

Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection

List of fish and game violations that incur suspension and the suspension time periods. The suspension periods are the minimum penalties for first offenses unless noted otherwise.

VIOLATIONS		SUSPENSION PERIOD	
26-6b	Failure to standby	1 Year	
26-14a-3	Operation of artificial fishing facility		
26-16-2	Illegal hunting field trial area	6 Mos.	
26-27	Hunting without a license	1 Year w/o CEFS Certificate; 6 Mos. With CEFS Certif.	
26-27	Fishing without a license	1 st offense – 0 Months 2 nd offense – 1 Year	
26-27	Trapping without a license	1 Year w/o CEFS Certificate; 6 Mos. With CEFS Certif.	
26-27b	Hunt without CT duck stamp	1 st offense – 0 Months 2 nd offense – 1 Year	
26-31©	False information to obtain license	1 Year	
26-35	Failure to carry license	1 st offense – 0 Months 2 nd offense – 1 Year	
26-35	Altering, Changing License	6 Mos.	
26-35	Loaning or Permitting Another to use License	6 Mos.	
26-35	Using License Issued to Another	6 Mos.	
26-37	False information to obtain duplicate license	1 Year	
26-38	Allowing a minor to hunt contrary to law	1 Year	
26-39	Hunting with pack or dogs w/o license	1 Year	
26-40	Violation game breeders license REQ	6 Mos.	

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26-40(a)	Possession of potentially dangerous animal	*Case by case review
26-42	Dealing fur without license/receiving untagged	1 Year (suspend raw fur license)
26-43	Sale raw fur to unlicensed res. Dealer	1 Year
26-45	Dealing bait without license	4 Mos. (Suspend bait dealer license)
26-45	Selling unauthorized bait	4 Mos.
26-45	Failure to keep records/file bait dealers report	6 Mos.
26-47(b)	NWCO without license/regs	1Year (Suspend NWCO & Tapping Only License)
26-48	Violation regulated shooting preserve (permit only)	1 Year
26-48a-1	Pheasant violations	6 Mos.
26-49	Training of hunting dogs/regs	1 st offense - 0 Mos. 2 nd offense - 6 Mos. (Suspend training permit only)
26-51	Field dogs trials/regs	1 st offense – 0 Mos. 2 nd offense – 6 Mos.
26-52	Permits for shooting birds liberated at field dog trials	1 st offense – 0 Mos. 2 nd offense – 6 Mos.
26-54	Unauthorized possession of fame under field trial permit	6 Mos.
26-55-2	Failure to report receipt of raw fur	1 Year
26-57	Transport and export wildlife	6 Mos.
26-57-2	Vehicle killed deer/illegal possession	6 Mos.
26-58	Taxidermy without a license	1 Year
26-59	Tanning, caring, mounting without permit/regs	1 Year

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26-61(d)	Procuring permit, license, or registration while under suspension	1 Year
26-61(d)	Engaging in or procure while under suspension	Indefinite
26-62	Hunting accident causing death or injuries, death of non-game animal, damages to property of another	1 Year – Remedial Hunter Ed Required
26-65(b)	Hunting without permission of landowner	1 Year
26-66-1	State owned/leased property all violation (a) through (f)	1 Year
26-66-1(a)	Illegal method of take	1 Year
26-66-1(b)	Crossbow	1 Year
26-66-1©	Hours authorized	1 Year – Remedial Hunter Ed Required
26-66-1(d)	Hunting distances	1 Year – Remedial Hunter Ed Required
26-66-1(e)	Discharging weapon at person, building, domestic animal within range, or across traveled portion of highway	1 Year – Remedial Hunter Ed Required
26-66-1(f)	Damage to property while hunting	1 Year
26-66-1(h)	Violation refuge regulations	1 Year
26-66-1(I)	Hunting from traveled portion of public road	1 Year
26-66-1(j)	Using unauthorized animal for hunting	1 Year
26-66-1(p)	Raccoon or opossum hunting regulations	6 Mos.
26-66-1(s)	Violation ammunition regs during private land deer Season	6 Mos.
26-66-1(t)	Fluorescent orange regulations	1 Year
26-66-2	State owned/leased/permit required –weapons (a) through (d)	1 Year

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26-66-2(e)	State owned/leased property	1 st offense – 0 Mos. 2 nd offense – 1 Year
26-66-3	Seasons/bag limits (a) through (k)	1 Year
26-66-4	Waterfowl/shore birds (a) through (x)	1 Year
26-66-5	Trapping (a) through (e)	1 Year
26-66-6	Trapping state land (a) through (e)	1 Year – suspend state lease permit
26-66-7	Trapping-season/bag limits (a) through (d)	1 Year
26-66-8	Failure to report sale of game	1 Year
26-66-12	Wild turkey-season bag limits etc. (a) through (f)	1 Year
26-70	Illegal hunting/taking wildlife	1 Year
26-72	Trapping	1 Year
26-73	Hunting on Sunday	1 Year – Remedial Hunter Ed Required
26-74	Use of motor vehicle hunting	1 Year – Remedial Hunter Ed Required
26-75	Silencer on firearms	1 Year
26-76	Possession limits	1 Year
26-78	(Regs) Sale of birds, reptiles, amphibians (quadrupeds)	1 Year
26-78-1	Possession of sale of certain furbearing animals	1 Year
26-79	Hunting Putnam Park	1 Year
26-82	Illegal deer hunting	1 Year
26-82(a)	Violation provisions of deer damage permit	1 Year
26-85	Jacklighting deer	2 Years
26-86a-1 Through 5	Deer Hunting	1 Year

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26-86a-6	Deer Hunting – Open Seasons (Hours)	1 Year – Remedial Hunter Ed Required when hunting after hours
26-86a-7 Through 10	Deer Hunting	1 Year
26-86b	Tagging/reporting of deer	1 Year
26-86c	Bow hunting w/o permit	1 Year 6 Mos. with bow hunting certificate
26-86(c)	Violation bow hunting regulations	1 Year
26-86(f)	Hunting fawn deer	1 Year
26-87	Use of ferrets for rabbit hunting	1 Year
26-88	Use of explosives	1 Year
26-89	Illegal raccoon hunting	6 Mos.
26-90	Material false statement	1 Year
26-91	Migratory game birds	1 Year – Remedial Hunter Ed Required only when hunting after hours
26-92	Taking other than game bird	1 Year
26-93	Harassment/hunting/bald eagles	1 Year
26-94	Hunting swan	1 Year
26-95	Trap/net/snare bird	1 Year
26-96	Trap shooting	6 Mos.
26-97	Westport Fire District	6 Mos.
26-101	Violation refuges and closed areas	1 Year
26-102 26-104	Violation spawning areas Bantam lake/hunting	6 Mos. 1 Year

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26-105	Wonoscopomuc/hunting	1 Year
26-106	Milford refuge	1 Year
26-107	Hunting/trapping wildlife refuge (infraction)	6 Mos.
26-112-27k	Stripped bass	6 Mos.
26-112-39	Conduct of fisherman	6 Mos.
26-112-43(a)	Personally attending/snagging two lines	1 st offense - 0 Mos. 2 nd offense - 6 Mos.
26-112-43(b)	Illegal bait	1 st offense - 0 Mos. 2 nd offense - 6 Mos.
26-112-43(g)	Cross bow prohibited	6 Mos.
26-112-43(h)	Fishing children area	1 st offense - 0 Mos. 2 nd offense - 6 Mos.
26-112-43(o)	Fly fishing/prohibitions	1 st offense - 0 Mos. 2 nd offense - 6 Mos.
26-112-43(q)	Ice fishing/prohibitions	1 st offense - 0 Mos. 2 nd offense - 6 Mos.
26-112-43(u)	Set lines	1 st offense - 0 Mos. 2 nd offense - 6 Mos.
26-112-43(v)	Snagging/snatching	1 st offense - 0 Mos. 2 nd offense - 6 Mos.
26-112-43(w)	Spearing	1 st offense - 0 Mos. 2 nd offense - 6 Mos.
26-112-43(z)	Disabled fishing areas	1 st offense - 0 Mos. 2 nd offense - 6 Mos.
26-112-44	Closed seasons	1 st offense - 0 Mos. 2 nd offense - 6 Mos.

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26-112-45	Species limitations	1 st offense – O Mos. except over limit then 6 Mos. 2 nd offense – 6 Mos. each additional add 1 Month to 1 Year
26-112-46(a)	Special management areas lakes/ponds	1 st offense - 0 Mos. 2 nd offense - 6 Mos.
26-112-46(b)	Special management areas fly fishing areas	1 st offense - 0 Mos. 2 nd offense - 6 Mos.
26-112-46(c)	Special management areas TMA's	1 st offense - 0 Mos. 2 nd offense - 6 Mos.
26-112-46(d)	Special management areas trophy lakes	1 st offense - 0 Mos. 2 nd offense - 6 Mos.
26-112-46(f)	Special management areas bass areas	1 st offense - 0 Mos. 2 nd offense - 6 Mos.
26-112-47	State controlled fishing areas	1 st offense - 0 Mos. 2 nd offense - 6 Mos.
26-112-48	Misc. Restrictions	1 st offense - 0 Mos. 2 nd offense - 6 Mos.
26-114	Prohibited acts (Regs)	1 st offense - 0 Mos. 2 nd offense - 6 Mos.
26-118	Fishing in reservoir	6 Mos.
26-119	Use of explosives/poisons	1 Year
26-127	Illegal transportation of bait species	1 Year
26-128	Carp/goldfish	1 st offense - 0 Mos. 2 nd offense - 6 Mos.
26-131	Violation of registration of private waters	1 st offense - 0 Mos. 2 nd offense - 6 Mos.
26-132	Violation of privately stocked waters	1 st offense - 0 Mos. 2 nd offense - 6 Mos.

VIOLATION SUSPENSION PERIOD 1st offense - 0 Mos. 26-134 Unauthorized stream obstruction 2nd offense – 6 Mos. 26-137 Fishing near fishways 6 Mos. 26-138 Draining for taking fish 1 Year 1st offense – O Mos. Fishing vessel permit 26-142a(a) in violation of conditions in except Subsection (f) then 6 Mos. 2nd offense – 6 Mos. 26-142a Commercial License 6 Mos. To 1 Year Commercial species restriction 6 Mos. To 1 Year 26-142a-1 Commercial inland locations 6 Mos. To 1 Year 26-142a-2 26-142a-3a Area gear restrictions 6 Mos. To 1 Year 26-142a-4 Seasonal closure 6 Mos. To 1 Year 26-142a-5 Fyke nets CT River 6 Mos. To 1 Year 26-142a-6 Mesh sizes 6 Mos. To 1 Year Species area limitations 26-142a-7a 6 Mos. To 1 Year 26-142a-8a Species restrictions 6 Mos. To 1 Year Taking and sale bait 6 Mos. To 1 Year 26-142a-12 1st offense 0-Mos. 26-143 Boats to display license 2nd offense 6 Mos. Operation of commercial hatchery 26-149 1 Year 1st offense 0-Mos. Commercial hatcheries reports 26-149-1 2nd offense 6 Mos. 26-149-2 Commercial removal of live fish 6 Mos. To 1 Year Trawl line violation 6 Mos. To 1 Year 26-154

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VIOLATION		SUSPENSION PERIOD
26-157a(a)	Lobster live car to be marked	1 st offense 0-Mos. 2 nd offense 6 Mos.
26-157a(b)	Lobster traps & buoys marked	0 Mos. 1-5 traps 6 Mos. 6+ traps
26-157a(c)	Possession of lobsters w/o a license	6 Mos. To 1 year
26-157a(d)	Possession of lobster parts	1 Year
26-157a(e)	Lobster pots in mooring area	0 Mos. 1-5 traps 6 Mos. 6+ traps
26-157b	Reports to comm.	6 Mos. To 1 Year
26-157c-1	Taking lobsters	6 Mos. 1-5 cts. 1 Year 6+ cts.
26-157c-2(b)	Lobster pots and traps vent size	0 Mos. Up to 5 pots 6 Mos 6 or more pots
26-157c-2(b)	Bio-deg vents	6 Mos.
26-157c-2(c)	Lobstering after sunset	1 Year
26-157c-2(d)	Buoy color and display	0 Mos. 1-5 cts. 6 Mos. 6+ cts.
26-157c-2(e)	Removed numbers	1 Year
26-157c-3	Trawler 100 piece law	6 Mos. To 1 Year
26-157c-3(b)	Transfer of lobsters (otter trawl)	1 Year
26-158	Sale of Lobsters	6 Mos.
26-159a-1(a)	Trout / Char- Poss. Less Than Legal Length	1st Offense – 0 2nd Offense – 6 Mos.
26-159a-1(b)	Atlantic Salmon- Taking Prohibited	1st Offense – 0 2nd Offense – 6 Mos.
26-159a-1(c)	Sturgeon- Take, Possess, Sale	1st Offense – 0 2nd Offense – 6 Mos.
26-159a-2(a)	Striped Bass – Minimum Length	1st Offense – 0 2nd Offense – 6 Mos1 Yr

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26-159a-2(b)	Striped Bass- Sale, Exchange, Offer for Sale	1 st Offense – 0 2 nd Offense – 6 Mos -1 Yr
26-159a-2(c)	Striped Bass – (undersized) Sale, Exchange, Offer for Sale	1 st Offense – 0 2 nd Offense – 6 Mos1 Yr
26-159a-2(d) Striped Bass – Illegal Take / Methods		1^{st} Offense – 0 2^{nd} Offense – 6 Mos1 Yr
26-159a-2(g)	Striped Bass – Head or Tail Removed, Altered	1^{st} Offense – 0 2^{nd} Offense – 6 Mos1 Yr
26-159a-4(a)	(1-13) -Minimum Lengths	1 st Offense – 0 2 nd Offense – 6 Mos1 Yr
26-159a-4(c)	Summer Flounder–Possession of Fillet (< min legal length)	1 st Offense – 0 2 nd Offense – 6 Mos1 Yr
26-159a-2	Striped Bass (commercial)	6 Mos. To 1 Year
26-159a-3	FMP violation	6 Mos. To 1 Year
26-159a-5	Vessel size	6 Mos. To 1 Year
26-159a-6	Trawling west of Kimberly	6 Mos. To 1 Year
26-159a-7(a)	(1-13) -Creel Limits	1 st Offense – 0 2 nd Offense – 6 Mos1 Yr
26-159a-8	Winter flounder Niantic River	6 Mos. To 1 Year
26-159a-9	Bluefish	6 Mos. To 1 Year
26-159a-10	Summer flounder	6 Mos. To 1 Year
26-159a-11	Alewives	6 Mos. To 1 Year
26-159a-12	Goosefish	6 Mos. To 2 Year
26-159a-13	Tournaments	6 Mos. To 1 Year
26-159a-20(a) (1-4) -Closed Recreational Fishing Seasons	1 st Offense – 0 2 nd Offense – 6 Mos1 Yr

VIOLATION SUSPENSION PERIOD 26-164 Inspection 1 Year 26-167 Stealing fish or lobster gear 1 Year 26-169 Nets Darien Stamford Greenwich 1 Year 26-170 Seine Norwalk Harbor 6 Mos. To 1 Year 26-171 Smelt, Greenwich 6 Mos. To 1 Year Pawcatuck R. Nets 26-174 6 Mos. To 1 Year 26-175 Penfield Reef & Long Beach 6 Mos. To 1 Year 26-176 Ct, Mystic, and Thames restrictions 6 Mos. To 1 Year 26-177 Mystic River 6 Mos. To 1 Year 26-178 Thames River 6 Mos. To 1 Year 26-179 **Smelt Groton** 6 Mos. To 1 Year 26-180 Milford Harbor 6 Mos. To 1 Year 26-181 6 Mos. To 1 Year Chester Cove 26-182 Wrights Cove 6 Mos. To 1 Year 26-183 Nets adjacent to Stratford 6 Mos. To 1 Year 26-184 Nets Keney Cove 6 Mos. To 1 Year 26-185 Trawls Poquonock River/Groton 1 Year 26-192(e) Taking shellfish closed area 0 Mos. 1 Year – Remedial 53-204 Hunting from public highway Hunter Ed Required 53-205 Loaded weapon in motor vehicle 1 Year – Remedial Hunter Ed Required Hunting under the influence of alcohol or drugs Indefinite 53-206d(b) Criminal trespass 3rd 53a-109a 6 Mos. 53a-115 Criminal mischief 1st 1 Year

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53a-116	Criminal mishchief 2 nd	10 Mos.
53a-117	Criminal mishchief 3 rd	8 Mos.
53a-217e(b)	Negligent hunting in the 1 st degree	Indefinite
53a-217e(c)	Negligent hunting in the second degree	1 st offense – 3 Years 2 nd offense – 10 Years Remedial Hunter Ed Required
53a-217e(d)	Negligent hunting in the 3 rd degree	1 st offense – 2 Years 2 nd offense – 5 Years Remedial Hunter Ed Required
53a-217e(e)	Negligent hunting in the 4 th degree	1 st offense - 1 Year 2 nd offense - 3 Years Remedial Hunter Ed Required