

I think this quote from Pat Lefemine, who represents the bow fishers wanting an exemption in HB# 5360, highlights why we must keep the Trophy Carp Water regulations in place on the CT River.

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This is NOT fishing!

The fish bow fishers ‘target’ most are the same Trophy fish that the hundreds of CT & visiting carp anglers are trying to protect.

Here is the full quote:

“Pat Lefemine...”I can guess how this came about. There are a group of carp anglers who hate bowfishing and they did a tournament in CT a couple years ago. The head of our DEP is a former fisheries guy who wants to promote carp angling. So they slipped this via the Fisheries council without telling our Conservation council (which I sit on and represent bowhunters). I know the Chief personally and sent him an email but as of yet, no response. Carp do not need protections! During the spawn we get 200 shots a night and can land 50-80 fish. The CT river is filled with carp, so are most waters. We could never put a dent in it if every bowhunter in the state took up bow fishing.”