

THE TAKING OF MIGRATORY ALEWIVES AND
BLUEBACK HERRING IS PROHIBITED
IN CONNECTICUT WATERS

Under authority of Section 26-102 of the Connecticut General Statutes to declare a closed season on any regulated species threatened with undue depletion from any cause, I hereby declare that migratory populations of Alewife and Blueback Herring in Connecticut waters are threatened with undue depletion. Landlocked populations of Alewife are not so threatened. Therefore, I further declare that the taking of Alewives and Blueback Herring from the inland and marine waters of Connecticut is prohibited except that landlocked Alewife from Amos Lake, Ball Pond, Beach Pond, Candlewood Lake, Crystal Lake, Highland Lake, Mount Tom Pond, Lake Quassapaug, Lake Quonnipaug, Squantz Pond, Uncas Pond, and Lake Waramaug may be taken by angling and scoop net as established in state statute and regulation.

The foregoing restrictions supersede all previous declarations by the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection regarding Alewives and Blueback Herring without changes, and shall be effective on April 1, 2026, and shall remain in effect until superseded by a subsequent declaration or permanent regulation, including when the species are no longer threatened with undue depletion.

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Date



Katherine S. Dykes
Commissioner