



OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES
ADMINISTRATIVE RULES
STATE HOUSE ANNEX
25 CAPITOL STREET, ROOM 234
CONCORD, NH 03301

Rulemaking Notice Form

Notice Number: 2026-170

Rule Number: Fis 602.05

1. **Agency:** Fish and Game Department

Agency Address: Fish and Game Department
11 Hazen Drive
Concord, NH 03301

2. **RSA Authority:** RSA 211:62, I, II
3. **Federal Authority:**
4. **Action(s):** Readopt
5. **Short Title:** Seining Restriction
6. **(a) Summary of what the rule says and of any proposed amendments including whether the rule implements a state statute for the first time:**

The Fish and Game Department is proposing to readopt Fis 602.05, entitled "Seining Restriction," without amendment in order to prevent expiration. This proposal does not implement a statute for the first time. Fis 602.05 is set to expire 9-30-26 but is subject to extension pursuant to RSA 541-A:14-a.

6. **(b) Brief description of the groups affected:**

New Hampshire citizens benefit from having clear regulations with respect to seining and the minimization of user conflicts within New Hampshire jurisdictional waters during times and in locations of fisheries overlap.

6. (c) Specific section or sections of state statute or federal statute or regulation which the rule is intended to implement:

Rule(s)	State Statute (RSA)	Federal Statute	Federal Regulation
Fis 602.05	RSA 211:62, I, II		

7. Contact person for copies and questions including requests to accommodate persons with disabilities:

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8. Deadline for submission of materials in writing or, if practicable for the agency, in the electronic format specified:

Wednesday, October 14, 2026

☐ Fax
☒ Email comments@wildlife.nh.gov
☐ Other

9. Public hearing scheduled for:

Date: Wednesday, September 30, 2026

Time: 12:00 PM

Place: New Hampshire Fish and Game Department
Region 3
225 Main Street
Durham, NH 03824

Electronic Access, if applicable: N/A

10. Fiscal Impact Statement (Prepared by Legislative Budget Assistant):

FIS #: 26:174, dated: Thursday, August 20, 2026

1. Comparison of the costs of the proposed rule(s) to the existing rule(s):

There is no difference in costs when comparing the proposed rules to the existing rules.

2. Cite the Federal mandate. Identify the impact on state funds:

No federal mandate, no impact on state funds.

3. Cost and benefits of the proposed rule(s):

A. To State general or State special funds:

None.

B. To State citizens and political subdivisions:

None.

C. To independently owned businesses:

None.

11. Statement Relative to Part I, Article 28-a of the N.H. Constitution:

This proposal does not mandate any new, expanded, or modified programs or responsibilities to any political subdivision in such a way as to necessitate additional local expenditures by the political subdivisions, and therefore does not violate Part I, Article 28-a of the New Hampshire Constitution.