

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

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT**

**Title of Rule:**      Regulations Governing the Administration of Federal Herring Fisheries Disaster Relief Funding Provided to the State of Rhode Island

**Rule Identifier:**      250-RICR-90-00-27

**Rulemaking Action:** Direct Final Repeal

**Important Dates:**

Date of Public Notice: January 13, 2026

End of Public Comment: February 12, 2026

**Rulemaking Authority:**

R.I. Gen. Laws § These rules and regulations are adopted pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act

2021 (Pub. L. 116-260)

R.I. Gen. Laws Title 20

Chapter 42-17.1

and promulgated in accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 42-35.

**Summary of Rulemaking Action:**

As a result of the formal request to the US Department of Commerce Secretary to declare a fishery failure in the Atlantic herring fishery under Section 312(1a) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, and the subsequent declaration and distribution of congressional funds to affected Rhode Island fishery participants, Part 27 of the Rhode Island Marine Fisheries regulations titled Regulations Governing the Administration of Federal Herring Fisheries Disaster Relief Funding Provided to the State of Rhode Island is hereby repealed. Funds allocated have been expended and the program is no longer active

The Agency does not expect this filing to be controversial and therefore, a public hearing will not be held.

**Additional Information and Public Comments:**

If no formal objection is received on or before February 12, 2026, the Department of Environmental Management will file the Repeal and the Final Rule will take effect on this date.

Objections should be addressed to:

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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.