



# Rhode Island Marine Fisheries Council

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## MEETING NOTICE RI MARINE FISHERIES COUNCIL

**Monday, October 2, 2023 – 6:00 PM**

### In person:

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

### Zoom webinar:

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## AGENDA

<b>Agenda item with links/attachments (<i>items italicized are linked directly to the meeting material</i>)</b>	<b>Recommended action(s)</b>
<b>1. Tonight's agenda</b>	Approval of agenda
<b>2. <i>Meeting minutes – August 31, 2023</i></b>	Approval of meeting minutes
<b>3. Public comment on any matters not on the agenda</b>	FYI or recommendation for future action
<b>4. <u>Shellfish Advisory Panel (SAP) meeting minutes – 9/13/2023</u>:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>Draft meeting minutes</i></li></ul>	Approval of minutes
<b>5. <u>Shellfish harvest schedule for Greenwich Bay, Bristol Harbor, and Bissel Cove/Fox Is., Shellfish Management Areas (aka “winter” harvest areas)</u>:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>SAP presentation</i></li><li><i>SAP recommendation (draft meeting minutes)</i></li></ul>	Provide recommendations to the Director as needed for regulatory changes ( <i>opportunity for public comment will be provided</i> )
<b>6. <u>December 2023 shellfish harvest schedule for Providence River Shellfish Management Area/Conditional area “E”</u>:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>SAP presentation</i></li></ul>	Provide recommendations to the Director as needed for regulatory changes ( <i>opportunity for public comment will be provided</i> )
<b>7. <u>Quonochontaug Pond Oyster harvest moratorium</u>:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>SAP presentation</i></li><li><i>SAP recommendation (draft meeting minutes)</i></li></ul>	Provide recommendations to the Director as needed for regulatory changes ( <i>opportunity for public comment will be provided</i> )

<p><b>8. <u>Proposed regulations publicly noticed:</u></b></p> <p>a. <u>Part 7 – Dealers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Public Notice</i></li> <li>• <i>Rule Summary</i></li> <li>• Proposed rules: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Tautog tagging requirements</i></li> <li>○ <i>Summer flounder packaging requirements</i></li> <li>○ <i>Striped bass finning requirement</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>b. <u>Part 2 - Commercial Marine Fishing Licenses, Landing Permits, and Party and Charter Licenses:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Public Notice</i></li> <li>• <i>Rule Summary</i></li> <li>• Proposed rules: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Fishery endorsement for species other than Finfish, Shellfish or Crustacean</i></li> <li>○ <i>Standard Resident License with three (3) unlimited fishery endorsements</i></li> <li>○ <i>Issuance of Mid-Water/Pair Trawl Endorsement</i></li> <li>○ <i>Exit:entry ratio for the issuance of a Standard license with Unlimited Finfish endorsement</i></li> <li>○ <i>Exit:entry ratio for the issuance of a Standard license with Unlimited Shellfish endorsement</i></li> <li>○ <i>Issuance of a new license for family members or crew</i></li> <li>○ <i>Appeal of license renewal application denials due to Medical Hardship</i></li> <li>○ <i>Prioritization categories for the issuance of new licenses/endorsements</i></li> <li>○ <i>Issuance of the Multipurpose Vessel License</i></li> <li>○ <i>Other non-substantive clarifications</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <i>Summary of comments received</i></li> <li>• <i>Written comments received</i></li> </ul>	<p>Provide recommendations to the Director regarding proposed regulations</p>
<p><b>9. Any other matters?</b></p>	<p>FYI or recommendation for future action</p>

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