

CONCISE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

([R.I. Gen. Laws §42-35-2.6](#))

Agency: Department of Environmental Management

Division: Marine Fisheries

Rule Title: Part 5 – Lobsters, Crabs, and Other Crustaceans (250-RICR-90-00-5)

Agency's reason for creation of the rule, including the agency's reasons for not accepting arguments made in testimony and comments:

- **Jonah Crab Claw Possession Allowance:** No public comments were received. The proposed rule will not be adopted based on the recommendation of the RI Marine Fisheries Council. The Division will bring the matter back to workshop and possible re-noticed in Spring 2026.
- **Lobster Trap Tag Transfer Application Period for State Vessels:** No public comments were received. The proposed rule will not be adopted based on the recommendation of the RI Marine Fisheries Council. The Division will bring the matter back to workshop and possible re-noticed in Spring 2026.

The Director's decision memo, filed as a separate supporting document with the filing of the final rule, provides rationale for all final decisions.

Reasons for any change between the text of the proposed rule contained in the notice of proposed rulemaking and the text of the final rule:

The proposed rules for the Jonah crab claw possession allowance and the lobster trap tag transfer application period for state vessels will not be adopted based on the recommendation of the RI Marine Fisheries Council. The Division will bring these matters back to workshop and possible re-noticed in Spring 2026.

REGULATORY ANALYSIS: 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.