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Summary of Proposed Rulemaking

Proposals reflect amendments for regulatory changes, however, STATUS QUO is always an option unless otherwise specified

1. **Multipurpose Vessel License (MVL) (Part 2 – Commercial Marine Fishing Licenses, Landing Permits, and Party and Charter Licenses (250-RICR-90-00-2):**

- **Proposal 1 (Division):** Extend the current term of the Multipurpose Vessel License for five (5) years and lessen the eligibility requirements consistent with the current activity standard for the issuance of commercial fishing licenses.

Proposed Rules:

- **Section 2.7.4(C)(2)(e)(9):** Term of Multipurpose Vessel License: No Multipurpose Vessel Licenses will be issued after December 31, ~~2026~~ **2031**. During the ~~2027~~ **2032** license renewal period, any person who was issued a Multipurpose Vessel License ~~holder in 2026~~ must surrender their Multipurpose Vessel License to be re-issued their consigned Multipurpose Fishing License.
 - **Section 2.7.4(C)(2)(e)(2)(DD):** The Multipurpose Fishing License must meet the standard of actively fished ~~whereby the license holder must have held the license for a minimum of the immediate two (2) in each year for the preceding five (5) calendar years. A, and demonstrate by dated transaction records, with fishing activity verified by SAFIS dealer or dockside sales reporting, a~~ minimum of forty (40) ~~legal~~ landings ~~over in the preceding two (2) preceding~~ calendar years, ~~pursuant to a valid Rhode Island license, must have occurred on the same vessel that will be named on the Multipurpose Vessel License.~~
- **Proposal 2 (Industry):** Eliminate the activity standard requirement and lessen the time frame requirement for the fishing business to be in good standing with the state.

Proposed Rule (section 2.7.4(C)(2)(e)(2)(DD) and 2.7.4(C)(2)(e)(2)(EE)(i):
~~(DD) The Multipurpose Fishing License must meet the standard of actively fished in each year for the preceding five (5) calendar years. A minimum of forty (40) landings over the two preceding calendar years must have occurred on the same vessel that will be named on the Multipurpose Vessel License.~~

(EE)(i) The business or corporation must be registered with the State of Rhode Island for the preceding ~~five~~one (~~1~~5) calendar years and in good standing.