

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

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Title of Rule: Park and Management Area Rules and Regulations (250-RICR-100-00-1)

Rule Identifier: 250-RICR-100-00-1

Rulemaking Action: Proposed Amendment

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: 07/03/2019

Hearing Date: 07/15/2019

End of Public Comment: 08/02/2019

Authority for this Rulemaking:

R.I. Gen. Laws § § 20- 1-2, 20-1-4, and 20-1-8

R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 42-35

R.I. Gen. Laws Chapters 42-17.1, 42-17.6, 42-17.10, 20-18, 20-15, 32-2 and 32-3

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

The purpose of these Rules and Regulations is for the control, custody, governance, and use of state Management Areas, State Parks, and other areas operated and maintained by the Divisions of Fish and Wildlife, Parks and Recreation, and Forest Environment within the Department of Environmental Management. The purpose of this amendment is to allow state beaches where the average annual attendance for the previous three years exceeded three-hundred thousand visitors to request permission to serve, sell, or offer for sale alcoholic beverages during the year 2019.

A summary of non-technical changes between the previous version of the regulation adopted by the Rhode Island Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission and the proposed regulation by section is as follows:

- Section 1.20(A)(1) was amended to allow state beaches where the average annual attendance for the previous three years exceeded three-hundred thousand visitors to request permission to serve, sell, or offer for sale alcoholic beverages during the year 2019

Additional Information and Comments:

All interested parties are invited to request additional information or submit written or oral comments concerning the proposed amendment until August 2, 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 July 15, 2019 at 10:00 am at DEM, 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 Department has determined that small businesses will not be adversely impacted by the proposed regulations referenced above. However, the public hearing is being conducted to solicit comment on the proposals and to allow public input from small businesses or any cities or towns, which may believe that that may be adversely affected. For full regulatory analysis or supporting documentation see agency contact person.

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