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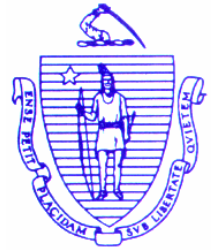
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Robert Ballou, Acting Chief, RI Division of Fish and Wildlife

FROM: Paul Diodati, Director, MA Division of Marine Fisheries

DATE: February 3, 2011

SUBJECT: Individual Recreational Saltwater Fishing Permit/License Reciprocity Agreement

I have determined that the requirements of the Rhode Island Recreational Saltwater Fishing License issued pursuant to RI General Laws Ch. 20-2.2 are substantially the same as the requirements of the Massachusetts Recreational Saltwater Fishing Permit issued pursuant to 322 CMR 7.10, and that Rhode Island provides privileges to its resident under RI General Laws Ch. 20-2.2 that are similar to those privileges granted to Massachusetts residents under 322 CMR 7.10.

Given this determination, Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries (*Marine Fisheries*) will establish it as policy, provided that Rhode Island Division of Fish and Wildlife will establish a reciprocal policy, that:

An individual, who is not a resident of Massachusetts, holding a valid Rhode Island Recreational Saltwater Fishing License may engage in lawful recreational fishing activities from land or waters under the jurisdiction of *Marine Fisheries* without holding a Massachusetts Recreational Saltwater Fishing Permit.

Marine Fisheries will establish this policy within two working days of receipt of a memorandum from Rhode Island Division of Fish and Wildlife committing to a reciprocal policy that would be implemented on the same schedule.

Please contact me with any questions on this issue.

Paul J. Diodati
Director of *Marine Fisheries*

cc: Mark Gibson, RI DFW