

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

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Title of Rule: Fishing Regulations for the Season (250-RICR-60-00-10)

Rule Identifier: 250-RICR-60-00-10

Rulemaking Action: Proposed Amendment

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: 04/12/2021

Hearing Date: 05/06/2021

End of Public Comment: 05/12/2021

Authority for this Rulemaking:

RIGL Sections 20-1-4; 20-1-12 and 20-1-13, as well as Chapters 42-71.1, and 42-17.6, in accordance with requirements with Chapter 42-35 "Administrative Procedures Act" of the General Laws of 1956.

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

The purpose of these Rules and Regulations is to regulate freshwater fishing seasons and bag limits.

Additional Information and Comments:

All interested parties are invited to request additional information or submit written or oral comments concerning the proposed amendment until May 12, 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 May 6, 2021 at 7:00 pm at Zoom - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87612168446?pwd=dE1iUmdlUTB>, 235 Promenade Street, Providence, RI 02908 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 401-423-1928 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:

Small regulatory changes to the regulations, clarification to the childrens ponds, clarification to Beach Pond fishing, addition of Beaver River, Richmond as catch and release only fishing location, addition to stock trout waters and removal of locations.

In the development of the proposed rule/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.