

1 H.449

2 Introduced by Representative Deen of Westminster

3 Date:

4 Subject: Fish and wildlife; state fish designation; brook trout; walleye pike

5 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to designate brook trout and walleye  
6 pike as the state fish of Vermont.

7 An act relating to the designation of brook trout and walleye pike as the  
8 state fish of Vermont

9 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

10 ~~Sec. 1. 1 V.S.A. § 501 is amended to read:~~

11 ~~§ 501. [Omitted.] STATE FISH~~

12 ~~The state cold water fish shall be the brook trout and the state warm water~~  
13 ~~fish shall be the walleye pike.~~

14 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

15 ~~This act shall take effect on July 1, 2011.~~

*Sec. 1. FINDINGS*

*The General Assembly finds that:*

*(1) there are two fish in Vermont that are high quality, handsome game*  
*fish.*

(2) these fish are representative of Vermont's reputation for clean water and fine fishing.

(3) these two fish symbolize both the icy cold mountain streams and the warmer lakes within the state, and the fine fishing available in both.

~~(4) the designation of these two fish is in recognition of the students of Cornwall Elementary School, whose efforts resulted in a Joint Resolution, approved by the General Assembly, May 3, 1978 (J.R.S. 41), designating the two state fish.~~

(4) the original designation of these two fish was championed by the students of Cornwall Elementary School, whose efforts resulted in a Joint Resolution, approved by the General Assembly on May 3, 1978 (J.R.S. 41), designating the two state fish.

Sec. 2. 1 V.S.A. § 501 is amended to read:

§ 501. ~~{Omitted.}~~ STATE FISH

The state cold water fish shall be the brook trout (*salvelinus fontinalis*) and the state warm water fish shall be the walleye pike (*sander vitreus*).

Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect upon passage.