

**RHODE ISLAND GOVERNMENT REGISTER
PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING**

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Title of Rule: Rules and Regulations Governing Wildlife Rehabilitation

Rule Identifier: 250-RICR-60-00-1

Rulemaking Action: Proposed Amendment

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: 10/18/2018

Hearing Date: 11/07/2018

End of Public Comment: 11/17/2018

Authority for this Rulemaking:

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

The proposed amendments pertain to sub-permittee prohibitions regarding handling raptors and rabies-vector species, Level 1 apprenticeship requirements, application requirements, non rabies vector rehabilitated release exceptions, and rabies vector orphaned, young rehabilitation exceptions.

Additional Information and Comments:

All interested parties are invited to request additional information or submit written or oral comments concerning the proposed amendment until November 17, 2018 by contacting the appropriate party at the address listed below:

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Public Hearing:

A public hearing, in accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-2.8, to consider the proposed amendment shall be held on November 7, 2018 at 11:30 am at 235 Promenade Street, DEM - 4th Floor , Conference Room A, Providence, RI 02908 at which time and place all persons interested therein will be heard. The seating capacity of the room will be enforced and therefore the number of persons participating in the hearing may be limited at any given time by the hearing officer, in order to comply with safety and fire codes.

The place of the public hearing is accessible to individuals who are handicapped. If communication assistance (readers/interpreters/captioners) is needed, or any other

accommodation to ensure equal participation, please call 401-222-5300 or RI Relay 711 at least three (3) business days prior to the meeting so arrangements can be made to provide such assistance at no cost to the person requesting.

Regulatory Analysis Summary and Supporting Documentation:

The proposed revisions are necessary to update the regulation to the current RI Code of Regulations format and do not impose any new requirements. These regulations as codified would not have a financial impact on persons who are licensed by the Division of Fish and Wildlife to perform Wildlife Rehabilitation in the State of Rhode Island. The Division moved regulatory language that existed in a guidance document for the Nuisance Wildlife Control Specialist and by moving this language into regulation it makes them enforceable by the Division of Law Enforcement as they were intended to be. Nuisance Wildlife Control Specialist for the State already abide by these regulations, including the language previously contained in the guidance document.

For full regulatory analysis or supporting documentation see agency contact person above.