

CONCISE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

In accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, Section § 42-35-2.6 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, following is a concise explanatory statement:

AGENCY: Department of Environmental Management

DIVISION: Division of Parks & Recreation

RULE IDENTIFIER: 250-RICR-100-00-1

RULE TITLE: PARK AND MANAGEMENT AREA RULES AND REGULATIONS

REASON FOR RULEMAKING:

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 ("RIDEM"). The purpose of this amendment is to give the RIDEM Director discretion to close or alter the operating hours of the state's parks, beaches, and management areas in the event of any emergency that may pose an imminent threat or peril to the public health, safety or welfare. A summary of non-technical changes between the previous version of the regulation adopted by the Department and the proposed regulation by section is as follows::

- Section 1.22 was amended to give the RIDEM Director discretion to close or alter the operating hours of the state's parks, beaches, and management areas in the event of any emergency that may pose an imminent threat or peril to the public health, safety or welfare.

ANY FINDING REQUIRED BY LAW AS A PREREQUISITE TO THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE RULE:

(if any)

TESTIMONY, COMMENTS AND OBJECTIONS: None received

CHANGE TO TEXT OF THE RULE:

REGULATORY ANALYSIS:

DATE THE FINAL RULE WAS SIGNED BY THE AGENCY HEAD: XXXXXX, 2020