



RHODE ISLAND

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Monday, March 6, 2023; 5:00 PM

In-person

URI Bay Campus, Corless Auditorium
215 South Ferry Road, Narragansett

Virtual (Zoom)

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REGULATIONS PROPOSED FOR AMENDMENT

1. **Part 1 – Definitions and General Provisions:** Proposed addition, removal, and amendment to terms in Definition of Terms section consistent with terms as found in RI General Laws Chapter 20-2.1; addition of species to Common Species section consistent with regulations Part 3 “Finfish”; other minor non-substantive clarifications
2. **Part 3 - Finfish:**
 1. Proposed amendments to recreational black sea bass management;
 2. Proposed amendments to recreational scup management;
 3. Proposed amendments to commercial striped bass general category management;
 4. Proposed amendments to commercial menhaden management;
 5. Other minor non-substantive changes
3. **Part 7 – Dealers:** Proposed amendments regarding frequency of required dealer reporting of striped bass landings.
4. **Part 12 - Research Pilot Aggregate Program:** Proposed amendment to term of program (in conjunction with item # 6).
5. **Part 14 – Summer Flounder Exemption Certificate Program:** Proposed amendment to increase the maximum daily possession limit from 200 pounds per vessel per day to 300

pounds per vessel per day for vessels that do not hold a Summer Flounder Exemption Certificate.

6. **Part 23 - Aggregate Program for Summer Flounder and Black Sea Bass:** Proposed new rule adoption (in conjunction with item #4). Details provided in summary document

Please click on the links provided above to view the proposed regulations and supporting summary documentation that provides details the proposed amendments. **Interested parties are invited to submit written or oral comments concerning the proposed rules through March 23, 2023**. Send comments by mail or email to:

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