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SUBJECT: Regulation filing

Amendments were filed on April 13, 2012. In summary, the changes are as follows:

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PART IV - SHELLFISH

4.35 - This action **AMENDS** the regulations governing the taking of conch (Channeled Whelk – *Busycotypus canaliculatus* and Knobbed Whelk – *Busycon carica*) by increasing the legal minimum shell size to 2-3/4 inches in diameter or a shell length not less than 4-3/4 inches, and sets both commercial and recreational harvesting provisions. [These regulation amendments become effective on May 3, 2012].

PART I – LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS

1.3 - This action makes a **Technical revision** to section 1.3 – Definition of Terms to correct the spelling of the species *canaliculatus* in the definition of conch. [This regulation becomes effective on May 3, 2012].

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>

As well, the Director's decision memos on these actions can be viewed when posted at the following web address:

<http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/bnatres/fishwild/dirdecsn.htm>