

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

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Title of Rule: Fishing Regulations for the Season (250-RICR-60-00-10)

Rule Identifier: 250-RICR-60-00-10

Rulemaking Action: Proposed Amendment

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: April 21, 2023

Hearing Date: May 17, 2023

End of Public Comment: May 24, 2023

Rulemaking Authority:

RIGL Sections 20-1-4; 20-1-12 and 20-1-13

as well as Chapters 42-71.1

and 42-17.6

in accordance with requirements with Chapter 42-35 "Administrative Procedures Act" of the General Laws of 1956.

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

The purpose of these Rules and Regulations is to regulate freshwater fishing seasons and bag limits annually.

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 May 24, 2023 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: May 17, 2023

Time: 6:00 P.M.

Location: 140 Sockanosset Cross Road
James T. Giles Community Room
Cranston, RI, 02920

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 401-423-1928 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:

10.6.1(A)(9) - changes in the classifications of children's ponds
10.6.1(A)(10)(e) & (f)- addition of the word estuarine
10.6.1(A)(10)(i) - Freshwater minnow regulations
10.6.1(A)(12) - removal of language
10.6.1(A)(13) addition of the words "Rhode Island Regulations apply"
10.6.1(A)(14) - removal of language
10.6.1(A)(15) - pond specific language
10.6.1(A)(18) - Changes to the ponds stocked, additions and removals.

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.