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Public Act No. 19-28

AN ACT AUTHORIZING DUAL LANDINGS OF FISH IN THE STATE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2019*) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection shall enter into an agreement with the state of Rhode Island, the state of New York or both, to provide for a dual-landing agreement that authorizes commercial fishermen who are licensed in this state and Rhode Island or New York, as applicable, to take fish from state and federal waters in an amount that exceeds such commercial fisherman's daily limit in an agreement state but not more than the total daily limit for such commercial fisherman among the states that are a party to such agreement. Such agreement shall be limited to the Winter I Summer Flounder season. Pursuant to such agreement, such commercial fisherman shall separate such take by the daily limits allowed in each such state and complete any such landing in each state by the hour specified in such agreement. Any such agreement shall allow for such agreement to be extended to commercial fishermen licensed in this state and any other state with which Connecticut shares either a water or land boundary. The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection may board the vessel of any commercial fisherman who makes a take pursuant to such an agreement in order to inspect for

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compliance with the terms of any such agreement.