

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

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Title of Rule: Definitions and General Provisions

Rule Identifier: 250-RICR-90-00-1

Rulemaking Action: Direct Final Amendment

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: July 3, 2026

End of Public Comment: August 2, 2026

Rulemaking Authority:

R.I. Gen. Laws Title 20

R.I. Gen. Laws Chapters 42.17.1

42-17.6

and 42-17.7

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

Administrative Procedures Act

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

1. Proposed changes to the definition of "total length" to correct an inadvertent error in the language adopted in the most recent filing of this rule (effective date May 17, 2026) regarding the total length measurement for striped bass. As a Direct Final Rule filing, the Division believes this change presents a clarification only and does not expect the proposed rule to be controversial (section 1.10NNNNN).

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 August 2, 2026, the Department of Environmental Management will file the Amendment 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.