STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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TO: Paul Diodati, Director, MA Division of Marine Fisheries

FROM: David Simpson, Director, CT Marine Fisheries Division

DATE: February 15, 2011

SUBJECT: Recreational Saltwater Fishing Permit Reciprocity Agreement

I have determined that the requirements of the Massachusetts Recreational Saltwater Fishing Permit issued pursuant to 322 CMR 7.10 are substantially the same as the requirements of the Connecticut Marine Waters Fishing License issued pursuant to CT Gen. Stat. \$26 (subsections 27 – 29b and 46), and that Massachusetts provides privileges to its residents under 322 CMR 7.10 that are similar to those privileges granted to Connecticut residents under CT Gen. Stat. \$26.

Given this determination and receipt of a "Recreational Saltwater Fishing Permit Reciprocity Agreement" Memorandum from Paul Diodati, Director, MA Division of Marine Fisheries, dated February 14, 2011 committing to providing Connecticut residents reciprocal marine waters fishing privileges in Massachusetts, the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) under the provisions of CGS §26-46(b), recognizes and agrees that:

An individual who is a resident of Massachusetts and who holds a valid Massachusetts Recreational Saltwater Fishing Permit may engage in lawful recreational fishing activities from land or waters under the jurisdiction of the state of Connecticut without holding a Connecticut Marine Waters Fishing License.

Connecticut DEP will recognize this agreement effective February 17, 2011.

Please contact me with any questions on this issue.

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