



Rhode Island Marine Fisheries Council

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RIMFC: Molly Moran-Ogren, *Chair*; Coral Aiello; David Bethoney, Ph.D.; Andy Dangelo; Katie Eagan; Melva Treviño Peña, Ph.D.; Mike Roderick; Russell Sylvestre; Greg Vespe

MEETING SUMMARY

November 5, 2025

Chairperson: Molly Ogren

Council members: Ms. Aiello, Mr. Vespe, and Mr. Roderick absent

Division of Marine Fisheries: S. Olszewski, J. Livermore, J. Lake, N. Costa, E. Schneider, C. Parkins, A. Gerber-Williams, K. Rodrigue, P. Duhamel

DEM Legal: Maria Rice

1. Approval of the agenda: Chair Ogren inquired to any objections to approving the agenda; hearing no objections or requests for modifications from the Council members, the agenda was approved by consent.
2. Approval of minutes from last meeting on October 20, 2025: Chair Ogren inquired to any objections to approving the minutes or if there were any requests for modifications. Hearing none, the minutes were approved by consent.
3. Public comments regarding any other matters not on agenda: DEM Director Terry Gray addressed the Council and offered support and appreciation for the Council. He explained his decision-making process and the importance of the Council recommendations to him when rendering his final decisions on final rules.
4. Shellfish Advisory Panel (SAP) meeting minutes (10/1/2025 and 10/15/2025 meetings): Ms. Gerber-Williams provided an overview of the meetings. Upon conclusion of the summaries, Chair Ogren inquired to any objections to approving the summary, or if there were any requests for modifications. Hearing no objections or requests for modifications, the summaries were approved by consent.
5. Shellfish harvest schedule for Greenwich Bay Shellfish Management Area: Discussion focused on the December 2025 harvest schedule, in which two industry proposals were submitted and provided in the SAP meeting materials. Ms. Eagan offered support for the SAP recommended schedule, to which Mr. Olszewski offered Division support. **Motion made by Ms. Eagan; 2nd by Dr. Bethoney, to recommend adoption of the SAP recommended schedule for December 2025.** Opportunity for public comment on the motion was then provided, to which comments were provided from Mr. Mike McGiveney and Mr. Jim Boyd, who both provided support for the SAP recommendation. **The motion passed 5-0.**

6. Administrative Policies and Procedures of the RIMFC – update/revisions: Chair Ogren provided a summary of the contents of the proposed policy, which dictates the operational management of the Council. Ensuing discussion focused on Council communication with the public, the need for additional advisory panels, the current workshop structure and regulatory proposals submitted by industry and the public, aquaculture review, advisory panel attendance requirements, advisory panel chair and vice-chair, and advisory panel term limits. The Council directed the Division to revise the policy to reflect the discussion and provide an updated policy for review and/or approval for the next meeting scheduled on December 1, 2025.
7. 2024 RI Annual Fisheries Report: Ms. Livermore provided a brief summary of the contents of the report, and inquired as to any comments or additional information to be added to the report. No comments were provided.
8. 2024 Recreational Fishing Report: Mr. Lake provided a brief summary of the contents of the report with emphasis on past and planned future expenditures. Mr. Lake inquired as to any comments or additional information to be added to the report. No comments were provided.
9. 2024 RIMFC Annual Report: Mr. Duhamel provided a brief summary of the contents of the report with emphasis on the Director’s concurrence with advice provided by the Council on regulatory matters brought before the Council. No comments were provided.
10. Any Other Matters: No other matters were brought forward for discussion.
11. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 8:45pm.

Note: This document represents a meeting summary of the actions taken and/or future actions that will be addressed at subsequent meetings. The full video recording of the meeting is available at the Division of Marine Fisheries YouTube channel [here](#).