

RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

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MEETING NOTICE

Pre-Hearing Workshop Commercial Licensing and Gear regulations

May 23, 2018

6:00 PM URI Bay Campus Coastal Institute Building Hazard Room South Ferry Road, Narragansett, RI

AGENDA

- 1. Division proposal to amend and/or delete terms related to commercial licensing (*Part 1 Definitions and General Provisions*).
- 2. Division proposals to amend *Part 2 Commercial and Recreational Saltwater Fishing Licensing Regulations*", including the following:
 - Removal of language regarding the fifteen-day deadline by which DEM is required to issue commercial fishing licenses or endorsements to eligible applicants (section 2.7.7(E)(3));
 - Removal of language regarding the Commercial Licensing Review Board and revision of this section to more accurately reflect the current process (section 2.7.7(J));
 - New electronic reporting requirements for Party and Charter vessels;
 - Recreational Coastal Shark permit.
- 3. Any other proposals from the public related to commercial licensing and/or gear regulations to be considered for the planned hearing in September.

Note: The public hearing is not currently scheduled, but is planned for the third week in September.