

**RHODE ISLAND GOVERNMENT REGISTER
PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING**

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Title of Rule: Dealers
Rule Identifier: 250-RICR-90-00-7
Rulemaking Action: Proposed Amendment

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: October 15, 2025
Hearing Date: November 3, 2025
End of Public Comment: November 16, 2025

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Rulemaking Authority:

Title 20

Chapters 42-17.1

42-17.6

and 42-17.7

and in accordance with Chapter 42-35-18(b)(5)

Administrative Procedures Act of the Rhode Island General Laws of 1956

as amended.

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

1. Dealer Fixed Place of Business Documentation:

- **Proposal 1 (Division/Noticed):** Amend regulations to require documentation for RI fixed place of business upon application of a dealers license (sections 7.6(B), 7.7(B), 7.8(B), & 7.9(B))

2. Landing restriction for summer flounder for dealers:

- **Proposal 1 (Industry):** Amend the landing restriction for summer flounder. This proposal should only be considered in conjunction with Part 3 – Finfish, 2026 Commercial Summer Flounder Management Proposal 3 (see above Part 3 – Finfish and accompanying document “Summary of Proposed Rulemaking” for full details).

Additional Information and Public Comments:

All interested parties are invited to request additional information or submit written or oral comments concerning the proposed amendment until November 16, 2025 by contacting the appropriate party at the address listed below:

Peter Duhamel
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3 Fort Wetherill Road
Jamestown, RI 02893
peter.duhamel@dem.ri.gov

Public Hearing:

A public hearing, in accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-2.5, to consider the proposed amendment shall be held at which time and place all persons interested therein will be heard. This hearing is subject to R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 42-46, Open Meetings.

Public Hearing Information:

Date: November 3, 2025

Time: 5:00 P.M.

Location: URI Bay Campus/GSO, Corliss Auditorium
215 South Ferry Road
Narragansett, RI, 02882

The place of the public hearing is accessible to individuals with disabilities. If communication assistance (readers/interpreters/captioners) is needed, or any other accommodation to ensure equal participation, please call 401-423-1927 or RI Relay 711 at least three (3) business days prior to the meeting so arrangements can be made to provide such assistance at no cost to the person requesting. For questions regarding available parking, please contact the agency staffperson listed above.

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Regulatory Analysis Summary and Supporting Documentation:

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.

For full regulatory analysis or supporting documentation contact the agency staffperson listed above.