



Connecticut Department of

**ENERGY &
ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION**

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED STREAM FLOW CLASSIFICATIONS
SOUTHEAST COASTAL, PAWCATUCK & THAMES MAJOR RIVER BASINS**

In accordance with the Connecticut Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies Section 26-141b-5, the Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection hereby gives notice that the Department, through consideration of the factors required by the regulations, has prepared maps of proposed stream flow classifications for the Southeast Coastal, Pawcatuck and Thames Major River Basins.

The maps are available on-line at www.ct.gov/deep/streamflow. Such maps include river and stream segments in the following towns: Andover, Ashford, Bolton, Bozrah, Brooklyn, Canterbury, Chaplin, Colchester, Columbia, Coventry, East Lyme, Eastford, Franklin, Griswold, Groton, Hampton, Hebron, Killingly, Lebanon, Ledyard, Lisbon, Mansfield, Montville, New London, North Stonington, Norwich, Old Lyme, Plainfield, Pomfret, Preston, Putnam, Salem, Scotland, Sprague, Stafford, Sterling, Stonington, Thompson, Tolland, Union, Vernon, Voluntown, Waterford, Willington, Windham, and Woodstock.

Public information sessions will be held, as follows:

Northeast CT Council of Governments
125 Putnam Pike
Dayville, CT 06241
Tuesday, October 15, 2013
2 sessions: 2:00 – 4:00 pm and 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Southeastern CT Council of Governments
5 Connecticut Avenue
Norwich, CT 06360
Wednesday, October 16, 2013
2 sessions: 2:00 – 4:00 pm and 6:00 – 8:00 pm

A short presentation on how the stream flow classification maps were developed will be given, copies of the maps will be available for inspection, and Department staff will be on hand to answer questions at these information sessions.

The proposed stream flow classification of a stream or river segment is based on ecological conditions and human use characteristics, and determines flow management goals and applicable flow standards for that segment. Proposed stream flow classifications were developed using known information on factors indicative of the degree of human alteration of natural stream flow, environmental flow needs and existing and future needs for public water supply.

The public may submit additional information or comments for the Commissioner's consideration on the proposed classification of a specific river or stream system pertaining to, but not limited to: (i) the factors for consideration in the regulations; (ii) the impact of the proposed classification on any prior investment made to develop a permitted or registered diversion and the alternatives, if any, to the diversion including cost factors and feasibility of such alternatives; (iii) the relationship of an existing or proposed diversion to economic development or jobs; and (iv) the practicality of, and potential for, achieving ecological benefit from restoring streamflow to the specific river or stream system. Written comments may be submitted by email to deep.streamflowclass@ct.gov, or may be mailed to Robert Hust, Department of Energy & Environmental Protection, Bureau of Water Protection and Land Reuse, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, Connecticut, 06106-5127. The Department is accepting additional information or written comments on the proposed Streamflow Classifications until Tuesday, December 31, 2013.

Additional information on the Stream Flow Standards and Classifications is available on the Department's website at: www.ct.gov/deep/streamflow. Anyone requiring more information may contact the Department by email at deep.streamflowclass@ct.gov or by phone at 860-424-3020.

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