

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

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT**

**Title of Rule:** Hunting and Trapping Regulations for the 2019 - 2020 and 2020 - 2021 Seasons (250-RICR-60-00-9)

**Rule Identifier:** 250-RICR-60-00-9

**Rulemaking Action:** Proposed Amendment

**Important Dates:**

Date of Public Notice: 04/18/2019

Hearing Date: 05/06/2019

End of Public Comment: 05/18/2019

**Authority for this Rulemaking:**

R.I. Gen. Laws Chapters 42-17.1; 20-15 and 20-18, §§ 20-1-2; 20-1-4; 20-1-8; 20-1-12; 20-1-13; 20-2-35, 20-2-37 and 1-8-1, and in accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 42-35

**Summary of Rulemaking Action:**

The purpose of these Rules and Regulations is to establish recreational hunting seasons; to set the possession and bag limits; and to regulate the manner of hunting in order to efficiently manage the wildlife resources of Rhode Island.

**Additional Information and Comments:**

All interested parties are invited to request additional information or submit written or oral comments concerning the proposed amendment until May 18, 2019 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 May 6, 2019 at 7:00 pm at 235 Promenade Street, Room 300, 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 purpose of these Rules and Regulations is to establish recreational hunting seasons; to set the possession and bag limits; and to regulate the manner of hunting in order to efficiently manage the wildlife resources of Rhode Island. There are new season dates for hunting as well as grammatical changes, removal of redundant language, sections reworded, additional species and bag limits added for those species. These Regulations do not impose any new requirements on regulated entities including any small businesses or any city or town; therefore, there is no adverse economic impact.

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