



Department of Environmental Protection

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Submitted to the Environment Committee

AAC Natural Resource Programs of the DEP

- Restructuring of fishing licenses, including creation of a Marine Fishing License and an All Waters Fishing License
- Creates fishing license reciprocity with neighboring states when such reciprocity is afforded to Connecticut residents
- Minor change to wildlife statutes to provide consistency with federal law

AAC Enforcement of Environmental Protection Statutes

- Consistency across DEP programs as to the penalty for knowingly providing false information
- Authorizes Commissioner to issue administrative orders with penalties up to \$100,00 on a case-by-case basis
- Corrects hearing procedures for wastewater discharge permits
- Authorizes higher fees for “after the fact” construction of coastal structures
- Creates an anti-idling infraction for motor buses
- Increases the penalties for violations of dam safety laws similar to other programs

AAC Toxics Reduction and Elimination

- Phase out of a class of chemicals known as Alkylphenol Ethoxylates (APE)
- Phase out the use of a certain class of toxic flame retardants known as polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDE).

AAC Conservation Law Enforcement Officers

- FIOA exemption for home address of ENCON officers

AAC Revisions to the Environmental Statutes

- Requires secondary containment for non-residential UST in order to be consistent with federal law
- Authority for Waste Demonstration Projects and a more streamlined process for Beneficial Reuse Determinations
- Changes to the Solid Waste “tipping” fee to include all solid waste, and to allow the proceeds to be used to promote municipal and state recycling
- Makes technical changes to LIS programs

- **AAC Outdoor Wood Burning Furnaces**
 - Provide consumers with a three-day right of rescission on the purchase of OWBF

- **AAC Boating Safety**
 - Update state safety requirements to be consistent with federal law