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**OLR Bill Analysis****sSB 226*****AN ACT AUTHORIZING DUAL LANDINGS OF FISH IN THE STATE.*****SUMMARY**

This bill requires the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) commissioner to enter into a dual landing agreement with Rhode Island, New York, or both. The agreement must authorize licensed commercial fishermen to take fish from state and federal waters in an amount that exceeds their daily limit per state, but not more than the total daily limit for all states party to the agreement.

The agreement must be limited to the Winter I Summer Flounder season, which generally runs January through April. It must also require fishermen to separate their take by the daily limits allowed in each state and complete their landings by a specified hour. The bill allows DEEP to board vessels to inspect for compliance with the agreement.

Lastly, the agreement must allow for the ability to extend it to any other state with which Connecticut shares a water or land boundary.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2019

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 29 Nay 0 (02/25/2019)