

11.14 Upper Bay Dragging Regulations -- Pursuant to RIGL 20-4-3 (see reg. 11.3), the use of beam trawls, otter trawls, pair trawls, or any other mechanical trawling device will also be allowed in the Upper Narragansett Bay Trawling Area, as described in Part 3.6 (20), but only between July 1st and November 1st, and not on weekends and legal State holidays during said period. (RIMFC REGULATION) [Penalty - Part 1.16; (RIGL 20-1-16)]

11.15 Licenses - Expiration -- Unless otherwise in this Title specified, all licenses issued hereunder shall be annual and shall expire on June 30 of every year. (RIGL 20-2-14)

11.16 Commercial Gill Net Fishery - License or Permit Required -- It shall be unlawful for any person to set, haul, and/or maintain a commercial gill net in the public waters of the State without first obtaining a license or permit as provided in § 20-2-26.1. Any person violating the provisions of this Section shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500) or imprisonment of not more than one (1) year or by both. (RIGL 20-4-13)

11.17 Atlantic Sea Herring Season -- No person shall, in any manner, take and/or possess in Rhode Island any Atlantic sea herring between October 1 and October 21 annually.

11.17.1 Atlantic Herring Processing -- No person may process Atlantic herring for purposes other than human consumption. Direct mealing of Atlantic herring is prohibited until further notice.

(RIMFC REGULATION) [Penalty - Part 3.3; (RIGL 20-3-3)]

11.18 Narragansett Bay, Mt. Hope Bay, Sakonnet River, Charlestown and Quonochontaug Ponds Winter Mesh Size Regulations -- This area is defined as all Rhode Island State waters which are north of the following lines: north of a line running from easternmost extension of Carrier Pier to Conanicut Pt. to the tips of the T Pier on Prudence Island to Carr's Point; and north of a line from Sachuest Pt. to Sakonnet Point; and all waters north of Quonochontaug and Charlestown Breachways. Except as provided for in Section 7.08-2 and 11.19, in that portion of the area described above which is open to trawling, it is illegal to utilize an otter trawl during the period November 1 to February 28, (inclusive) which has any mesh which measures less than 6" stretched mesh (measured inside knot to inside knot). (RIMFC REGULATIONS) [Penalty - Part 3.3; (RIGL 20-3-3)]

11.19 - Repealed (4/8/2010) Coastal Marine Life Management Area -- ~~For the purpose of managing winter flounder a Coastal Marine Life Management Area (CMLMA) is established which includes all state waters north of the Colregs line of demarcation, north of the seaward entrance to all coastal salt ponds, including the area north of the seaward entrances to the Harbor of Refuge, the waters of Narrow River, and the waters of Little Narragansett Bay north of a line from Napatree Point to the western end of Sandy Point, including the waters of the~~

~~Pawcatuck River.~~

~~No person shall possess winter flounder while fishing in the Coastal Marine Life Management Area except as provided for in section 11.19.4.~~

~~Any person taking and/or possessing winter flounder in the Coastal Marine Life Management Area except as provided in 7.8-1 and 7.8-2 shall not be subject to fine and penalty if said fish are immediately returned to the water from which they came. It is illegal for an otter trawl vessel to initiate trawling within the Coastal Marine Life Management Area and haul back outside the CMLMA and possess winter flounder except as specified in Part 7.8.1~~

11.19.2 - Repealed

11.19.3 - Repealed

~~**11.19.4 – Repealed (4/8/2010) Within the CMLMA north of the seaward entrance to all coastal salt ponds, including the area north of the seaward entrances to the Harbor of Refuge, the waters of Narrow River, and the waters of Little Narragansett Bay north of a line from Napatree Point to the western end of Sandy Point, including the waters of the Pawcatuck River there will be a 50 pound per vessel per calendar day possession limit for all commercial fishermen.**~~

11.19.5 - Repealed

~~**11.19.6 – Repealed (4/8/2010) With the exception of gillnets and fyke nets, fishing for winter flounder in the CMLMA will be prohibited from one hour after sunset until one hour before sunrise. Gillnets and fyke nets may not be hauled from one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise.**~~

11.19.7 - Repealed

11.19.8 - Repealed

11.19.9 - Repealed

~~(RIMFC REGULATIONS) [Penalty - Part 3.3; (RIGL 20-3-3)]~~

11.20 Regulations for Internal Waters Processing Applications for Atlantic herring and/or Atlantic mackerel -- No application for Internal Waters Processing (IWP) of Atlantic herring and/or Atlantic mackerel shall be accepted after March 1, annually, unless accompanied by a legally binding contract for an IWP operation in Rhode Island waters involving Rhode Island fishing vessels. The Director may grant an allotment from Rhode Island's existing unallocated or uncontracted quota for a legally bound IWP application submitted after the March 1 deadline. (RIMFC REGULATIONS) [Penalty - Part 3.3; (RIGL 20-3-3)]