

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

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Title of Rule: Research Pilot Aggregate Program

Rule Identifier: 250-RICR-90-00-12

Rulemaking Action: Proposed Amendment

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: January 26, 2022

Hearing Date: February 7, 2022

End of Public Comment: February 25, 2022

Rulemaking Authority:

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:

Division proposal to:

1. Amend the # of participating vessels from six (6) to twelve (12) (section 12.8(C)).
2. Amend the term of the program through 2022 (section 12.12)
3. This amendment is proposed as an alternative to proposed adoption of new rule "Part 19 – Aggregate Landing Program for Summer Flounder and Black Sea Bass". If Part 19 is adopted, this rule would become obsolete and would be proposed for repeal at a later date. If this rule is maintained, Part 19 would not be considered for adoption at this time
4. IMPORTANT! The Division proposal represents proposed regulations based on simulation results. However, the Division is seeking comments on the proposed rule to inform the final decision making process.

Additional Information and Public Comments:

All interested parties are invited to request additional information or submit written or oral comments concerning the proposed amendment until February 25, 2022 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 § 42-35-2.5, to consider the proposed amendment shall be held at which time and place all persons interested therein will be heard. This hearing is subject to R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 42-46, Open Meetings.

Public Hearing Information:

Date: February 7, 2022

Time: 6:00 P.M.

Location: URI Bay Campus, Corless Auditorium, 215 South Ferry Rd
Zoom webinar: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83516797237>
Narragansett, RI, 02882

The place of the public hearing is accessible to individuals with disabilities. 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. For questions regarding available parking, please contact the agency staffperson listed above.

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 contact the agency staffperson listed above.