

AGENCY FISCAL ESTIMATE OF PROPOSED REGULATION

Agency Submitting Regulation: Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP) **Date:** July 30, 2013

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

Regulation Sections No.: RCSA 26-55-1(i), 26-112-43, 26-112-44, 26-112-45, 26-112-46(a), 26-112-46(c), 26-112-46(d), 26-112-46(g), 26-112-46(h), 26-112-46(k), 26-112-48.

Statutory Authority: CGS 26-55, 26-112.

Other Agencies Effected: None

Effective Date Used In Cost Estimate: April 1, 2014

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ESTIMATE OF COST OR REVENUE IMPACT OF PROPOSED REGULATION

Agency: Energy & Environmental Protection **Fund Effected:** N/A

	First Year	Second Year	Full Operation
<u>Number of Positions</u>	0	0	0
Personal Services	0	0	0
Other Expenses	0	0	0
Equipment	0	0	0
Grants	0	0	0
Total State Cost or (Savings)	Minimal cost	Minimal cost	Minimal cost
Estimated Revenue Gain or (Loss)	0	0	0
Total Net State Cost or (Savings)	Minimal cost	Minimal cost	Minimal cost

Explanation of State Impact of Regulation:

The provisions that extend the trout fishing season by moving the date of "Opening Day" of trout season forward one week will likely have some impact, as additional staff time may be needed at facilities that typically open on, or just prior to Opening Day. At this time, it is expected that this will be addressed primarily through rescheduling of existing staff. Signage in some areas may also require replacement or updating. Some costs may be offset by additional revenues such as additional campground reservations and fishing license purchases. All other provisions have no impact to the state.

Explanation of Municipal Impact of Regulation:

The provisions that that extend the trout fishing season by moving the date of "Opening Day" of trout season one week earlier will likely have an impact, as in some municipalities, additional staff time may be needed at facilities that typically open on, or just prior to Opening Day. DEEP has also received a formal request from the City of Norwich for an earlier date for Opening Day. Signage in some areas may also require replacement or

updating. Some costs may be offset by additional revenues. All other provisions have no impact to municipalities.

Explanation of Small Business Impact of Regulation:

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 increases the number of lines that may be used by one individual when fishing most inland waters from two to three lines 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.

Is a regulatory flexibility analysis required pursuant to C.G.S. 4-168a?

As there is no anticipated adverse impact to small business, no regulatory flexibility analysis is required.