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SUBJECT: Regulation filing

Amendments were filed on May 11, 2012. In summary, the changes are as follows:

**5/11/2012**

**PART XV - LOBSTER OTHER CRUSTACEANS, AND HORESESHOE CRABS**

15.20.3(2)(F), 15.20.3(3)(A) - This action **AMENDS** the regulations governing the **Lobster** Management Plan for mandatory v-notching of all egg bearing female lobsters in **LCMA 2** and establishes a minimum gauge size of 3-17/32 inches (89.69 mm) for **LCMA 3** as conservation equivalency methods for complying with Addendum XVII to Amendment 3 of the ASMFC Interstate Fishery Management Plan, as well as adopting certain technical revisions to update language and remove expired language, and update regulatory citations for consistency with certain statutory changes. [These regulation amendments become effective on May 31, 2012].

**PARTXVI – MENHADEN REGULATIONS**

16.2.8 - This action **AMENDS** the regulations governing the Narragansett Bay **Menhaden** Management Plan by amending section 16.2.8, and to update regulatory citations in Part XVI for consistency with certain statutory changes. [This regulation becomes effective on May 31, 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.

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