

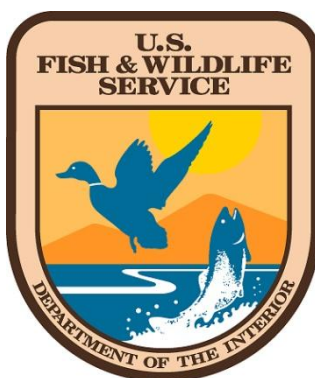
**Project #09: Housatonic River Restoration Law Enforcement Project Annual
Summary Report**



Prepared for the Trustee SubCouncil for the Geographic Area of Connecticut

Reporting Period: April 21 – September 29, 2013

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The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection division of Environmental Conservation Police was awarded funding to improve the quality of recreational angling in the upper Housatonic River by improving compliance with existing angling regulations, to be accomplished through increased patrolling at problem areas and special management areas from the upper end of Lake Lillinonah (Bleachery Dam) in New Milford northward to the Massachusetts/Connecticut state line. An additional 250 hours of patrol and unscheduled field responses to tips and complaints per year will be implemented, using existing staff, which will be paid overtime as necessary.

A summary of hours patrolled, money spent, and actions taken, during the time period April 21, 2013 to September 29, 2013, is as follows:

Days Patrolled: 82

Hours Patrolled: Officers patrolled the target area of the Housatonic River as part of their normal recreational fisheries enforcement efforts with no reimbursement from the project funding for 190 hours. In addition to the regular patrols officers were assigned to patrol 112 hours on overtime funded by the project to increase patrol efforts.

Funding expenditures: Project funding permitted an expenditure of \$25,000.00 for overtime costs during the April to September 2013 time period. For the period \$9,520.00 was utilized for overtime patrol costs.

Enforcement Action: During the time period, officers made contact with 234 anglers where no violations were observed. In addition, officers issued an additional 16 infractions, 15 written warnings and 14 verbal warnings to anglers who committed various violations. The most common violation observed (20) was fishing without a license; 5 for failure to carry license; 6 spin fishing in a fly only area; 1 violation for damaging property; 1 violation for illegal parking in a fishing access area; 1 violation for illegal taking of bass and 1 violation for illegal taking of trout were also observed.

Summary: The projected level of enforcement patrol activity (250 hour of overtime) was 138 hours short of the goal for the date period due to staffing limitations for EnCon Police personnel. Due to the surplus of available funding for overtime, the project will be extended into the 2014 fishing season for the period April 1 through September 30, 2014.