



**State of Rhode Island
Office of the Secretary of State**

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Division Of Business Services
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**Non-Profit Corporation
Articles of Incorporation**

(Chapter 7-6-34 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956, as amended)

ARTICLE I

The name of the corporation is Rhode Island Fishing Community Fund, Inc.

ARTICLE II

The period of its duration is X Perpetual

ARTICLE III

The specific purpose or purposes for which the corporation is organized are:

(A) TO ESTABLISH AND FUND A COASTAL COMMUNITY FUND TO PROVIDE GRANTS FOR INITIATIVES SUPPORTING THE GENERAL BETTERMENT OF COASTAL COMMUNITIES IN RHODE ISLAND.

(B) TO DO ANY AND ALL THINGS NECESSARY, SUITABLE OR PROPER FOR THE ATTAINMENT OF ANY AND ALL OF THE FOREGOING PURPOSES, AND, SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATIONS HEREINAFTER CONTAINED, TO ENGAGE IN ANY LAWFUL ACTIVITY FOR WHICH A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION MAY BE ORGANIZED UNDER CHAPTER 7-6 OF THE GENERAL LAWS OF RHODE ISLAND, 1956, AS AMENDED, OR THE CORRESPONDING PROVISIONS OF ANY FUTURE STATUTE ENACTED IN SUBSTITUTION THEREFOR.

ARTICLE IV

Provisions, if any, not inconsistent with the law, which the incorporators elect to set forth in these articles of incorporation for the regulation of the internal affairs of the corporation are:

(A) A DIRECTOR OF THE CORPORATION WILL NOT BE PERSONALLY LIABLE TO THE CORPORATION OR ITS MEMBERS FOR MONETARY DAMAGES FOR BREACH OF THE DIRECTOR'S

DUTY AS A DIRECTOR, EXCEPT FOR LIABILITY (I) FOR ANY BREACH OF THE DIRECTOR'S DUTY OF LOYALTY TO THE CORPORATION OR ITS MEMBERS, (II) FOR ACTS OR OMISSIONS NOT IN GOOD FAITH OR WHICH INVOLVE INTENTIONAL MISCONDUCT OR A KNOWING VIOLATION OF THE LAW, OR (III) FOR ANY TRANSACTION FROM WHICH THE DIRECTOR DERIVED IMPROPER PERSONAL BENEFIT. IF THE RHODE ISLAND NON-PROFIT CORPORATION ACT IS AMENDED TO AUTHORIZE CORPORATE ACTION FURTHER ELIMINATING OR LIMITING THE PERSONAL LIABILITY OF DIRECTORS, THEN THE LIABILITY OF A DIRECTOR OF THE CORPORATION WILL BE ELIMINATED OR LIMITED TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY THE RHODE ISLAND NON-PROFIT CORPORATION ACT, AS SO AMENDED. ANY REPEAL OR MODIFICATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS PARAGRAPH BY THE CORPORATION WILL NOT ADVERSELY AFFECT ANY RIGHT OR PROTECTION OF A DIRECTOR OF THE CORPORATION EXISTING AT THE TIME OF SUCH REPEAL OR MODIFICATION.

(B) THE CORPORATION IS NOT ORGANIZED FOR PROFIT, AND NO PART OF THE NET EARNINGS OF THE CORPORATION SHALL INURE TO THE BENEFIT OF, OR BE DISTRIBUTABLE TO, ITS MEMBERS, DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, OR OTHER PRIVATE PERSONS, EXCEPT THAT THE CORPORATION SHALL BE AUTHORIZED AND EMPOWERED TO PAY REASONABLE COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES RENDERED AND TO MAKE PAYMENTS AND DISTRIBUTIONS IN FURTHERANCE OF THE PURPOSES SET FORTH IN ARTICLE 3 HEREOF.

ARTICLE V

The street address (post office boxes are not acceptable) of the initial registered office of the corporation is:

No. and Street: CAMERON & MITTLEMAN LLP
301 PROMENADE STREET

City or Town: PROVIDENCE

State: RI

Zip: 02908

The name of its initial registered agent at such address is JOHN W. WOLFE, ESQ.

ARTICLE VI

The number of directors constituting the initial Board of Directors of the Corporation is 3 and the names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as the initial directors are:

Title	Individual Name First, Middle, Last, Suffix	Address Address, City or Town, State, Zip Code, Country
DIRECTOR	CHRISTOPHER P. LEE	1330 NARRAGANSETT BOULEVARD CRANSTON, RI 02905 USA
DIRECTOR	MICHAEL L. MARCHETTI	3119 POST ROAD WAKEFIELD, RI 02879 USA
DIRECTOR	RICHARD J. BELLAVANCE, JR.	140 JERRY LANE NORTH KINGSTOWN, RI 02852 USA

ARTICLE VII

The name and address of the incorporator is:

Title	Individual Name First, Middle, Last, Suffix	Address Address, City or Town, State, Zip Code, Country
INCORPORATOR	JOHN W. WOLFE, ESQ.	CAMERON & MITTLEMAN LLP, 301 PROMENADE STREET PROVIDENCE, RI 02908 USA

ARTICLE VIII

Date when corporate existence is to begin
(not prior to, nor more than 30 days after, the filing of these Articles of Incorporation)

Signed this 24 Day of April, 2023 at 11:21:21 AM by the incorporator(s). *This electronic signature of the individual or individuals signing this instrument constitutes the affirmation or acknowledgement of the signatory, under penalties of perjury, that this instrument is that individual's act and deed or the act and deed of the corporation, and that the facts stated herein are true, as of the date of the electronic filing, in compliance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 7-6.*

Enter signature(s) below.
JOHN W. WOLFE, ESQ.