

**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: Direct Final Amendment

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: 07/23/2019

End of Public Comment: 08/22/2019

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

R.I. Gen. Laws § R.I. Gen. Laws Chapters 4217.1;

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.

The Rhode Island Hunting and Trapping Regulations for the 2019 - 2020 and 2020 - 2021 seasons went out for public hearing May 6th, 2019 and were filed July 11th, 2019. It has come to our attention that there is a critical error in the season dates outlined in section 9.11(B)(3)(a) regarding the late Canada goose season.

Additional Information and Comments:

If no formal objection is received on or before August 22, 2019, Department of Environmental Management will file the Amendment without opportunity for public comment..

Objections should be addressed to:

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Regulatory Analysis Summary and Supporting Documentation:

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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.