

SECTION 1.10 ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE

In Article 1.10.03-Water Pollution Control: BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

Add the following after Best Management Practice Number 14:

15. The peregrine falcon is a state threatened species which has adapted to life in urban settings. The peregrine falcon is associated with bridges for nesting and brood rearing purposes. Peregrines will actively and aggressively defend the nest, whether a nest box or natural nest, up to and sometimes past 75 yards. The peregrine will attack anyone or anything that comes within the area of its nest. Peregrine falcons are Connecticut's largest falcon and can measure up to 20 inches. Adults are slate gray above and pale underneath with fine bars and spots of black; they have long pointed wings with a narrow tail. Young falcons have the same composite but are darker underneath and browner all over. The peregrine falcon nesting season occurs between the months of April and June. For this reason, special conditions regarding the timing of work on the structure must be adhered to. Any change in construction sequencing or timing of proposed work on the bridge must be coordinated with the Department.

In order to protect this species, the proposed construction activities at the bridges shall be completed during non-nesting season months (August – March). No construction activities and/or inspections will be permitted between April 1st and July 31st.

The Contractor shall through the Engineer at least 10 days prior to the commencement of any construction activities, arrange for a CT DOT Environmental Inspector from the Office of Environmental Planning (OEP) or their authorized delegate to be available to meet and discuss proper protocol for maintaining environmental commitments made to the protection of this species and habitat.

This species is protected by state laws which prohibit killing, harming, taking, or keeping them in your possession. Workers shall be notified of the existence of peregrine falcons in this area and be apprised of the laws protecting them. Photographs and the laws protecting peregrine falcons (species ID sheets will be provided by OEP) shall be posted in the Contractor's and DOT field offices. Any observations of this species are to be immediately reported to OEP at (860) 594-2937 or (860) 594-2938.