



FISHERIES ADVISORY COUNCIL - A group of dedicated citizens from all regions of the state working together for fish and fishing in Connecticut.

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ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

Testimony of Dr. Vincent P. Ringrose, Chairman, FISHERIES ADVISORY COUNCIL.

Raised House Bill No. 5080 – AN ACT CONCERNING DEER MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZING BOW AND ARROW HUNTING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY ON SUNDAYS.

Senator Meyer, Representative Gentile, and members of the Environmental Committee:

I wish to testify on the behalf of the Fisheries Advisory Council of the DEEP concerning proposed bill HB5080.

The FAC is an umbrella organization representing 40 organizations and affiliates throughout the State that advises the DEP on all matters pertaining to fisheries conservation and management, both in fresh and marine waters.

At our meeting on Thursday, March 13th, the FAC authorized me to give testimony in support of HB5080. We feel that the deer populations need more intense management control in most of Connecticut's districts. This bill gives DEEP another management tool in the most overpopulated areas.

Thank you for considering this testimony.