

## NEW REGULATIONS NOW IN EFFECT

Below is a summary of the regulation changes of most interest to anglers (an updated set of the complete regulations can be found online at [www.ct.gov/deep/laws-regs](http://www.ct.gov/deep/laws-regs) (go to the Final Regulations)).

- **Opening Day.** The date of Opening Day has been moved one week earlier, from the third Saturday in April to the second Saturday in April. Opening Day of 2015 Trout Season will be April 11.
- **Fishing seasons.** Batterson Park Pond (Farmington), Mansfield Hollow Reservoir (Mansfield), and the Yantic River below the falls at Indian Leap (Norwich) will now be open year-round, the fishing season will now close at Scoville Reservoir (Wolcott) on the last day of February and the season at East Twin Lake is extended through the end of March.
- **Methods.** Anglers will now be able to use up to three lines (instead of two) at one time when fishing, except in specially designated trout areas (Trout Management Areas, Wild Trout Management Areas, Trout Parks, Sea-run Trout Streams and Trophy Trout Streams) where the limit will remain two lines at one time.
- **Wild Trout Management Areas (WTMA).** The portions of the Tankerhoosen River in Vernon located in the Tankerhoosen Wildlife Management Area becomes a class I WTMA (open year-round, catch-and-release fishing only) and will be combined with the Belding WTMA to become the Belding-Tankerhoosen Wild Trout Management Area.
- **Creel & length limits – Inland**

The creel limit for Kokanee Salmon is reduced from 8 to 5 fish per day, the special limits at East Twin Lake for Brown Trout are removed, and for American Eel the creel limit is reduced to 25 fish per day and the minimum length is increased to 9 inches.
- **Creel & length limits – Marine**

The creel limit for striped bass is reduced to 1 fish at 28 inches.

The creel limit for scup (porgy) increased to 30 fish per day and the minimum length is reduced to 10 inches.

The minimum length for black sea bass increased to 14 inches. The creel limit from June 1 – August 31 is 3 fish per day; creel limit from September 1 – December 31 is 5 fish per day.