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-90-00-1

RULE TITLE: Definitions and General Provisions

REASONS FOR NOT ACCEPTING ARGUMENTS MADE IN TESTIMONY AND COMMENTS:

A comment was received objecting to the proposed revision of the term "medical hardship", in that the requirement of a medical diagnosis from a medical doctor is overly invasive, and does not include mental illness. This proposed revision was nonetheless adopted to sync the rule with statute and was supported by the RI Marine Fisheries Council.

The Director's decision provides a full explanation as to the rationale behind the decision and is included in the final rule filing as a supporting document.

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): N/A

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.