

**Project #09: Housatonic River Restoration Law Enforcement Project Annual
Summary Report**



Prepared for the Trustee SubCouncil for the Geographic Area of Connecticut

Reporting Period: May 13th-Sept 27th 2014

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The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Division of Environmental Conservation Police was awarded funding to improve the quality of recreational angling in the upper Housatonic River by improving compliance with existing angling regulations, to be accomplished through increased patrolling at problem areas and special management areas from the upper end of Lake Lillinonah (Bleachery Dam) in New Milford northward to the Massachusetts/Connecticut state line.

A summary of hours patrolled, money spent, and actions taken, during the time period May 13, 2014 through September 27, 2014 is as follows:

Days Patrolled: 56

Hours Patrolled: Officers patrolled the target area of the Housatonic River as part of their normal recreational fisheries enforcement efforts with no reimbursement from the project funding for 91 hours. In addition to the regular patrols officers were assigned to patrol 102 hours on overtime funded by the project to increase patrol efforts.

Funding expenditures: Project funding permitted an expenditure of \$ 12,000 for overtime costs during the May to September 2014 time period. For the period, \$9,486 was utilized for overtime patrol costs.

Enforcement Action: During the time period, officers made contact with 181 anglers where no violations were observed. In addition, officers issued an additional 11 infractions, 9 written warnings and 30 verbal warnings to anglers who committed various violations. The most common violation observed (39) was fishing without a license. Two boating violations, 4 violations for illegal taking of bass and 2 violations for illegal taking of trout were also observed.

Summary: The projected level of enforcement activity budgeted from an under utilization of hours from last year was 138 hours. Officer s charged 102 hours toward the grant due to staffing limitations for EnCon Police personnel.

Summary of 2014 DEEP EnCon Police Activities on the Upper Housatonic River, by River/Management Section

Section No., Name/ Management Zone	Section Length (km)	Hours Patrolled	Hours/ km	Number of Patrols	Patrols/ km	Contacts (no violation)	Arrests	Written Warning	Verbal Warning	Violations							
										No license	Not carrying license	Illegal harvest trout (N)	Illegal harvest bass (N)	Boating reg. and PFD's	Illegal netting	Other*	All violations
1- Falls Village-north	15.7	9	1	7	0.4	13	0	0	0								0
2- Cornwall TMA, all-tackle	10.2	14	1	16	1.6	19	0	0	0								0
3- Cornwall TMA, fly-only	5.5	29	5	26	4.7	29	5	1	1	5						6	11
4- Stanley Tract	14.0	32	2	24	1.7	22	0	0	2							2	2
5- Kent Impoundment	7.7	14	2	14	1.8	6	1	2	1	2				2		2	6
6- BB TMA, (Hous)	5.2	48	9	42	8.1	43	3	3	5	9		2 (2)	2 (2)				13
7- BB TMA, (Tenmile)	1.0	0.5	1	1	1.0	0	0	0	0								0
8- New Milford	13.4	48	4	33	2.5	49	2	3	21	23	3		2 (2)	1			29
2014 Total	72.7	195	3	163	2.2	181	11	9	30	39	3	2	4	3		10	61

*Other violations included: trespass, fishing in thermal refuges, littering, fishing with more than two lines, spin fishing in fly-only area, fishing during the closed season, and illegal harvest of Northern Pike and sunfish

Summary of 2014 DEEP EnCon Police Activities on the Upper Housatonic River, by Officer. The patrol season ran from April 1 through September 23, 2014

Officer ID	Days Patrolled	Straight Time	Overtime	Total Hours	Contacts No Violations	Arrests	Written Warnings	Verbal Warnings	Contacts per hour
A	1	1	3	4	10	0	0	0	2.5
B	17	17	15	32	10	2	1	2	0.5
C	3	0	9	9	0	7	0	1	0.9
D	5	15	12	27	3	0	2	4	0.3
E	29	55.8	27	82.8	66	1	4	2	0.9
F	3	1.5	9	10.5	34	1	1	21	5.4
G	1	1	3	4	0	0	0	0	0
H	1	0	3	3	12	0	0	0	4
I	8	0	15	15	29	0	1	0	2
J	3	0	6	6	16	0	0	0	2.7
Total	71	91.3	102	193.3	180	11	9	30	19.2