



Connecticut Department of
**ENERGY &
ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION**

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Senator Clark J. Chapin
Representative Brian Becker
Regulations Review Committee, Room 1800
Legislative Office Building
Hartford, CT 06106

Regarding: Amendments to Hunting Regulations: Sections 26-48a-1, 26-55-3, 26-57-2, 26-66-2, 26-66-3, 26-66-4, 26-66-14, and 26-86a-1; and repealing Section 26-57-1 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

Dear Senator Chapin and Representative Becker:

Pursuant to section 4-170 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I submit the proposed regulation for your consideration and approval.

The proposed amendments are intended to: remove the "longrifle" limitation on the array of .22 caliber rimfire ammunition to be used for hunting on State-owned lands; allow junior pheasant hunting training days on both State and private land; make provisions for the hunting of chukar and Hungarian partridge consistent with the pheasant hunting season; allow the hunting season for grey squirrels to begin on September 1st and continue through February 28th eliminating the currently divided season; eliminate the prohibition on the taking of wild birds or mammals during the spring wild turkey season for those species for which there is no closed season, and for those species that have a spring hunting season; require the use of steel-shot when coot or rail hunting; clarify when a person needs to register a deer; reduce the daily and season bag limits for the taking of snapping turtles; update regulations regarding permits for the transportation and disposal of vehicle killed deer to be consistent with statutes; and eliminate the need for permits for the transportation and disposal of deer carcasses by highway departments.

If there are any questions regarding this proposal, please contact Robert LaFrance, the Department's Legislative Liaison at Robert.lafrance@ct.gov or 860-424-3401. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Klee
Commissioner

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Enclosure