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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 19, 2013 as a result of public hearings conducted on September 18 and November 19, 2013. Three technical revisions were also filed. The filings are as follows:

From the September public hearing:

2014 Finfish Sector Management Plan

2014 Shellfish Sector Management Plan

2014 Crustacean Sector Management Plan

From the November public hearing:

Part VII - Minimum Sizes of Fish/Shellfish: Section 7.7.1, regarding the commercial quota for Summer flounder; section 7.11 regarding the commercial quota for Scup; section 7.14 regarding the commercial quota for Black Sea Bass; section 7.16 regarding the management of American Eel; and section 7.24 regarding the management of Coastal Sharks.

Part XI – Commercial Fisheries: Section 11.17 regarding the removal of the October closure provision for Atlantic herring.

Technical Revisions:

Commercial and Recreational Saltwater Fishing Licensing Regulations: Section 6.8-11, regarding the Paper Catch and Effort Harvester and Dockside Sales Logbooks Endorsement;

Part XV - Lobsters, Other Crustaceans, and Horseshoe Crabs: Section 15.24.3, regarding clarification on language regarding the prohibition of possession of non-indigenous horseshoe crab species;

Part XIX – Fish/Shellfish Dealer Regulations: Section 19.15 regarding clarification on language regarding the prohibition of importation or possession of non-indigenous horseshoe crab species.

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>