



General Assembly

January Session, 2019

**Committee Bill No. 226**

LCO No. 3787



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:  
(ENV)

***AN ACT AUTHORIZING DUAL LANDINGS OF FISH IN THE STATE.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2019*) The Commissioner of Energy and  
2       Environmental Protection shall enter into an agreement with the state  
3       of Rhode Island, the state of New York or both, to provide for a dual-  
4       landing agreement that authorizes commercial fishermen who are  
5       licensed in this state and Rhode Island or New York, as applicable, to  
6       take fish from Connecticut waters in an amount that exceeds such  
7       commercial fisherman's daily limit in this state but not more than the  
8       total daily limit for such commercial fisherman among the states that  
9       are a party to such agreement. Pursuant to such agreement, such  
10      commercial fisherman shall separate such take by the daily limits  
11      allowed in each such state and shall first offload the applicable limit in  
12      Connecticut before notifying any other state that is party to such  
13      agreement of such commercial fisherman's intent to offload some  
14      portion of such commercial fisherman's daily limit for such state in  
15      such state. Under the terms of such agreement, any commercial  
16      fisherman who intends to undertake any such dual landing shall  
17      provide notification to the Department of Energy and Environmental

18 Protection not later than forty-eight hours prior to undertaking such  
19 take. Any such agreement shall allow for such agreement to be  
20 extended to commercial fishermen licensed in this state and any other  
21 state with which Connecticut shares either a water or land boundary.  
22 The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection may board  
23 the vessel of any commercial fisherman who makes a take pursuant to  
24 such an agreement in order to inspect for compliance with the terms of  
25 any such agreement.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
(NEW)	October 1, 2019	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To authorize dual landings of fish in the state.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

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