

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

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Title of Rule: PART 11 - Regulations Governing Education Certification for Commercial Shellfish Harvesters (250-RICR-90-00-11)

Rule Identifier: 250-RICR-90-00-11

Rulemaking Action: Proposed Amendment

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: April 21, 2023

End of Public Comment: May 21, 2023

Rulemaking Authority:

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 Chapter 42-35-18(b)(5)

Administrative Procedures Act

as amended.

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

The proposed changes are required to reflect changes in the technology used to license and track completion of shellfish harvester education for commercial shellfish harvesters. The software formerly used to document completion of the training is obsolete and has been removed from service. The proposed changes will allow documentation of completion of harvester education in the new commercial shellfish licensing platform, Rhode Island Outdoors, which is located at: <https://rio.ri.gov/> and which is now in operation.

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 21, 2023 by contacting the appropriate party at the address listed below:

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In accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-2.8, an oral hearing will be granted if requested by twenty-five (25) persons, by a governmental agency or by an association having at least twenty-five (25) members. A request for an oral hearing must be made within ten (10) days of the publication of this notice.

Regulatory Analysis Summary and Supporting Documentation:

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.