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(As Amended)

**"AN ACT CONCERNING THE ENDANGERED SPECIES  
PROGRAMS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL  
PROTECTION."**

1 Strike section 506 in its entirety and insert the following in lieu  
2 thereof:

3 "Sec. 506. Section 26-69 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

5 The commissioner may engage in wildlife management practices,  
6 [and may expend from federal aid funds necessary moneys to  
7 establish, construct and maintain, on any state-owned land and water  
8 under his control and, with the consent of the owner, on private land  
9 and water, wildlife propagation installations, facilities and associated  
10 structures, experimental stations and facilities, and perform, or have  
11 performed, any work related to the establishment, restoration,  
12 improvement, control and protection of wildlife habitats, and perform

13 or have performed any work related to the creation of facilities for  
14 ingress and egress and the creation of facilities for public use of any  
15 area under its control] including, but not limited to: (1) Managing the  
16 wildlife resources of the state to provide sustainable, healthy  
17 populations of diverse wildlife species, including endangered and  
18 threatened species, consistent with professional wildlife management  
19 principles; (2) conducting research to better understand processes and  
20 relationships affecting wildlife and habitats; (3) conducting public  
21 awareness and technical assistance programs to enhance privately-  
22 owned habitat and promote an appreciation for and understanding of  
23 the value and use of wildlife; (4) performing any work for the  
24 establishment, restoration, improvement, control and protection of  
25 wildlife habitats; (5) performing any work to create and maintain  
26 facilities for ingress and egress for public use of any area under said  
27 commissioner's control; (6) regulating hunting seasons and bag limits  
28 for all harvestable wildlife species within Connecticut; (7) managing  
29 public hunting and wildlife recreational opportunities on state-owned,  
30 state-leased, permit-required areas and cooperative wildlife  
31 management areas; and (8) conducting, with volunteer assistance,  
32 conservation education and safety programs to promote safe and  
33 ethical hunting practices. Said commissioner may expend from federal  
34 aid funds necessary moneys for supplies, materials, equipment,  
35 temporary personal services and contractual services to carry out the  
36 provisions of this section. Any utilization of such powers by the  
37 commissioner shall be documented and subject to disclosure pursuant  
38 to the Freedom of Information Act. Such documentation shall include,  
39 but not be limited to: An explanation of the need for such use, the  
40 duration of such use, a description of the power used, the location  
41 where such power was used, the names of the persons or entities that  
42 may take animals pursuant to the plan, any conditions of the plan, the  
43 methods used under the plan and any species taken under the plan."