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TO: Director's Office, RIMFC, Enforcement, Seafood Dealers, and Fishermen
FROM: RI Division of Fish and Wildlife
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SUBJECT: Regulation Filing

Several amendments to the RI Marine Fisheries regulations were filed on November 8 and November 12, 2013 as a result of public hearings conducted on August 15 and September 18, 2013.

Part IV - Shellfish

Section 4.35 regarding commercial and recreational Conch regulations

Part VII - Minimum Sizes of Fish/Shellfish

Sections 7.6, 7.26, 7.27, 7.28, 7.29, and 7.30 regarding commercial and recreational regulations for American Plaice, Haddock, Pollock, Witch Flounder (Grey Sole), and Yellowtail Flounder; section 7.8.3 regarding transiting provisions for Winter Flounder; section 7.17 regarding the harvest of American Shad; section 7.21 regarding a "whole weight" definition for Monkfish; section 7.22 regarding commercial regulations for Cod.

Part X – Equipment Restrictions

Section 10.12 regarding Trawling Ground Gear

Part XIII - Gill Net Regulations

Section 13.4 regarding location and marking of gillnets

Part XV – Lobsters, Other Crustaceans, and Horseshoe Crabs

Section 15.20.3 regarding a seasonal closure in LCMA 6

Part XVI - Menhaden Regulations

Section 16.3 regarding landing of Menhaden in RI under State Quota Program and establishment of an Episodic Event Set Aside Program

Part XIX – Fish/Shellfish Dealer Regulations

Section 19.15 regarding the prohibition of importation or possession of non-indigenous Horseshoe Crab species

Commercial and Recreational Saltwater Fishing Licensing Regulations

Section 6.1-1 regarding amended fishery designations for Scup and Winter Flounder; section 6.1-10 regarding calculations for exit/entry ratios; section 6.8-11 regarding establishment of a Paper Catch and Effort Harvester and Dockside Sales endorsement; and section 6.10 regarding consolidation of Landing License categories.

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>