

## SUMMARY OF PROPOSED CHANGES

### Rhode Island Marine Fisheries Regulations LOBSTERS, CRABS, AND OTHER CRUSTACEANS

Public hearing  
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#### 8.4 LCMA 4 (Inshore Northern Mid-Atlantic) regulations:

8.4.3 Minimum escape vent size: In each parlor section of the lobster trap, at least one (1) rectangular escape vent with an un-obstructed opening measuring not less than two inches by five and three-quarters (2 X 5¾) inches (50.8mm X 146.05mm), or two (2) circular escape vents, each with an un-obstructed opening measuring not less than ~~two and one half (2½)~~ two and five eighths (2 5/8) inches (~~63.5~~ 66.68 mm) diameter.

8.4.10 Season closure: A season closure to the landing of lobsters from ~~February 1 through March 31~~ April 30 through May 31 annually is required for any person or vessel permitted and declared to fish in LCMA 4. During this closure, lobster potters will have a two week period to remove lobster pots from the water and may set lobster pots one week prior to the end of the closed season.