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MEETING NOTICE
Regulatory Workshop

Wednesday, July 16, 2025, 4:30PM

In person:

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

Zoom webinar:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89954168966?pwd=9trO2GbeTJSbXvi7Sb3wPaXcL7GBiR.1>

Meeting ID: 899 5416 8966

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Dial in: 1-929-205-6099 (listen only)

The purpose of this workshop is to provide the public with regulatory proposals currently under consideration and/or up for annual review by the Division, and to afford opportunity for feedback and/or additional proposals.

AGENDA

- Exit:entry ratio for Unlimited Finfish endorsement
- Exit:entry ratio for Unlimited Shellfish endorsement
- Electronic negative reporting due dates
- Reporting requirements upon sale of a vessel or gear
- Prioritization categories for the issuance of new licenses - revised licensing structure
- Clarification of restricted species
- Jonah crab claw possession allowance (harvesters and dealers)
- Horseshoe crab closure at new and full moons
- Biomedical horseshoe crab harvest in coastal ponds
- Lobster trap tag transfer application period (state vessels)
- Escape vent requirements for pots and traps other than lobster pots
- Marking of recreational pots and buoys
- Catch accounting clarification (revisit from last regulatory cycle)

- Summer Flounder Exemption Certificate:
 - Expiration date of issued certificates
 - Transfer application period after sale

Please send proposals to John Lake @ john.lake@dem.ri.gov no later than noon on Monday, July 7th if you would like your proposal included in the slide presentation. Staff will make every effort to include your proposal. [Staff](#) are available to assist you with discussing prospective proposals.