

## CHAPTER 483aa

# WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS

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Sec. 25-199. Designation of the Eightmile River within the national wild and scenic rivers system. (a) It is declared to be the policy of the state of Connecticut that the portion of the Eightmile River watershed which is the subject of the authorized study by the Eightmile River Wild and Scenic River Study Committee for purposes of designation as a national wild and scenic rivers system be preserved as provided for in the federal Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, Public Law 90-542, as amended.

(b) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection shall cooperate with all relevant federal, state and local agencies to provide for such designation and to implement any management plan developed in accordance with the federal Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. Upon the designation of the river watershed by Congress, the commissioner shall notify the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the environment regarding any statutory changes necessary to implement the preservation and conservation of the river watershed in accordance with the federal Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. The commissioner shall cause a copy of this section to be delivered to all United States Representatives and Senators representing Connecticut in the Congress of the United States.

(P.A. 05-18, S. 1; P.A. 11-80, S. 1.)

History: Pursuant to P.A. 11-80, "Commissioner of Environmental Protection" was changed editorially by the Revisors to "Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection" in Subsec. (b), effective July 1, 2011.

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Sec. 25-199a. Designation of portion of Lower Farmington River and Salmon Brook within the national wild and scenic rivers system. (a) It is declared to be the policy of the state of Connecticut that the portion of the Lower Farmington River and Salmon Brook which is the subject of the authorized study by the Lower Farmington River and Salmon Brook Wild and Scenic River Study Committee for purposes of designation as a national wild and scenic rivers system be preserved as provided for in the federal Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, Public Law 90-542, as amended.

(b) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection shall cooperate with all relevant federal, state and local agencies to provide for such designation and to implement any management plan developed in accordance with the federal Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. Upon the designation of the Lower Farmington River and Salmon Brook by Congress, the commissioner shall notify the joint standing committee of the General

Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the environment regarding any statutory changes necessary to implement the preservation and conservation of the Lower Farmington River and Salmon Brook in accordance with the federal Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. The commissioner shall cause a copy of this section to be delivered to all United States Representatives and Senators representing Connecticut in the Congress of the United States.

(P.A. 08-37, S. 1; P.A. 11-80, S. 1.)

History: Pursuant to P.A. 11-80, “Commissioner of Environmental Protection” was changed editorially by the Revisors to “Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection” in Subsec. (b), effective July 1, 2011.

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Sec. 25-199b. (Formerly Sec. 25-178). Designation of the Farmington River within the national wild and scenic rivers system. (a) It is declared to be the policy of the state of Connecticut that the portion of the Farmington River which is the subject of the authorized study by the Farmington Wild and Scenic River Study Committee for purposes of designation as a national wild and scenic rivers system be preserved as provided for in the federal Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, Public Law 90-542, as amended.

(b) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection shall cooperate with all relevant federal, state and local agencies to provide for such designation and to implement any management plan developed in accordance with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. Upon the designation of the river segment by Congress, the commissioner shall notify the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the environment regarding any statutory changes necessary to implement the preservation and conservation of the river segment in accordance with the federal Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. The commissioner shall cause a copy of this section to be delivered to all United States Representatives and Senators representing Connecticut in the Congress of the United States.

(P.A. 93-256, S. 4, 6; P.A. 11-80, S. 1.)

History: P.A. 93-256 effective July 1, 1993; pursuant to P.A. 11-80, “Commissioner of Environmental Protection” was changed editorially by the Revisors to “Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection” in Subsec. (b), effective July 1, 2011; Sec. 25-178 transferred to Sec. 25-199b in 2015.

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Sec. 25-199c. Designation of the Housatonic River within the national wild and scenic rivers system. Administering agency. Authorized agricultural activities. (a) The portion of the Housatonic River that is the subject of a memorandum of agreement among the Housatonic River Commission, the National Park Service, the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, the Northwest Hills Council of Governments and the Housatonic Valley Association, Inc. is designated as a wild and scenic river for purposes of preservation of said river under the federal Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, Public Law 90-542, as amended.

(b) The Northwest Hills Council of Governments shall act as the administering agency for the Housatonic River on behalf of the Housatonic River Commission, in accordance with the terms of the memorandum of agreement described in subsection (a) of this section and as required by Section 2(a)(ii) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. The Northwest Hills Council of Governments shall constitute a political subdivision of the state for purposes of executing its duties and responsibilities in accordance with this section.

(c) The Governor shall submit an application to the Secretary of the Interior for purposes of completion of the designation of the portion of the Housatonic River, described in subsection (a) of this section, under Section 2(a)(ii) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.

(d) Such designation shall not affect any person's ability to conduct any authorized agricultural activity provided such activity does not require a permit to be issued by the Army Corps of Engineers.

(P.A. 16-38, S. 1.)

History: P.A. 16-38 effective May 25, 2016.

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