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SUBJECT: Regulation filing

Amendments were filed on December 12, 2011. In summary, the changes are as follows:

**12/12/2011**

**PART VII - MINIMUM SIZES OF FISH/SHELLFISH**

7.7, 7.11, 7.14, 7.21, 7.22 - These actions **amend** the **commercial management plans** for **summer flounder, scup, black sea bass, and monkfish**, and terminates the summer flounder **sector allocation pilot program** for the 2012 season by repealing section 7.7.11. This action also establishes a 14 inch minimum size cod fillet for the recreational sector, and updates language, removes irrelevant or expired language, as well as a technical revision to section 7.11.2-1 which inserts the word "day" to clarify it references a daily possession limit. [This regulation becomes effective 01/01/2012].

**12/12/2011**

**PART IV - SHELLFISH**

4.27 - This action is a **technical revision** to the 2011-2012 Shellfish Management Areas winter shellfish harvesting schedule which updates the obsolete harvest schedule for **Potowomut Shellfish Management Area** (section 4.27) as was previously filed for all other Shellfish Management Areas. The Potowomut schedule had been inadvertently left out. [This regulation becomes effective upon filing].

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>

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

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