

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.