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COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES

26-149-1. Commercial hatcheries reporting requirements

Each owner or operator of a licensed commercial hatchery shall keep a complete record on forms furnished by the Commissioner of finfish, lobsters and blue crabs purchased from any source and brought into said hatchery. Each owner or operator of a licensed commercial hatchery shall keep a complete record of all sales of live finfish, live egg bearing lobsters, live sub-legal lobsters, live egg bearing blue crabs and live sub-legal blue crabs on forms furnished by the Commissioner. Such records shall be furnished to the Commissioner by January 31 of the year following the year covered by the report.

26-149-2. Commercial hatcheries, removal of fish from premises

Owners or operators of commercial finfish hatcheries issued a license by the Department of Environmental Protection and their guests may remove any species of fish from the waters of such commercial hatcheries by any method, except by the use of chemicals or explosives. Fish taken from such hatcheries by the owner, operator or guests may be removed from the premises, possessed and transported at any season of the year without regard to legal lengths or daily creel limits, provided such fish or the package containing such fish, shall have attached thereto a tag or label showing the name and address of the owner of such hatchery, the number of the commercial fish hatchery license, the number and species of fish, the date such fish were removed from such hatchery and the name of the person removing such fish from such premises.

The owner or operator of such hatchery shall not allow guests to remove live fish from the hatchery premises unless said guest is in possession of written authority from the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection granted under the authority of Section 26-55 of the General Statutes to stock or introduce such species of fish in specified waters of the state.

26-149-3. Artificial fishing facilities

Operators of artificial fishing facilities, as authorized under the provisions of Section 26-149 of the General Statutes, may permit guests to take from such artificial fishing facility by angling legally acquired species of trout, charr or salmon, without regard to season, legal lengths or daily creel limits. Such fish may be removed from the premises, possessed and transported by any such guest, provided such fish are dead and provided such fish or the package containing such fish, shall have attached thereto a tag or label showing the name and address of the operator of such artificial fishing facility, the location of the enterprise with which it is associated, the number and species of fish, the date taken and the name and address of the person having possession of such fish.