

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

Agency: Department of Environmental Management

Division: Marine Fisheries

Rule Title: Part 3 – Finfish (250-RICR-90-00-3)

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: 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.