermia.

Comment ID: 43**First Name:** Kim**Last Name:** Samsel**Commenter Email:** kimsamsel@ymail.com**Comment Input Method:** Email**Commenter Association:****Commenter Title:****Posted Date:** 12/15/20 01:00:59 PM**Comment:**

Name: Samsel, Kim Submission Date: 12/15/2020 Agency: Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
 Subject: Sport Fishing in the Inland District Tracking Number: PR2020-015 Mr. Foreman Hi there.I am concerned with the addition of tiger musky to the northern pike regulations in CT. These fish are sterile and much more rare, deserving a catch and release or 45? plus single fish per day regulation. Thank you for your time, Kim Samsel Sent from my iPhone

Comment ID: 44**First Name:** Kimberley**Last Name:** Worthington**Commenter Email:** kimworthingtonlcs@ gmail.com**Comment Input Method:** Email

Commenter Association:**Commenter Title:****Posted Date:** 12/15/20 01:04:26 PM**Comment:**

Name: Worthington, Kimberley Submission Date: 12/15/2020 Agency: Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Subject: Sport Fishing in the Inland District Tracking Number: PR2020-015 Subject: Tiger musky To: The CT DEEP Fisheries Division Attn: Bill Forman It would be in the best interest of the Lake Lillinonah fishery if a separate and reduced limit was added for tiger musky instead of including it to the pike regulations this year. These fish are newly established sterile fish that require stricter limitations than that of pike. Please consider catch and release only or one fish over 46" per day as a specific regulation to them. Regards, Kimberley Worthington

Comment ID: 45**First Name:** Chuck**Last Name:** Read**Commenter Email:** chuck@punch21.com**Comment Input Method:** Email**Commenter Association:** Lake Lillinonah Authority**Commenter Title:** Roxbury representative**Posted Date:** 12/15/20 02:27:34 PM**Attachments:**

new-regulations-for-tiger-musky-in-ct.pdf

Comment:

Name: Read, Chuck Submission Date: 12/15/2020 Agency: Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Subject: Sport Fishing in the Inland District Tracking Number: PR2020-015 Subject: CT tiger musky regulations 12/15/20 The State of Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Fisheries Division Attn: William Foreman I am writing this letter and submitting the petition linked below in regards to DEEP's decisions on tiger musky regulations here in CT. As also mentioned by the Lake Lillinonah Authority I strongly recommend a separation of tiger musky from the pike regulations. Ideally, as tiger musky are a sterile sport fish that Lillinonah stocks with the lake's personal funds, a catch and release only regulation is preferred. With only 700 or so fingerlings stocked per year any extra contributions to fatality such as the ability to keep two per day could possibly destroy this unique and exciting fishery. The fish, which takes several years to reach trophy class, has the potential to grow in excess of 45 inches. Using the pike regulation drastically reduces their chances in doing so. If catch and release is not possible, at minimum I would recommend a single fish over 45" per day limit. This less than ideal version of separating tiger musky from pike would at least allow fish to reach trophy class. Creating a trophy class of fish like this in an already incredible fishery requires a stricter set of guidelines. However abiding to a catch and release policy ensures these fish have the most opportunity to thrive in these waters. A close second to that would be the one fish over 45 or more inches also mentioned. Many fellow CT anglers agree with these ideas on separating pike and tiger musky in CT. Below you will find a link to the petition I created a few weeks ago that already has more than 130 signatures. A PDF version of this petition may be provided upon request with signatures for your records. https://sign.moveon.org/petitions/new-regulations-for-tiger-musky-in-ct?share=b0af4ff0-75c0-472e-9d26-198d8eef47d8&source=c.fwd&utm_source=c.fwd New Regulations For Tiger Musky in CT These fish help control populations of pan fish that are destroying other fish's reproduction. Fish such as the white perch eat bass fry and deplete the population. Tiger musky are apex predators integral to keeping a balance in their waterways. These fish cohabitate with pike populations and bring anglers to the area as a very desired sport fish. sign.moveon.org Thank you for your time, Charles Read Roxbury, CT Lake Lillinonah Authority