



RHODE ISLAND

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Monday, November 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 amendments to section 1.8 “Possession Limit and Vessel Operating Compliance” to clarify possession limits authorized per specified time period
- Proposed amendments to section 1.9 “Transiting” to clarify rule and update section consistent with federal rules
- Proposed amendments to section 1.13 "Shellfish and Marine Life Management Areas" to revise for locational language and add table of the Management Areas Landmark locations including links of landmarks to google maps

2. Part 3 - Finfish

- Proposed amendments to commercial black sea bass management (section 3.9.2)
- Proposed amendments to commercial scup management (section 3.10.2)
- Proposed amendments to commercial summer flounder management (section 3.12.2)
 - **IMPORTANT!** Please refer to the supplemental document provided for the noticed and submitted proposals

3. Part 14 - Summer Flounder Exemption Certificate Program

- Proposed amendment to the summer flounder poundage authorized by the summer flounder exemption certificate from 200 pounds to 300 pounds.
4. [Part 23 - Aggregate Program for Summer Flounder and Black Sea Bass](#)
- Please refer to the supplemental document provided for the noticed and submitted proposals

Please refer to the links above to the proposed rules and supplemental documents. Interested parties are invited to submit written or oral comments concerning the proposed rules through **Wednesday, November 22, 2023**. Send comments by mail or email to:

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