RHODE ISLAND GOVERNMENT REGISTER

PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Title of Rule: Aggregate Program for Summer Flounder and Black Sea Bass

Rule Identifier: 250-RICR-90-00-23

Rulemaking Action: Proposed Amendment

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: October 23, 2023

Hearing Date: November 6, 2023

End of Public Comment: November 22, 2023

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

as amended.

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

Proposal #1 (Division/noticed proposal):

oAdd summer flounder to the authorized species in the summer/fall program (May 1 – December 31) at a weekly possession limit of 7x the daily limit.

oAmend the black sea bass weekly possession limit from 5x to 7x the daily limit

Please see the accompanying supplemental document that provides all additional industryproposalsprovided

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 22, 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: November 6, 2023

Time: 6:00 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 ofthe proposed amendment consideration was given to: (1) alternative approaches;(2) overlap or duplication with otherstatutory and regulatory provisions;and (3) 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.