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SUBJECT: Regulation filing

Four adoptions were filed on November 10, 2011. In summary, the new rules are as follows:

**2012 MARINE FISHERIES LICENSING REGULATIONS**

New regulations that establish the marine fisheries commercial licensing system for 2012 have been promulgated by DEM. The primary document is entitled "Commercial Fishing Licensing Regulations". [These regulations become effective 11/30/2011]

This body of regulations requires the following three companion Management Plans (also effective 11/30/2011):

- Management Plan for the Finfish Fishery Sector;
- Management Plan for the Shellfish Fishery Sector; and
- Management Plan for the Crustacean Fishery Sector

An amendment was also filed on November 10, 2011. In summary, the changes are as follows:

**PART IV - SHELLFISH**

4.10.4, 4.22, 4.24, and 4.28 - This action **amends** the 2011-2012 winter shellfish harvest schedule for four Shellfish Management Areas; Greenwich Bay, Bristol Harbor, Bissel Cove/Fox Island, and High Banks, and removes expired language. [This regulation becomes effective on 11/30/2011].

For the Director's decision memo on the October 17, 2011 public hearing items, **when** posted, click here:

<http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/bnatres/fishwild/pdf/dir110411lic.pdf>

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>

The regulations can be viewed in their entirety **when** posted at the DEM/DFW Marine Fisheries web site.

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