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Department of Environmental Management

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**PUBLIC NOTICE CONCERNING PROPOSED REGULATORY CHANGES  
NOTICE OF WORKSHOP AND PUBLIC HEARING**

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapters 42-17.1 and 20-3 of the General Laws of Rhode Island as amended, and in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act Chapter 42-35 of the General Laws, the Director of the Department of Environmental Management (DEM) proposes amendments to the Rhode Island Marine Fisheries Regulations and gives notice of intent to hold a public hearing to afford interested parties the opportunity for public comment.

Public comment will be solicited on the following proposals:

- 1) Amendments to the RI Marine Fisheries regulations, Part VII - Finfish, regarding the **commercial management of Summer flounder**;
- 2) Amendments to the RI Marine Fisheries regulations, Part VII - Finfish, regarding the **commercial management of Scup**;
- 3) Amendments to the RI Marine Fisheries regulations, Part VII - Finfish, regarding the **commercial management of Black Sea Bass**;
- 4) Amendments to the RI Marine Fisheries regulations Part VII - Finfish, regarding the **commercial management of Monkfish**.

The workshop will commence at **4:30PM** on **Wednesday, November 12, 2014** at the University of Rhode Island, Graduate School of Oceanography, Coastal Institute Building, Hazard rooms, South Ferry Road, Narragansett, RI 02882; followed by the **public hearing at 6:00PM**. The room is accessible to the disabled. Interpreter services for the deaf and hard of hearing will be provided if such services are requested at least three (3) business days prior to the hearing by contacting the RI Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing at (401) 222-5300; or (401) 222-5301 (TTY); or <http://www.cdhh.ri.gov/>.

The Department has determined that small businesses may be adversely impacted by the proposed regulations. Small businesses which are either currently licensed, or in the future may seek a license to harvest, buy, sell, or produce seafood products, as well as the small businesses that provide services related to those engaged in such industries, are requested to comment on the proposed regulations on how such proposed action can be changed to minimize the impact on those small businesses affected.

Written comments concerning the proposed regulations may be submitted to Peter Duhamel, Division of Fish and Wildlife – Marine Fisheries office, 3 Fort Wetherill Road, Jamestown, RI 02835 no later than 12:00 Noon on November 12, 2014. A copy of the proposed regulations will be available for review from October 10 through November 12, 2014 at the Marine Fisheries offices, or by mail. A copy of the proposed regulation(s) will also be available on the Office of the Secretary of State's website at <http://sos.ri.gov/ProposedRules/> and the DEM website at <http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/bnatres/fishwild/pn111214.htm>.

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