

**RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT  
DIVISION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE  
MARINE FISHERIES SECTION**

**PUBLIC NOTICE CONCERNING PROPOSED RULE MAKING**

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 adoption of a regulation entitled **“Rules and Regulations Governing the Administration of Federal Groundfish Disaster Funds – Phase Two Program for Rhode Island”**, and gives notice of intent to hold a public hearing to afford interested parties the opportunity for public comment.

The **Public Hearing** will commence at **6:00 PM** on **Wednesday, August 26, 2015** at the University of Rhode Island, Graduate School of Oceanography, **Corless Auditorium**, South Ferry Road, Narragansett, RI 02882. 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/>.

Written comments concerning the proposed regulations may be submitted to Robert Ballou, DEM Director’s Office, 235 Promenade St., Providence, RI 02908 no later than 12:00 PM on Wednesday, August 26, 2015.

The public hearing will be immediately preceded by a **Public Workshop**, conducted by the Department, at which interested parties may participate in a discussion and ask questions regarding the proposed regulations. The public workshop will commence at **5:00 PM** and terminate at 6:00 PM on **Wednesday, August 26, 2015** at the University of Rhode Island, Graduate School of Oceanography, **Corless Auditorium**, South Ferry Road, Narragansett, RI 02882.

A copy of the proposed regulations is available for review from July 23, 2015 through August 26, 2015 at the DEM Director’s Office, 235 Promenade Street, providence, RI 02908, and at the DEM Division of Coastal Resources, 301 Great Island Road, Narragansett, RI 02882, or by mail. The proposed regulations have been filed with the Office of the RI Secretary of State and are available for review on the Secretary of State’s website at <http://sos.ri.gov/ProposedRules/>. The proposed regulations are also available for review on the DEM Marine Fisheries webpage at <http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/bnatres/fishwild/pn021615.htm>.

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