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Notice to Party/Charter Vessel Operators RESUMPTION OF FOR-HIRE FISHING ON MAY 20TH

On May 18th, Governor Ned Lamont signed Executive Order No. 7PP "Protection of Public Health and Safety during COVID-19 Pandemic and Response – Phase 1 Re-Opening, Limitations on Camp Operations"

<https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/Office-of-the-Governor/Executive-Orders/Lamont-Executive-Orders/Executive-Order-No-7PP.pdf>

With respect to "Reopening of Outdoor Recreation and Other Businesses", Executive Order No. 7PP states that "The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development shall issue...a list of business types permitted to reopen pursuant to such Sector Rules".

On May 19th, the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) issued a list of outdoor recreation businesses that will be allowed to resume operation on May 20th, as well as guidelines for operation of those businesses:

<https://portal.ct.gov/DECD/Content/Coronavirus-Business-Recovery/Sector-Rules-for-May-20-Reopen>

https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/DECD/Covid_Business_Recovery/general-reopen-051920.pdf?la=en

Charter fishing is among the business types allowed to resume on May 20th, **subject to a limit of 5 passengers.**

Please also note that prior to re-opening, **all businesses must self-certify** that they understand and are following the appropriate guidelines. Self-certification can be completed here:

<https://business.ct.gov/recovery>

For further information, contact the DEEP Marine Fisheries Program by email at deep.marine.fisheries@ct.gov, by mail at P.O. Box 719, Old Lyme, CT 06371 or by telephone at 860.434.6043.

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