

**RHODE ISLAND GOVERNMENT REGISTER
PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING**

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Title of Rule: Finfish

Rule Identifier: 250-RICR-90-00-3

Rulemaking Action: Proposed Amendment

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: 10/20/2021

Hearing Date: 11/09/2021

End of Public Comment: 11/19/2021

Authority for this Rulemaking:

R.I. Gen. Laws Title 20, R.I. Gen. Laws Chapters 42-17.1, 42-17.6, and 42-17.7, and in accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 42-35-18(b)(5), Administrative Procedures Act, as amended

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

1. Section 3.9/2(B): Proposed 2022 commercial black sea bass management.
2. Section 3.37 (proposed new section): Proposed regulations for Cobi management.
3. Section 3.24.2(A)(2)(b)(4): Add purse seine vessel length for Menhaden Management Area

Additional Information and Comments:

All interested parties are invited to request additional information or submit written or oral comments concerning the proposed amendment until November 19, 2021 by contacting the appropriate party at the address listed below:

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Public Hearing:

A public hearing, in accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-2.8, to consider the proposed amendment shall be held on November 9, 2021 at 6:00 pm at URI Bay

Campus, Corless Auditorium, South Ferry Rd, Zoom:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81731857181>; meeting ID: 817, Narragansett, RI 02882
at which time and place all persons interested therein will be heard. The seating capacity of the room will be enforced and therefore the number of persons participating in the hearing may be limited at any given time by the hearing officer, in order to comply with safety and fire codes.

The place of the public hearing is accessible to individuals who are handicapped. If communication assistance (readers/interpreters/captioners) is needed, or any other accommodation to ensure equal participation, please call 401-423-1927 or RI Relay 711 at least three (3) business days prior to the meeting so arrangements can be made to provide such assistance at no cost to the person requesting.

Regulatory Analysis Summary and Supporting Documentation:

In the development of the proposed amendment consideration was given to: (1) alternative approaches; (2) overlap or duplication with other statutory and regulatory provisions; and (3) significant economic impact on small business. No alternative approach, duplication, or overlap was identified based upon available information.

For full regulatory analysis or supporting documentation see agency contact person above.