RHODE ISLAND GOVERNMENT REGISTER

AMENDED PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Title of Rule: Summer Flounder Exemption Certificate Program

Rule Identifier: 250-RICR-90-00-14

Rulemaking Action: Proposed Amendment

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: October 17, 2022

Hearing Date: November 1, 2022

End of Public Comment: November 17, 2022

Rulemaking Authority:

R.I. Gen. Laws § 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 § 42-35-18(b)(5)

Administrative Procedures Act.

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

1. Divisionproposal to amend the rule to add a new section entitled “Change in ExemptionCertificate Holder While in Confirmation of Certificate Status (CCS)”, toprovide for Exemption Certificate transfer while vessel is in CCS status(proposed new section 14.11.4)

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 November 17, 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: November 1, 2022

Time: 6:00 P.M.

Location: URI Bay Campus, Corless Auditorium, 215 South Ferry Rd
Zoom webinar (see agenda)
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 ofthe proposed amendment consideration was given to: (1) alternative approaches;(2) overlap or duplication with other statutory and regulatoryprovisions; and (3) significant economic impact on small business. No alternativeapproach, duplication, or overlap was identified based upon availableinformation.

For full regulatory analysis or supporting documentation contact the agency staffperson listed above.