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-60-00-4

RULE TITLE: Rules and Regulations Governing Collector's Permits

REASON FOR RULEMAKING: Establish a new regulation applicable to the issuance of scientific collector's permits for marine species. Regulations governing the issuance of scientific collector's permits for any species of wild animal are currently in place within the Division of Fish and Wildlife; although the Division of Marine Fisheries currently collects permit fees, reviews permit applications, and issues scientific collector permits for marine species. In conjunction with this proposed rule, the Division of Fish and Wildlife is also concurrently proposing amendments to their regulations to change applicability of their rule only to terrestrial, avian, freshwater or diadromous species of wild animals. There are no significant effective changes proposed to current practices by either Division; the proposed rule will provide for an exemption for Department staff working within the scope of their official duties, consistent with current practice and as recommended by the Division of Law Enforcement.

4.1(A) Clarify what type of wildlife are covered by the Division of Fish and Wildlife,
4.1(B) Add info about marine species,
4.4 Repeal Application section,
4.5(A) Add definitions as pertain to 4.1(A),
4.6(A) Clarify what type of wildlife are covered by the Division of Fish and Wildlife,
4.6(B).1. Add exemption for DEM employees in the act of duties,
4.6(E).2. Clarify language,
4.6(J) Removed,
4.8 Repeal Superseded Rules and Regulations,
4.9 Repeal Severability,
4.10(A) Update Foundry address,
4.11Repeal effective date.

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