

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
Division of Fish and Wildlife
Marine Fisheries

**Commercial and Recreational Saltwater Fishing
Licensing Regulations**

**RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING
THE MANAGEMENT OF MARINE FISHERIES**

(6.8-10) Research Set Aside (RSA) Endorsement

- (a) The RSA endorsement shall enable the holder to land marine species, for sale, in Rhode Island, in accordance with RSA quota obtained from the National Marine Fisheries Service.
- (b) The endorsement shall be automatically available to anyone who obtains an Exempted Fishing Permit from the department, allowing for the harvest and/or landing of RSA quota in Rhode Island.
- (c) Both the endorsement and the permit must be obtained prior to the landing of any RSA quota **for state quota monitored species** in Rhode Island.
- (d) Upon presentation of an approved and valid Exempted Fishing Permit from the Department, an RSA endorsement will be issued.
- (e) The annual fee for the **issuance of an** RSA endorsement **for state quota monitored species** shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25).
- (f) The RSA endorsement is not subject to the application deadline provisions as set forth in Rule 6.7-3; as such, the endorsement shall be available at any time during the year to holders of current and proper commercial fishing licenses, and Exempted Fishing Permits, issued by the Department.