

Small Business Impact Statement

Prior to adopting a new section or amendment, Section 4-168a of the Connecticut General Statutes (C.G.S.) requires that each state agency consider the effect of such action on small businesses as defined in C.G.S. Section 4-168a. When such regulatory action may have an adverse effect on small businesses, C.G.S. Section 4-168a directs the agency to consider regulatory requirements that will minimize the adverse impacts on small businesses if the addition of such requirements (1) will not interfere with the intended objectives of the regulatory action and (2) will allow the new section or amendment to remain consistent with public health, safety and welfare.

State Agency submitting proposed regulations: Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP)

Subject matter of Regulation: Sport fishing in the inland district, permits for liberation of triploid grass carp

In accordance with C.G.S. Section 4-168a, staff analyzed the effect on small businesses of the proposed regulations and determined the following:

Check all appropriate boxes:

- The regulatory action will not have an effect on small businesses.
- The regulatory action will have an effect on small businesses, but will not have an adverse effect on such small businesses. **SEE EXPLANATION.**
- The regulatory action may have an adverse effect on small businesses, and no alternative considered would be both as effective in achieving the purpose of the action and less burdensome to potentially effected small business. Alternatives considered include the following:
- (1) The establishment of less stringent compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses;
 - (2) The establishment of less stringent schedules or deadlines for compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses;
 - (3) The consolidation or simplification of compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses;
 - (4) The establishment of performance standards for small businesses to replace design or operational standards required in the new section or amendment; and
 - (5) The exemption of small businesses from all or any part of the requirements contained in the new section or amendment.
- The regulatory action will have an adverse effect on small businesses that cannot be minimized in a manner that is consistent with public health, safety and welfare.

Explanation: It is expected that the proposed revisions to RCSA sections 26-112-46(c), 26-112-45, 26-112-46(a), 26-112-46(c), 26-112-46(d) and 26-112-48 that extend the trout fishing season by moving the date of "Opening Day" of trout season one week earlier, from the current third

Saturday in April to the second Saturday in April, will have a positive effect on small businesses that sell bait and fishing equipment or provide services (campgrounds, restaurants, motels, fuel, etc.) to trout anglers as they will gain an additional week of business.

Additionally, the proposed revision to RCSA section 26-112-43 that increase from two to three, the number of lines that may be used by one individual when fishing most inland waters is expected to increase angling interest and attract additional anglers to the state by enhancing the angling experience for those targeting certain species, most notably common carp. This may have a positive effect on some small businesses that sell bait and fishing equipment or provide services (campgrounds, restaurants, motels, fuel, etc.) to carp anglers as they may gain additional business.

The other proposed regulations will have no effect on small business.

Has the State agency listed above notified the Department of Economic and Community Development of its intent to take the proposed action and completed the Agency Fiscal Estimate of Proposed Regulations?

Although the action will not have an adverse impact on small businesses, the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection did notify the Department of Economic and Community Development of its intent to take the proposed action.