

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 for the below identified regulation, which was subject to a public hearing on May 6, 2021.

AGENCY: Department of Environmental Management

DIVISION: Fish and Wildlife

RULE IDENTIFIER: 250-RICR-60-00-7

RULE TITLE: RI Falconry Regulations for the Season

REASON FOR RULEMAKING: The purpose of this filing is to establish regulations for the practice of falconry in the State of Rhode Island.

TESTIMONY AND COMMENTS (for not adopting a proposed rule): N/A.

CHANGES TO TEXT (between proposed and final rule):

Section 250-RICR-60-00-7.11.15 (C, D, E)

- C. No licensee/permittee may take from Rhode Island, any raptor identified as "State Endangered" in the Rhode Island Natural Heritage Program's list of "Rare Native Animals of Rhode Island" except that, as allotted by the Atlantic Flyway Council, Peregrine Falcons may be taken in accordance with the Departments distribution of the allocated take.

D. An authorized resident falconer is limited to taking one (1) raptor per year identified as "State Threatened" in the Rhode Island Natural Heritage Program's list of "Rare Native Animals of Rhode Island" except that, as allotted by the Atlantic Flyway Council, Peregrine Falcons may be taken in accordance with the Departments distribution of the allocated take.

E. The taking by non-resident falconers of raptors identified as "State Threatened" in the Rhode Island Natural Heritage Program's list of "Rare Native Animals of Rhode Island" is prohibited except that, as allotted by the Atlantic Flyway Council, Peregrine Falcons may be taken in accordance with the Departments distribution of the allocated take.

REGULATORY ANALYSIS: N/A