



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 551

February Session, 2004

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AN ACT CONCERNING RECREATIONAL FISHING IN CONNECTICUT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of
2 Environmental Protection shall not close an area to sport fishing, as
3 defined in section 26-1 of the general statutes, pursuant to section 26-
4 16, 26-101, 26-102, 26-111 or 26-112 of the general statutes, unless the
5 commissioner finds, after a hearing held pursuant to section 26-113 of
6 the general statutes, that: (1) The proposed closed area is no larger than
7 that which is supported by the best scientific data available to the
8 commissioner, (2) a timetable is provided for review of the closure of
9 such area not less than once every three years, (3) provisions are made
10 to reopen the closed area to sport fishing when the conditions
11 requiring the closure no longer exist, and (4) notice and an explanation
12 of the closure are posted on the Internet web site of the Department of
13 Environmental Protection.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>

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