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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



**PA 19-28**—sSB 226

*Environment Committee*

**AN ACT AUTHORIZING DUAL LANDINGS OF FISH IN THE STATE**

**SUMMARY:** This act requires the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) commissioner to enter into a dual landing agreement with Rhode Island, New York, or both states. The agreement must authorize licensed commercial fishermen to take fish from state and federal waters in an amount that exceeds their daily limit per state, but not more than the total daily limit for all states that are party to the agreement.

Under the act, the agreement must be limited to the Winter I Summer Flounder season, which generally runs January through April. It must also require fishermen to separate their take by the daily limits allowed in each state and complete their landings by a specified hour. The act authorizes DEEP to board vessels to inspect for a fisherman's compliance with the agreement.

Lastly, the agreement must allow for its provisions to be extended to any other state with which Connecticut shares a water or land boundary.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** October 1, 2019