



Rhode Island Marine Fisheries Council

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MEETING NOTICE RI MARINE FISHERIES COUNCIL

October 7, 2024 – 5:30 PM

In person:

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

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AGENDA

Agenda item (<i>items italicized include links to the meeting material</i>)	Recommended action(s)
1. <i>Tonight's agenda</i>	Approval of agenda
2. <i>Meeting minutes – September 9, 2024</i>	Approval of meeting minutes
3. Public comment on any matters not on the agenda	Discussion and/or recommendations for future action.
4. <u>Shellfish Advisory Panel (SAP) meeting minutes (9/18/2024):</u> • <i>Draft meeting minutes</i>	Approval of minutes
5. <u>Shellfish harvest schedule for Greenwich Bay, Bristol Harbor, and Bissel Cove/Fox Is., Shellfish Management Areas (aka “winter” harvest areas):</u> • <i>SAP presentation</i> • <i>SAP recommendation (draft meeting minutes)</i>	Provide recommendations to the Director as needed for regulatory changes (<i>opportunity for public comment will be provided</i>)
6. <u>SAP membership</u> • <i>Membership list</i>	• FYI recent resignments (C. Sperry; R. Pastore) • Remove member (Cameron Ennis)

<p>7. Proposed regulations publicly noticed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <i>Hearing notice/rule summary</i> b. <i>Amendment of area of commercial netting prohibition in Upper Pt. Judith Pond</i> c. <i>Amendment of area of commercial netting prohibition in the Narrow River</i> d. <i>Amendment of area of fixed gear prohibition in the Foster Cove Channel</i> e. <i>Amendment of area of fixed gear prohibition in the Narrows of Charlestown Pond</i> f. <i>Amendment of Part 1 landmark table to add new and/or amend landmark coordinates</i> g. <i>Amendments to Direct Sales Dealer License</i> h. <i>Removal of Dockside Sales Endorsement</i> i. <i>Public comments received</i> 	<p>Provide recommendations to the Director regarding proposed regulations</p>
<p>8. 2023 Recreational Fishing Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>2023 draft report</i> • <u>Guiding statute § 20-2.2-10</u> (Recreational Saltwater Fishing License - accountability and oversight) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide “<i>opinion on whether the licensing program is meeting its intended purposes and offering any recommendations for modifying the program.</i>”
<p>9. Any other matters?</p>	<p>FYI or recommendations for future action.</p>
<p>10. Adjourn</p>	

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