

**CONCISE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**  
([R.I. Gen. Laws §42-35-2.6](#))

**Agency:** Department of Environmental Management

**Division:** Marine Fisheries

**Rule Title:** Part 1 – Definitions and General Provisions (250-RICR-90-00-1)

**Date of Public Notice:** October 15, 2025

**Hearing Date:** November 3, 2025

**End of Public Comment:** November 16, 2025

**Agency’s reason(s) for adopting or not adopting the proposed rule, including any reasons for not accepting arguments made in testimony and comments:** N/A.

**Change between the proposed and final rule, including an explanation as to why these changes were made to the final text:** N/A. No changes were made between the proposed and final rule.

The Director’s decision memo filed as a separate supporting document includes the recommendations of the RI Marine Fisheries Council, a summary of the comments received, and provides rationale for final decisions.

**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.