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Several amendments were filed at 4:00 PM on April 28, 2011. In summary, the changes are as follows:

**4/28/11**

**PART IV - SHELLFISH**

4.3 through 4.9, 4.11.1, 4.12, 4.21(a), 4.31 - These actions adopt regulatory **AMENDMENTS** for the **soft-shell clam fishery** in order to accomplish the following (1) establish a Conimicut Point Shellfish Management Area; (2) establish a soft-shell clam possession limit within the Conimicut Point Shellfish Management Area of 3 bushels per day per license holder; (3) increase the minimum legal size of soft-shell clams from a diameter of 1-1/2 inches to 2 inches statewide; and (4) modifies Section 4.31, Tagging of Shellfish, in accordance with Part XVII – Maps. In addition technical amendments were incorporated in order to correct grammatical errors. [This regulation becomes effective on May 18, 2011].

**PART XVII - MAPS**

Map #10 - This action **AMENDS** Part VXII – Maps, by adding the RI Shellfish Harvest Area Tagging Map. [This regulation becomes effective on May 18, 2011].

For a Summary of Changes to the RI Marine Fisheries Regulations, **when** posted, click here:

<http://www.dem.ri.gov/pubs/regs/regs/fishwild/fishamnd.htm>

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