

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

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Title of Rule: General Equipment Provisions

Rule Identifier: 250-RICR-90-00-6

Rulemaking Action: Proposed Amendment

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: 01/22/2021

Hearing Date: 02/08/2021

End of Public Comment: 02/21/2021

Authority for this Rulemaking:

R.I. Gen. Laws Title 20, R.I. Gen. Laws Chapters 42-17.1, 42-17.6, and 42-17.7, and in accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-18(b)(5), Administrative Procedures Act.

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

1. **Prohibit the use of midwater gear in the marine waters of Rhode Island (section 6.8.2(E))**: Division proposal for consistency with [Amendment 8 to the Atlantic Herring Fishery Management Plan](#)
2. Other non-substantive clarifications throughout rule

Additional Information and Comments:

All interested parties are invited to request additional information or submit written or oral comments concerning the proposed amendment until February 21, 2021 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 February 8, 2021 at 6:00 pm at Virtual (on-line) only, <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88271885091> , Meeting ID: 882 7188 5091; Dial in #: 1-929-205-6099, Jamestown, RI 02835 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 401-423-1927 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:

In the development of the proposed amendment consideration was given to: (1) alternative approaches; (2) overlap or duplication with other statutory and regulatory provisions; and (3) significant economic impact on small business. No alternative approach, duplication, or overlap was identified based upon available information.

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