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Emergency regulations were filed on January 16, 2013. In summary, the changes are as follows:

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Part XV – Lobster, Other Crustaceans, and Horseshoe Crabs

15.20.3(4) and 15.20.3(5) - This emergency filing adopts regulatory **AMENDMENTS** via emergency rule making in order to come into compliance with federal requirements for mandatory v-notching of certain female lobsters in LCMA 4 and LCMA 5 along with establishing season closures for the landing of lobsters in these areas from February 1 through March 31. [This regulation amendment becomes effective upon filing].

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>