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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES

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ADVANCE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

Agency: Department of Environmental Management

Division: Marine Fisheries

Regulation title and identifier: *Part 12- Regulations for an Expanded Aggregate Program for Commercial Black Sea Bass and Summer Flounder (250-RICR-90-00-12)*

Rulemaking action: ADVANCE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

Timetable for action on the proposed rule:

- Date of notice: February 2, 2018
- Workshop: February 19, 2018
- End of comment period: February 26, 2018

Summary of proposed rule: In accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-2.5 “Advance notice of proposed rulemaking”, the Department seeks public input in advance of a public notice in the development of program requirements and regulations for an expanded pilot aggregate program for commercial black sea bass and summer flounder.

Workshop:

A workshop will be held on **Monday, February 19, 2018, at 7:30PM (immediately following the public hearing)**, at the University of Rhode Island Bay Campus, Corless Auditorium, South Ferry Road, Narragansett, RI 02882. The purpose of this workshop is to afford the public an opportunity to provide comments and recommendations on the proposed program requirements and regulations.

The rooms are accessible to the disabled. Interpreter services for the deaf and hard of hearing will be provided if such services are requested at least three (3) business days prior to the hearing by contacting the RI Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing at (401) 222-5300; or (401) 222-5301 (TTY); or <http://www.cdhh.ri.gov/>.

Comments invited: All interested parties are invited to submit written comments concerning the proposed regulations by 4:00PM on February 26, 2018. Comments may be submitted to the following address:

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Alternatively, written comments may be submitted by email to peter.duhamel@dem.ri.gov.

Filed with Sec. of State's office pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-2.7 "Notice of proposed rulemaking" on February 2, 2018.