

RHODE ISLAND GOVERNMENT REGISTER
PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Title of Rule: Regulations Governing the Use of Federal Funds Provided to the State of Rhode Island for the Large Whale Gear Modification Assistance Plan

Rule Identifier: 250-RICR-90-00-26

Rulemaking Action: Direct Final Repeal

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: February 1, 2024

End of Public Comment: March 2, 2024

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 Chapter 42-35

Administrative Procedures Act

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

Funds available have been fully expended with the program meeting its intended goals. The balance remaining for the grant through January 2024 is \$0.00 (please see the final report provided as a separate attachment at time of noticing for program and expenditure details)

The Agency does not expect this filing to be controversial and therefore, a public hearing will not be held.

Additional Information and Public Comments:

If no formal objection is received on or before March 2, 2024, the Department of Environmental Management will file the Repeal and the Final Rule will take effect on this date.

Objections should be addressed to:

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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 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 staff person listed above.