RHODE ISLAND GOVERNMENT REGISTER
PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Title of Rule: Dealers

Rule Identifier: 250-RICR-90-00-7

Rulemaking Action: Proposed Amendment

Important Dates:
Date of Public Notice: February 23, 2023
Hearing Date: March 6, 2023
End of Public Comment: March 25, 2023

Rulemaking Authority:
Title 20

Chapters 42-17.1

42-17.6

and 42-17.7

and in accordance with Chapter 42-35-18(b)(5)

Administrative Procedures Act of the Rhode Island General Laws of 1956

as amended.

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

1. Proposal #1 (Division proposal): Amend dealer reporting frequency of striped bass landings from "each week on Mondays and Thursdays, are due no more than five (5) days after the date of purchase within 24 hours after the date of purchase" to no more than twenty four (24) hours after the date of purchase"

Rationale: More frequent reporting is necessary to better manage the fishery and overharvest. Overharvest occurs frequently due to late reporting resulting in quota reductions in the following year to offset the overharvest

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 March 25, 2023 by contacting the appropriate party at the address listed below:

Peter Duhamel
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3 Fort Wetherill Road
Jamestown, RI 02835
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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: March 6, 2023

Time: 5:00 P.M.

Location: URI Bay Campus, Corless Auditorium
215 South Ferry Road
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 regulatoryprovisions; and (3) significant economic impact on small business. No alternativeapproach, duplication, or overlap was identified based upon available information.

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