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Dear Chairman Coia and Council members,

I'm writing to inform you that I will be retiring from the Coastal Resources Management Council after 22 years of state service with the agency. My last day in the CRMC office will be July 1, 2022. For the past 18 months I have served as the CRMC Deputy Director and prior to that as a Coastal Policy Analyst and Environmental Scientist. I have had the great pleasure and honor of working with all of you on many important and substantial coastal management issues over these years. In addition, I'm very proud of the work we have accomplished together and in support of our extraordinary coastal resources of the State of Rhode Island.

I am particularly proud of my involvement to develop and implement several Special Area Management Plans (Metro Bay, Aquidneck Island and Shoreline Change (Beach) SAMPs), the 2010 State Stormwater Manual, the requirement for denitrification OWTS throughout the Salt Pond Region and Narrow River SAMP watersheds, as part of the 2008 revisions to the RIDEM OWTS rules, the 2013 Stormwater Master permit and CRMC Assent for the I-195 Redevelopment District, the first state-wide comprehensive assessment of sea level rise impacts on coastal wetlands (Sea Level Affecting Marshes Model) in 2015, and the CRMC's Coastal Hazard Application (CHA) program, now a requirement codified in the Council's Red Book.

In addition, I was tasked with and completed the transformation of the entire Coastal Resources Management Program (all 3000 pages), the Red Book, Management Procedures and all of the Special Area Management Plans into the uniform Rhode Island Code of Regulations (RICR) as required by the end of 2018. I have also been closely involved in the review of offshore wind projects and was the primary author of the Council's Vineyard Wind 1 (February 2019) and South Fork Wind (July 2021) federal consistency decisions. Currently, there are four new offshore wind projects (Revolution Wind, Sunrise Wind, Mayflower Wind and New England Wind) being reviewed by CRMC staff and will be presented to the Council in the coming months and into next year. Needless to say, the Council will be very busy with offshore wind projects for the foreseeable future.

Although I will be leaving my office desk behind, I will continue working as I return to my roots as a commercial fisherman on Narragansett Bay. I have had a very satisfying and wonderful 22 years at the CRMC working with great Executive Directors, Grover and Jeff, and the dedicated staff. Moreover, I have had the privilege of working with an extraordinary Council and Chair persons over these many years. I wish you all the best in upholding and furthering the mission of the CRMC to "preserve, protect, develop, and where possible, restore the coastal resources of the State for this and succeeding generations."

Sincerely,

James Boyd
CRMC Deputy Director