

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

**Agency:** Department of Environmental Management

**Division:** Marine Fisheries

**Rule Title:** Part 23 – Aggregate Program (250-RICR-90-00-23)

**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:** N/A. No changes were made between the proposed and final rule. 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.