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**"AN ACT CONCERNING AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES' EFFECTS
ON LAKES AND RELATED FUNDING."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Subsection (h) of section 26-30 of the general statutes is
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
5 *passage*):

6 (h) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection may
7 issue a group fishing license to any tax-exempt organization qualified
8 under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any
9 subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the United States,
10 as amended from time to time, for the purpose of conducting a group
11 fishing event or events for persons: (1) With a service-related or other
12 disability who receive services at a facility of the United States

13 Department of Veterans Affairs Connecticut Healthcare System, (2) who
14 receive mental health or addiction services from: (A) The Department of
15 Mental Health and Addiction Services, (B) state-operated facilities, as
16 defined in section 17a-458, or (C) programs or facilities funded by the
17 Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, as provided for
18 in sections 17a-468b, 17a-469, 17a-673 and 17a-676, (3) with intellectual
19 disability who receive services from the Department of Developmental
20 Services, as provided for in section 17a-217, or from facilities licensed by
21 the Department of Developmental Services, as provided for in section
22 17a-227, (4) diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder who receive
23 services from the Department of Social Services, or (5) receiving care
24 from the Department of Children and Families, as provided for in
25 section 17a-94, or from programs or child-care facilities licensed
26 pursuant to section 17a-145 or 17a-147. Any such organization shall
27 conduct not more than fifty such events, including marine and inland
28 water events, in any calendar year and each such event shall be limited
29 to not more than [fifty] one hundred persons. Application for such a
30 group fishing license shall be submitted once per calendar year on a
31 form prescribed by the commissioner and with the necessary fee and
32 shall provide such information as required by the commissioner. All
33 fishing activities conducted pursuant to such group license shall be
34 supervised by staff or volunteers of the organization conducting the
35 event or events. Such staff or volunteers shall possess such group fishing
36 license at the site of any such event or events. Each such staff member
37 or volunteer shall have a license to fish. Such organization shall, not later
38 than ten days after such group fishing event, report to the commissioner,
39 on forms provided by the commissioner, information on the results of
40 such event. Such information shall include, but not be limited to, the
41 total: (A) Number of participants, (B) hours fished, (C) number of each
42 species caught, and (D) number of each species not released. Such
43 organization shall not charge a fee to any person that participates in any
44 such group fishing event conducted pursuant to such group fishing
45 license and any such group fishing event shall not be used by such
46 organization as a fund raising event.

47 Sec. 502. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding any
48 provision of title 26 of the general statutes, there shall be no closed
49 season for sport fishing of trout provided nothing in this section shall be
50 construed to limit the Department of Energy and Environmental
51 Protection's authority to regulate the method and manner of take for
52 such trout."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>from passage</i>	26-30(h)
Sec. 502	<i>from passage</i>	New section