**§6575. Open season; elver harvesting**

**1. Open season.**  It is unlawful for a person to fish for or take elvers within the waters of the State except during the open season from noon on March 22nd to noon on June 7th.

[PL 2015, c. 391, §9 (AMD).]

**1-A. Federally recognized Indian tribes; violation.**  It is unlawful for a person to fish for or take elvers in violation of rules adopted by the commissioner under section 6302‑B, subsection 4.

[PL 2015, c. 391, §10 (NEW).]

**2. Setting nets and traps.**  It is unlawful for a person to immerse or leave immersed an elver fyke net or a Sheldon eel trap in any river, stream or brook of the waters of the State at any time other than the open season for elver fishing.

[PL 1999, c. 7, §7 (AMD).]

**3. Locating nets.**  It is unlawful for a person to designate or claim by any means a location in which to set an elver fyke net or a Sheldon eel trap at any time other than the open season for elver fishing.

[PL 1999, c. 7, §7 (AMD).]

**4. Nets of certain sizes.**

[PL 1999, c. 7, §7 (RP).]

**5. Violation.**  A person who violates this section commits a Class D crime for which a fine of $2,000 must be imposed, none of which may be suspended. Violation of this section is a strict liability crime as defined in Title 17‑A, section 34, subsection 4‑A.

[PL 2013, c. 49, §11 (NEW).]

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