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Summary of Comments

Agency: Department of Environmental Management

Division: Marine Fisheries

Regulation: Part 1 – Definitions and General Provisions (250-RICR-90-00-1)

Type of rulemaking: Regular rulemaking

Type of filing: Amendment

Timetable for action on the proposed rule:

- Date of public notice: January 30, 2026
- Date of hearing: February 17, 2026
- End of comment period: March 6, 2026

Proposed rules and comments received:

- a. Proposal 1 (Division): Implement striped bass total length definition:

Proposed Rule (section 1.10(NNNNN)): "Total length" means the straight linear distance from the tip of the snout to the end of the tail of a finfish species. All finfish species' minimum sizes are measured as total length, except for coastal sharks **and striped bass**. **The, in which** minimum size **for coastal sharks** is measured by fork length. **The minimum size for striped bass is measured as the greatest straight line length in inches as measured on a fish from the anterior most tip of the jaw or snout to the farthest extremity of the tail with the upper and lower fork of the tail squeezed together.**

Comments received:

Support for	Status Quo	Proposal 1	Other
Written	0	3	1
Hearing	0	0	0

- b. Proposal 1 (Division): Add two new common species (if rules adopted for Atlantic bonito and False albacore):

Proposed Rule (section 1.12):

- “Atlantic Bonito” means *Sarda sarda*.
- “False Albacore” means *Euthynnus alletteratus*, little tunny.

Comments received:

Support for	Status Quo	Proposal 1	Other
Written	0	1	0
Hearing	0	0	2

IMPORTANT! The public hearing was recorded and is publicly available on the Division of Marine Fisheries YouTube channel [here](#). *This document serves only as a summary of public comments received, as provided in written and orally at the public hearing; it does not include supporting details, rationale, or discussion of matters not specific to the proposed rules.*