

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.

AGENCY: Department of Environmental Management

DIVISION: Marine Fisheries

RULE IDENTIFIER: 250-RICR-90-00-3

RULE TITLE: Finfish

REASONS FOR NOT ACCEPTING ARGUMENTS MADE IN TESTIMONY AND COMMENTS:

1. 2023 Commercial Summer Flounder Management: Two (2) proposals were noticed for consideration and public comment. Proposal # 2 was selected for adoption consistent with the public comments received and the recommendation of the RI Marine Fisheries Council.

CHANGE TO TEXT FROM PROPOSED TO FINAL RULE (identify any changes between the text of the rule as proposed and the text of the final rule and explain why these changes were made to the final text):

1. 2023 Commercial Summer Flounder Management: Proposal # 1 was not included in the final rule consistent with the public comments received and the recommendation of the RI Marine Fisheries Council.

REGULATORY ANALYSIS: 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.