

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

**Agency:** Department of Environmental Management

**Division:** Marine Fisheries

**Rule Title:** Part 1 – Definitions and General Provisions (250-RICR-90-00-1)

**Date of Public Notice:** January 30, 2026

**Hearing Date:** February 17, 2026

**End of Public Comment:** March 6, 2026

**Agency’s reason(s) for adopting the rule, including any reasons for not accepting arguments made in testimony and comments:** N/A. The final rule was adopted as noticed. The final rule adopted was recommended by the RI Marine Fisheries Council. The Director’s decision memo filed as a separate supporting document 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 noticed and final rule)

**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.