

## CONCISE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

In accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, Section §42-35-2.6 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, following is a concise explanatory statement for the below identified regulation, which will be subject to a public hearing on May 12, 2026.

**AGENCY:** Department of Environmental Management

**DIVISION:** Fish and Wildlife

**RULE IDENTIFIER:** 250-RICR-60-00-01

**RULE TITLE:** Rules and Regulations Governing Wildlife Rehabilitation

**REASON FOR RULEMAKING:** The purpose of these regulations is to establish the standards under which “Wildlife Rehabilitators” may be permitted to conduct the handling, care for, dispatch of, release of, and other activities as related to wildlife protected by the Division of Fish and Wildlife.

1.5(A)12 Edited definition for Native Wildlife,  
1.10(M) Updated species that DFW would like to know about being rehabbed,  
1.10(W) Correct language,  
1.14(A) Edit species of rabies vector species that can be rehabilitated as adults.

**TESTIMONY AND COMMENTS (for not adopting a proposed rule):** N/A.

**CHANGES TO TEXT (between proposed and final rule):** N/A

**REGULATORY ANALYSIS:** N/A