



NOTICE OF DECISION TO TAKE ACTION ON PROPOSED REGULATIONS

**Proposed Regulation to Extend a Slow-No-Wake Zone in Squantz Cove, Candlewood Lake, New Fairfield
(SOTS Notice No. 2014 1009 02)**

In accordance with the provisions of Section 4-168(d) of the Connecticut General Statutes (CGS) the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) hereby gives notice that it has decided to proceed with the proposed amendment of Section 15-121-B15a to the Regulations of the Connecticut State Agencies to extend by an additional 1,000 feet an existing 1,500 foot slow-no-wake zone in Squantz Cove on Candlewood Lake. The purpose of this regulation is to improve "safety on the waters of Squantz Cove and to minimize potential for damage to boats, docks and other property by excessive wakes... created by boats leaving and entering the State boat launch and using the confined waters of Squantz Cove at high speed..." (attachment to a letter to Robert Klee, DEEP Commissioner from Susan Chapman, First Selectman, New Fairfield, 16 June 2014). This amendment is being proposed under the authority granted to the Commissioner in Section 15-121(b)(11) of the Connecticut General Statutes (CGS) and its proposal is compelled by the 12 June 2014 vote of the Town of New Fairfield legislative body and petition of ten or more persons pursuant to CGS Section 15-136(b)(2).

A Notice of Intent to adopt, amend, or repeal regulations was posted on the regulations webpage of the Secretary of the State on 9 October 2014. The DEEP held a public hearing on 29 October 2014 to receive comment on the proposed amendment and accepted comment until 28 November 2014. In consideration of information received during the comment period, the DEEP now revises the original proposal in accordance with the recommendations of the Hearing Officer.

As required by the Freedom of Information Act and CGS Section 4-168(d), the Hearing Officer's Report (which includes the final wording of the proposed regulation, a statement of the principal reasons in favor of the proposed action, a statement of the principal considerations opposed to the proposed action, and a statement of the DEEP's reasons for accepting or rejecting such considerations) will be made available for download or review at on-line via the DEEP at http://www.ct.gov/deep/cwp/browse.asp?a=2586&deepNav_GID=1511 and is available for copy or review by contacting:

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