
OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 5333

AN ACT CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF STRIPED BASS FISHING IN THE STATE.

SUMMARY

This bill prohibits striped bass fishing (including catch and release) in Connecticut between December 1 and March 31 annually. The bill makes it an infraction to violate any regulation on striped bass taking (killing, fishing, or other means of trapping) and imposes a fine of (1) \$150 for a first offense, (2) \$350 for a second offense, and (3) \$500 for subsequent offenses. Under the bill, fines for this infraction must be paid by mail to the municipality where the infraction occurred.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2026, except the provision on the infraction is effective upon passage.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 34 Nay 0 (03/18/2026)