

2020 INLAND FISHERIES REGULATION PROPOSALS (as of 11-9-2020)

Sec. 1. Amends Section 26-112-43. Definitions and restrictions.

- Updates bow & arrow fishing regulations.
- Makes clarifying change to creel limit definition (change “angler” to “individual”).

Sec. 2. Amends Section 26-112-44. Closed seasons.

- Adds a closed season to Black Rock Pond and Walkers Reservoir.
- To conform with section 5, Black Pond (Woodstock) and Mohawk Pond are removed from the list of lakes & ponds with a closed season from the last day of February to Opening Day

Sec. 3. Amends Section 26-112-45. Species limitations.

- Revise Carp regulations as per legislative intent (see CGS sec. 26-128).
- Include tiger muskie with Northern Pike.
- Add Colony Pond (Ansonia), Crescent Lake (Southington) and Rogers Park Pond (Danbury) to the list of 3 catfish per day creel limit lakes & ponds.

Sec. 4. Amends Section 26-112-46. Special Management Areas.

- ***Under subsection (c). Trout Management Areas (TMA).*** Corrects spelling of Merriebrook Lane (currently spelled “Merrybrook”) in the Mianus River TMA listing.
- ***Under subsection (d). Trout Management Lakes.*** Black Pond (Woodstock) and Mohawk Pond are added to the list of Trout Management Lakes and managed for Brook Trout.
- ***Under subsection (g). Wild Trout Management Areas.*** The designation of the Session Woods Wild Trout Management Area (WTMA) is changed from class 3 to class 1 and the name of the stream in this WTMA is updated.
- ***Under subsection (h). Atlantic Salmon Broodstock Areas.*** Changes designation to “Atlantic Salmon Management Areas” to better reflect current management goals.
- ***Under subsection (l). Trophy Carp Waters.*** Revise per legislative intent.

Sec. 5. Repeals Sections 26-112-24 (Closed seasons) and 26-112-47 (State-controlled fishing areas).

- 26-112-24: Eliminates outdated provisions concerning a statewide closed season.
- 26-112-47: Eliminates outdated provisions concerning the now defunct Quinebaug Valley Trout Hatchery Public Fishing Ponds.