OLR Bill Analysis sSB 55

AN ACT CONCERNING THE BOATING SEASON FOR WYASSUP LAKE IN NORTH STONINGTON.

SUMMARY

This bill sets the boating season on Wyassup Lake in North Stonington. Specifically, it requires, regardless of any other state statutes, that Wyassup Lake be open to operating watercraft from the Saturday before Memorial Day to the Saturday after Labor Day weekend.

This would appear to preclude operating any watercraft (i.e. all vessels, including paddlecraft) on the lake for the remainder of the year.

Current state law does not establish a specific boating season for Wyassup Lake, but regulations limit operating a vessel towing a water skier to between June 15 to the Sunday after Labor Day on the lake, and prohibit operating a vessel towing a water skier between the islands and the east shore of the lake (Conn. Agencies Regs., § 15-121-B16).

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute Change of Reference - APP Yea 33 Nay 0 (03/14/2025)

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute Yea 54 Nay 0 (04/24/2025)