

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
Department of Environmental Management

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapters 20-1, 42-17.1, 42-17.2 and 42-17.6 of the General Laws of Rhode Island as amended, and in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act Chapter 42-35 of the General Laws of 1956, as amended, the Director of the Department of Environmental Management (DEM) proposes rulemaking relative to the RI Hunting Regulations for the 2012-2013 and RI Freshwater Fishing Regulations for the 2013-2014 Season; and gives notice of intent to hold a public hearing to afford interested parties the opportunity for public comment. Public comments will be solicited on the following proposals:

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1. Proposed adoption of the RI Hunting Regulations for the 2012-2013 Season
2. Proposed adoption of the RI Freshwater Fishing Regulations for the 2013-2014

The public hearing will be held on Wednesday, June 6, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. at the Warwick Police Department's Community Room at 99 Veteran's Memorial Drive in Warwick. The hearing room is accessible to the handicapped. A recording of the hearing will be made and the DEM will provide interpreter services for the hearing impaired, provided such a request is made at least 48 hours prior to the hearing date. A request for this service can be made in writing or by calling (401) 222-6800 for TDD (401) 831-5508. Written comments concerning the regulations proposed for promulgation by the DEM may also be submitted to the Division of Fish and Wildlife, 227 Great Neck Road, West Kingston, RI 02892 no later than 12:00 PM on June 6, 2012.

The proposed regulations will establish applicable hunting seasons, bag limits, and methods of taking, establishing the Freshwater annual season and bag limits for the 2013-2014 season. A copy of all the proposed regulations will be available for examination from May 7, 2012 through June 6, 2012 by mail or at the offices of the Division of Fish and Wildlife located at 277 Great Neck Road, West Kingston, RI 02892, weekdays from 8:30 - 4:00 PM or by calling the Division at (401) 789-0281. Electronic copies of the proposed regulations will also be available on the DEM website at <http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/bnatres/fishwild/pn060612.htm>.

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 42-35-3 of the Rhode Island General Laws, DEM has made the following determinations. DEM has considered alternative approaches to the proposed regulations and has determined that there is no alternative approach among the alternatives considered that would be as effective and less burdensome. DEM has determined that the proposed regulations do not overlap/duplicate any other State regulations. DEM has determined the proposed regulations will not result in a significant adverse economic impact on small businesses or any city or town. DEM encourages the submission of written comments on the proposed regulations and above determinations prior to the date of the public hearing. All written comments should be sent to the Department at the address indicated above and should be received no later than 12:00 PM on **June 6, 2012**.

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