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MEETING NOTICE **RI MARINE FISHERIES COUNCIL**

December 2, 2024 – 6:00 PM

In person:

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

Zoom webinar:

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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 – October 7, 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>SAP membership:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>Application from Curtis Cokely as an alternate for Gerry Schey</i>	Appointment or discussion of application
5. <u>Shellfish Advisory Panel (SAP) meeting minutes (11/13/2024):</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>Draft meeting minutes</i><i>SAP Presentation</i>	Approval of minutes
6. Aquaculture applications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>Wickford Seafood Co., Dutch Harbor (Application No. 2023-10-067)</i><i>CRMC (SAP) presentation</i><i>Public comments rec'd (CRMC)</i>	Provide recommendation to the CRMC pursuant to <u>RI Gen. Laws §20-10-5(d)</u>
7. <u>Areas closed to harvest in Foster Cove (Ninigret Pond) closed areas (Division proposal to amend areas and extend closure):</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><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>)

<p>8. <u>Providence River/Area “E” harvest schedule Jan.-April 2025:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>SAP presentation</i> • <i>SAP recommendation (draft meeting minutes)</i> 	<p>Provide recommendations to the Director as needed for regulatory changes (<i>opportunity for public comment will be provided</i>)</p>
<p>9. <u>Proposed regulations publicly noticed:</u></p> <p><i>a. Commercial tautog management (proposed rule)</i> <i>b. Summer/Fall Aggregate Program (proposed rule)</i> <i>c. Blue crab management (proposed rule)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Additional materials:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Hearing notice/rule summary</i> ○ <i>Summary of comments received</i> ○ <i>Written comments received</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Tautog management</i> • <i>Blue crab harvest</i> 	<p>Provide recommendations to the Director regarding proposed regulations</p>
<p>10. <u>Administrative Policies and Procedures of the RIMFC – update/revisions to policy:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Administrative Policies and Procedures of the RIMFC (adopted September 13, 2016)</i> • <i>Summary of proposed changes</i> 	<p>Continued discussion</p>
<p>11. Any other matters?</p>	<p>FYI or recommendations for future action.</p>
<p>12. Adjourn</p>	

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