

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

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT**

**Title of Rule:** Rules and Regulations Governing the Administration and Enforcement of the Freshwater Wetlands Act

**Rule Identifier:** 250-RICR-150-15-3

**Rulemaking Action:** Direct Final Amendment

**Important Dates:**

Date of Public Notice: June 15, 2022

End of Public Comment: July 15, 2022

**Rulemaking Authority:**

R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 2-1-20.1

42-17.1-1 et seq.

42-17.6-1 et seq.

46-23-6

R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-1 et seq.

**Summary of Rulemaking Action:**

The purpose of the proposed rule is as follows:

- 1) Eliminate the variance fee and improve clarity in the fee table for applications.
- 2) Correct the RICR reference number referring to CRMC regulations in the definition section of the rules.

The Agency does not expect this filing to be controversial and therefore, a public hearing will not be held.

**Additional Information and Public Comments:**

If no formal objection is received on or before July 15, 2022, the Department of Environmental Management will file the Amendment and the Final Rule will take effect on this date.

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) the benefits and costs of a reasonable range of regulatory alternatives reflecting the scope of discretion; (2) alternative approaches; (3) overlap or duplication with other statutory and regulatory provisions; and (4) 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.