AN ACT AUTHORIZING DUAL LANDINGS OF FISH IN THE STATE.

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

(NEW) (Effective October 1, 2019) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection shall enter into an agreement with the state of Rhode Island, the state of New York or both, to provide for a dual-landing agreement that authorizes commercial fishermen who are licensed in this state and Rhode Island or New York, as applicable, to take fish from Connecticut waters in an amount that exceeds such commercial fisherman's daily limit in this state but not more than the total daily limit for such commercial fisherman among the states that are a party to such agreement. Pursuant to such agreement, such commercial fisherman shall separate such take by the daily limits allowed in each such state and shall first offload the applicable limit in Connecticut before notifying any other state that is party to such agreement of such commercial fisherman's intent to offload some portion of such commercial fisherman's daily limit for such state in such state. Under the terms of such agreement, any commercial fisherman who intends to undertake any such dual landing shall provide notification to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection.
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Protection not later than forty-eight hours prior to undertaking such take. Any such agreement shall allow for such agreement to be extended to commercial fishermen licensed in this state and any other state with which Connecticut shares either a water or land boundary. The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection may board the vessel of any commercial fisherman who makes a take pursuant to such an agreement in order to inspect for compliance with the terms of any such agreement.

| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: |
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| (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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