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DECLARATION OF CLOSED AREAS TO FISHING

THERMAL REFUGES ESTABLISHED AT MOUTHS OF TRIBUTARIES TO THE WEST BRANCH FARMINGTON RIVER AND FARMINGTON RIVER

Under Authority of section 26-102 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Commissioner of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection is authorized to establish fish refuge areas and may, if deemed necessary, close any waters, or portions thereof, in the inland district to fishing for limited periods of time. In accordance with the aforementioned authority, the following is declared, effective August 18, 2016:

Due to high water temperatures and low flows in the West Branch Farmington River and Farmington River, thermally stressed fish including recreationally important trout are congregating at the mouths of certain tributary streams where cooler water is entering the West Branch Farmington River and Farmington River. To protect these fish from undue depletion by angling induced stress, refuges shall be established on portions of the West Branch Farmington River and Farmington River around the mouths of the following tributaries to the West Branch Farmington River and Farmington River, from upstream to downstream:

East Mountain Brook (Hallock Brook), New Hartford
Cherry Brook, Canton
Rattlesnake Hill Brook, Canton
Burlington Brook, Burlington
Hawley Brook, Avon
Unionville Brook, Farmington
Hyde Brook, Farmington
Pequabuck River, Farmington

These refuges shall include all water within 100 feet of signs indicating such closures posted by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection and shall be closed to all fishing immediately. This closure shall remain in effect until September 15 or until any earlier date as the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental may declare, should conditions improve.

August 18, 2016
Date

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