

CONCISE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

([R.I. Gen. Laws §42-35-2.6](#))

Agency: Department of Environmental Management

Division: Marine Fisheries

Rule Title: Part 14 – Summer Flounder Exemption Certificate (250-RICR-90-00-14)

Reason(s) for adopting the rule, including any reasons for not accepting arguments made in testimony and comments:

No comments were provided.

The Director's decision memo filed as a separate supporting document provides rationale for all final decisions.

Change between the proposed and final rule, including an explanation as to why these changes were made to the final text:

The final rule regarding Exemption Certificate expiration was changed from the proposed noticed of five years (expire in 2030) to ten years (expire in 2035) based on the recommendation of the RI Marine Fisheries Council.

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.