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(As Amended)

**"AN ACT PROHIBITING THE IMPORT, SALE AND POSSESSION OF
AFRICAN ELEPHANTS, LIONS, LEOPARDS, BLACK
RHINOCEROS, WHITE RHINOCEROS AND GIRAFFES."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Section 26-159a of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

5 To establish and manage populations of marine and anadromous
6 finfish and marine arthropods and to facilitate the establishment of
7 unified coast-wide regulations in accordance with the provisions of
8 fishery management plans developed pursuant to the Fishery
9 Conservation and Management Act of 1976 (Public Law 94-265, as
10 amended) or other regional fishery management authorities, the
11 Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection may adopt
12 regulations in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 governing

13 possession of such species, sport fishing and commercial fishing by
14 persons fishing for such species in the waters of this state or landing
15 such species in this state, regardless of where such species were taken.
16 Such regulations may: (1) Establish the open and closed seasons; (2)
17 establish hours, days or periods during the open season when fishing
18 shall not be permitted in designated waters or areas for all or limited
19 species by all or limited methods; (3) establish legal lengths; (4) prescribe
20 the legal methods of sport fishing for all or limited species; (5) establish
21 for sport fishing the daily creel limit, the season creel limit and the
22 possession limit; (6) restrict sport fishing from boats and other floating
23 devices and sport fishing from designated areas; (7) determine the
24 species which may be taken by commercial fishing methods, provided
25 striped bass, Atlantic salmon, other anadromous salmon, brown trout,
26 rainbow trout and brook trout may only be taken by angling and, if
27 taken in the waters of this state, shall not be sold, bartered, exchanged
28 or offered for sale, barter or exchange; (8) prescribe the legal methods of
29 commercial fishing; (9) determine the specifications, materials and
30 dimensions of nets, seines, fykes, traps, pounds, trawls, trolling gear,
31 long lines, set lines and other commercial fishing gear used in the waters
32 of this state; (10) regulate the use and marking of commercial fishing
33 gear, including boats used to conduct activities authorized pursuant to
34 section 26-142a; (11) determine the number and size of finfish and
35 marine arthropods which may be taken by commercial fishermen; (12)
36 determine the total number and pounds of finfish and marine
37 arthropods, by species, which may be taken by commercial fishing
38 methods or for commercial purposes during a calendar year or lesser
39 period; (13) prohibit the landing of protected species; (14) for a fishing
40 derby or tournament, require that such activity be registered and that
41 an accurate report of all fish tagged, marked and taken, time spent on
42 an area and any other data required by the commissioner for
43 management purposes be returned within a specified period of time.
44 Any person who violates any regulation concerning sport fishing
45 adopted in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 and this section
46 shall have committed an infraction and may pay the fine by mail or
47 plead not guilty under the provisions of section 51-164n. [, except that

48 any person who violates any regulation adopted in accordance with the
49 provisions of chapter 54 and this section pertaining to the taking of
50 striped bass shall be fined one hundred dollars for each fish taken or
51 possessed for the first violation, be fined two hundred dollars for each
52 fish taken or possessed for the second violation and be fined five
53 hundred dollars for each fish taken or possessed or imprisoned not more
54 than thirty days, or both for each subsequent violation. No part of any
55 fine imposed for the taking or possession of any striped bass in violation
56 of any such regulation shall be remitted.]"

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	26-159a