
OLR Bill Analysis

sSB 805

AN ACT CONCERNING THE TAKING OF EASTERN OYSTERS.

SUMMARY:

This bill reduces the size, from three to two inches long, of eastern oysters that can be taken from Connecticut waters. By law, oysters cannot be taken if the agriculture commissioner determines they are not ready for harvest, unless the oysters are for sale, transplant, and relay for aquaculture purposes within state waters. The law authorizes the commissioner to adopt implementing regulations.

Violators are subject to a fine of up to \$500, imprisonment of up to six months, or both (CGS § 26-237).

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 17 Nay 12 (03/27/2013)