

A copy of the complete text of the proposed regulations is available at no cost upon request by contacting Anne F. Howroyd, Division Manager, at the address, number and e-mail noted above.

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**SECRETARY OF THE STATE**

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**Notice of Intent to Adopt Regulations**

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In accordance with the provisions of Section 4-168 (a) of the Connecticut General Statutes, notice is hereby given that the Secretary of the State, under the authority of Section 3-90 (a) of the Connecticut General Statutes, intends to adopt Regulations concerning emergency plans. The terms of the proposed regulation creates a model plan for municipalities to follow in the event of an emergency before, during or after an election, primary or referendum.

The purpose of the regulation is to provide towns with a model emergency plan for the proper execution of an election, primary or referendum under emergency circumstances as required by Public Act 11-46 of the 2011 General Assembly entitled "An Act Concerning the Integrity of Elections."

Comments regarding these Regulations may be submitted to the Secretary of the State, Legislation, Administration & Elections Division Attn: Bernard Liu, Esq., within thirty (30) days of the publication of this notice.

Copies of the proposed regulations may be viewed or obtained at the Legislation, Administration & Elections Division of the Office of the Secretary of the State.

Denise Merrill  
Secretary of the State

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**DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION**

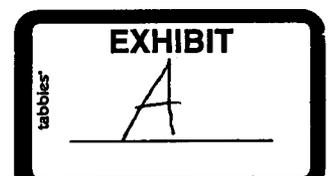
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**Notice of Intent to Amend Regulations**

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In accordance with the authority granted in Sections 4-168 and 20-300 of the Connecticut General Statutes, it is the intention of the State of Connecticut, Department of Consumer Protection to amend the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies by amending Section 20-300-10, concerning electronic signatures by professional engineers and land surveyors.

All interested persons who wish to express their views orally may do so at a public hearing to be held at the Department of Consumer Protection, Room 119, State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut 06106 at 10:00 a.m. on May 8, 2012.



All interested parties who wish to submit data, views or arguments may do so in writing within thirty (30) days following the publication of this notice. Such written materials should be directed to William M. Rubenstein, Commissioner, Department of Consumer Protection, Room 103, State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, 06106.

A copy of the proposed regulation, the Fiscal Note, and the Small Business Impact Statement applicable to the proposed regulation (as required by Public Act 09-19) are available for inspection at the address cited above, by requesting a copy of the same by telephoning the Department at 860-713-6086, or by viewing the same by clicking on the "Laws and Regulations" link on the Internet homepage of the Department: [www.CT.gov/DCP](http://www.CT.gov/DCP).

The proposed changes are summarized as follows:

(A) **Purpose:** These proposed regulations update existing requirements for seals used by professional engineers and land surveyors on engineering plans and land surveys. The changes permit the use of an electronic signature in lieu of the handwritten signature and raised seal on hardcopy plans and surveys. This is an effort to modernize the law to permit the use of digital media files.

(B) **Summary:** These amendments establish standards for digital signatures on electronic documents. An electronic signature is permitted if it is in compliance with the Digital Signature Standard ("DSS") established by the National Institute of Standards and Technology ("NIST"). The regulations also establish standards for the electronic transmission of plans and surveys.

(C) **Legal Effects:** Existing regulations establish standards for the signing and sealing of paper, Mylar or other hardcopy engineering and land surveying documents. These proposed regulations establish similar standards for electronic documents. There are no major changes to the legal effects for compliance with the regulations. Failure to comply with these new regulations may result in action against the license of the engineer or land surveyor, including revocation, suspension, probation or a letter of reprimand.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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### Notice of Closed Seasons for Black Sea Bass and Tautog and Extension of Open Seasons for Scup and Summer Flounder

Pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 26-25, the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection ("the Commissioner") is providing notice of season closures for black sea bass (*Centropristes striata*) and tautog (*Tautoga onitis* or blackfish) and season extensions for scup (*Stenotomus chrysops* or porgy) and summer flounder (*Paralichthys dentatus* or fluke) which shall be effective from the date that this notice is published in the Connecticut Law Journal through and including December 31, 2012.

In support of this notice the Commissioner finds that the sport fishing harvest level for black sea bass and tautog will exceed the harvest level for efficient management of these species without additional season closures and the sport fishing harvest for scup and summer flounder will fail to meet the harvest level for efficient management without additional open seasons as noted below.