

January 18, 2010

Mr. Paul E. Stacey
State of Connecticut
Department of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Water Protection and Land Use
Planning and Standards Division
79 Elm Street
Hartford, CT 06106-5127

RE: Proposed Stream Flow Standards and Regulations
Sections 26-141b-1 to 26-141b-9
Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies

Dear Mr. Stacey:

Pursuant to your October 13, 2009 Notice of Intent to Adopt Regulations, the Pomperaug River Water Coalition supports in principle the Proposed Stream Flow Standards and Regulations. We believe that the proposed standards are an important step toward preserving the habitat quality of Connecticut's river systems while recognizing the competing interests for our valuable water resources. We are especially pleased by the Department's efforts to encourage the management of the stream flow through the formation of local compacts that balance local water resource needs.

As the regulation adoption process advances, we are anxious to see how the Pomperaug River will be classified and how that classification will affect the stakeholders in our watershed. We would like the Department to be cognizant of the impacts that the proposed regulations may have on other land use, economic and social policies affecting Connecticut while continuing to balance the health of the river with these competing needs.

Very truly yours,

Pomperaug River Watershed Coalition

Frederick Leavenworth, Chairman