

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

**Agency:** Department of Environmental Management

**Division:** Marine Fisheries

**Rule Title:** Part 6 – General Equipment Provisions (250-RICR-90-00-6)

**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:**

1. Delete Reference to RIGL in Rule Pertaining to Marking of Traps: No comments were received. The final rule will be adopted as noticed.
2. Escape Vent requirement for all Pots and Traps: One comment received to add “or” between proposed sections 6.4(B)(7)(a) and (b) to add clarity that either section (a) or (b), not both, must be adhered to. This part of the rule was not supported for adoption by the RI Marine Fisheries Council or the Division. The Division will look to seek additional public input as a subsequent regulator cycle

The Director's decision memo filed as a separate supporting document at the time of filing the final rule includes the recommendations of the RI Marine Fisheries Council, a summary of the comments received, and 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 annotated rule is filed as a separate supporting document at the time of filing.

**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.