

*State of Rhode Island
Department of Administration
Office of Management and Budget*

Fiscal Note for Proposed Administrative Rules (R.I. Gen. Laws § 22-12-1.1)

Name of Administrative Rule: Part 6 - General Equipment Provisions

Escape vent requirements for pots and traps

FISCAL IMPACT			
<i>State Fiscal Year (FY)</i>	<i>State Revenues</i>	<i>State Expenditures</i>	<i>City/Town Expenditures</i>
FY 2027	\$0-8,400	\$0	\$0
FY 2028	\$0-8,400	\$0	\$0
FY 2029	\$0-8,400	\$0	\$0

Summary of Policy Change:

Proposal #1: Proposal from the DEM Division of Marine Fisheries to amend the rule to require configuration of pots and/or traps linked by a common line (section 6.4(B)(6)(a)&(b)).

Proposal #2: Proposal from the DEM Division of Marine Fisheries to amend the rule to require escape vents for all pots and traps (section 6.4(B)(7)(a)).

Proposal #3: Proposal from the DEM Division of Marine Fisheries to amend rule to make other non-substantive changes including:

- Correct improper numbering.
- Change instances of “inland” to “landward” throughout.
- Clean up area descriptions in several instances without changing the meaning or intent of the regulation.
- Move gear language from Part 3 and Part 5 into Part 6 without changing the meaning or intent of the regulation (there are no proposed changes to the language being moved). These rules will be removed from Parts 3 and Part 5 the next time the rules are noticed (section 6.4(B)(7)(c-f) & 6.4(C).
- Relocate the general ghost panel rule from section 6.4(B)(6) to section 6.4(B)(7)(b) and clarify that this rule applies only if other sections in the rule regarding ghost panels are not specified.

Summary of State Fiscal Impact:

No state fiscal impact is anticipated. No changes being proposed to any source of revenue.

City or Town Impact: No city or town impact is anticipated.

Reviewed/Approved by CFO: Emily Cahoon Dated: 9/15/26