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Summary of Comments

Agency: Department of Environmental Management

Division: Marine Fisheries

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

Type of Filing: Proposed Amendments

Timetable for action on the proposed rule:

- Date of public notice: September 2, 2025
- Date of hearing: September 15, 2025
- End of comment period: October 3, 2025

Proposed rules and comments received:

- a. Division proposal to provide for the possession of Jonah crab claws consistent with ASMFC Fisheries Management Plan (FMP) (section 5.8(B)(5) and 5.8(C):

Comments received: No comments were received.

- b. Division proposal to clarify that the horseshoe crab biomedical harvest prohibition includes the new and full moons (in addition to the 48 hours before and after the new and full moons, which is currently in rule) (section 5.7(D)(3)(d):

Comments received: No comments were received.

- c. Proposal to prohibit horseshoe crab biomedical harvest in coastal salt ponds and Little Narragansett Bay (section 5.7(D)(3)(f):

Comments received: No comments were received.

- d. Division proposal to eliminate the lobster trap tag transfer application period and provide for the submittal and processing of applications at any time of the year (section 5.5.1(L)(5)(b)(3)):

Comments received: No comments were received.

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received; it does not include supporting details, rationale, or discussion of matters not specific to the proposed rules.