



# Rhode Island Marine Fisheries Council

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## **MEETING NOTICE**

**April 7, 2025 – 6:00 PM**

**In person:**

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

**Zoom webinar:**

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83357551596?pwd=7or7o3lDbF4IHJNgWd9K75tXQX7Erd.1>**

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## **AGENDA**

<b>Agenda item (<i>items italicized include links 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 – March 27, 2025</i></b>	Approval of meeting minutes
<b>3. Public comment on any matters not on the agenda</b>	Discussion and/or recommendations for future action ( <i>opportunity for public comment will be provided</i> )

<p><b>4. <u>Proposed regulations publicly noticed</u> (links to powerpoint presentation provided):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Summary of proposed rulemaking document</i></li> <li>• <i>Commercial menhaden mgmt.</i></li> <li>• <i>Black sea bass pots</i></li> <li>• <i>Horseshoe crab mgmt.</i></li> <li>• <i>Dealer accounting</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <i>Noticed proposal</i></li> <li>◦ <i>Revised proposal based on DLE and Industry feedback</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <i>Aggregate Program for Summer Flounder and Black Sea Bass</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <i>Summer/fall program closure trigger for black sea bass</i></li> <li>◦ <i>Summer/fall program closure trigger closure trigger for summer flounder</i></li> <li>◦ <i>Possession limit for black sea bass</i></li> <li>◦ <i>Penalties for non-compliance</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <i>2025 recreational cobia mgmt.</i></li> <li>• <i>Lobster LCMA 1 and LCMA 3 mgmt.</i></li> <li>• <i>Lobster FMP compliance measures (min. size, min. escape vent size corrections)</i></li> <li>• <i>Ninigret Pond-Foster Cove sub-area 1 and sub-area 2 (Ninigret Pond Shellfish Management Area)</i></li> </ul> <p><b><u>Summary of comments (these summary documents are limited to support/no support/alternatives):</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Part 3 – Finfish (striped bass, menhaden, black sea bass pots, cobia)</i></li> <li>• <i>Part 5 – Lobsters, Crabs, and Other Crustaceans (horseshoe crabs, lobster)</i></li> <li>• <i>Part 7 – Dealers (dealer accounting)</i></li> <li>• <i>Part 23 - Aggregate Program for Summer Flounder and Black Sea Bass (closure triggers for black sea bass and summer flounder, black sea bass possession limit, penalties for non-compliance)</i></li> <li>• <i>Part 1 – Definitions and General Provisions (Ninigret Pond Shellfish Management Area)</i></li> <li>• <i>Written comments received (≈ 205 comments received; 139 were in a form letter)</i></li> </ul> <p><b><u>External links (Sec. of State) to proposed rules:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#"><u>Part 1 – Definitions and General Provisions</u></a></li> <li>• <a href="#"><u>Part 3 – Finfish</u></a></li> <li>• <a href="#"><u>Part 5 – Lobster, Crabs, and Other Crustaceans</u></a></li> <li>• <a href="#"><u>Part 7 – Dealers</u></a></li> <li>• <a href="#"><u>Part 23 - Aggregate Programs for Summer Flounder and Black Sea Bass</u></a></li> </ul>	<p>Provide recommendations to the Director regarding proposed regulations</p>
<p><b>6. Any other matters?</b></p>	<p>FYI or recommendations for future action.</p>
<p><b>10. Adjourn</b></p>	

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