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SUBJECT: Regulation filing

Amendments were filed on December 17, 2012. In summary, they are as follows:

**12/17/2012**

**Part I – Legislative Findings**

1.3 - This action **adopts** regulatory amendments to address harvest methods and habitat impacts by incorporating new definitions, and updates regulatory citations for consistency with certain statutory changes. [These regulation amendments become effective on 01/06/2013].

**Part IV - Shellfish**

4.1, 4.11.1-3 - These actions **amend** the shellfish regulations by removing redundant language that already appears in the *Commercial and Recreational Saltwater Fishing Licensing Regulations*, clarifies daily possession limits in section 4.11.1-3 (Conimicut Point Shellfish Management Area), and updates regulatory citations for consistency with certain statutory changes. [These regulation amendments become effective on 01/06/2013].

**Part VI - Dredging for Shellfish**

6.1, 6.2, 6.4 - These actions **amend** the shellfish dredging regulations to update regulations and regulatory citations for consistency with certain statutory changes. [These regulation amendments become effective on 01/06/2013].

**Part XVIII - Shellfish Grounds**

18.6, 18.10 - These actions **amend** regulations governing shellfish grounds to prevent the operation of devices capable of harvesting shellfish in polluted areas (section 18.6), and updates regulatory citations for consistency with certain statutory changes. [These regulation amendments become effective on 01/06/2013].

For the Director's decision memo on these April 3, 2012 public hearing items, click here:

<http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/bnatres/fishwild/pdf/dir121012.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>