

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

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Title of Rule: Finfish (250-RICR-90-00-3)

Rule Identifier: 250-RICR-90-00-3

Rulemaking Action: Direct Final Amendment

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: 03/23/2021

End of Public Comment: 04/22/2021

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 Chapter 42-35-18(b)(5), Administrative Procedures Act, as amended

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

1. Section 3.9.1(F): Amend to clarify the circle hook requirement for recreational striped bass based on new ASMFC guidance.
2. Section 3.15.1(B): Amend possession limit for atlantic herring to "unlimited" consistent with the ASMFC Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic Herring.
3. Section 3.15.1(C): Eliminate from rule the requirement for a state waters atlantic herring permit. Rule was adopted to manage harvest of atlantic herring by mid-water trawling, which has since been prohibited in state waters consistent with Amendment 8 to the Atlantic Herring Fishery Management Plan.

Additional Information and Comments:

If no formal objection is received on or before April 22, 2021, 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:

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.