

**RHODE ISLAND GOVERNMENT REGISTER
PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING**

COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Title of Rule: Management Procedures (650-RICR-10-00-1)

Rule Identifier: 650-RICR-10-00-1

Rulemaking Action: Proposed Amendment

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: March 26, 2024

Hearing Date: April 9, 2024

End of Public Comment: April 26, 2024

Rulemaking Authority:

R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 46-23 et seq.

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

The CRMC proposes to amend its Management Procedures at § 1.4.6(A)(10) to eliminate the 3-day beach vehicle permit program. The change to the beach vehicle permit regulations would also require a change in the fee schedule to remove the 3-day beach vehicle permit pass fee. The annual beach vehicle permit program will remain in full force and effect and will remain unchanged.

The CRMC also proposes to amend its Management Procedures at § 1.5.12 to eliminate the fourth extension request, which is required to be heard before the Council, but retain the three (3) administrative extension requests, each at a one-year maximum.

Additional Information and Public Comments:

All interested parties are invited to request additional information or submit written or oral comments concerning the proposed amendment until April 26, 2024 by contacting the appropriate party at the address listed below:

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Public Hearing:

A public hearing, in accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-2.5, to consider the proposed amendment shall be held at which time and place all persons interested therein will be heard. This hearing is subject to R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 42-46, Open Meetings.

Public Hearing Information:

Date: April 9, 2024

Time: 6:00 P.M.

Location: Department of Administration
Conference Room A
One Capitol Hill
Providence, RI, 02908

The place of the public hearing is accessible to individuals with disabilities. If communication assistance (readers/interpreters/captioners) is needed, or any other accommodation to ensure equal participation, please call 401-783-3370 or RI Relay 711 at least three (3) business days prior to the meeting so arrangements can be made to provide such assistance at no cost to the person requesting. For questions regarding available parking, please contact the agency staffperson listed above.

Regulatory Analysis Summary and Supporting Documentation:

The proposed amendment to Section 650-RICR-10-00-1.1.4.6(A)10 will eliminate a 3-day beach vehicle pass, but the annual beach pass regulation will remain unchanged. The proposed regulation amendment to Section 650-RICR-10-00-1.5.12 will eliminate the ability to ask for a 4th permit extension, but three (3) permit extensions can still be requested and processed administratively by Staff.

The proposed regulations do not impose any new requirements on regulated entities including any small businesses or any city or town; therefore, there is no adverse economic impact. In consideration of the alternatives the CRMC has determined that there is no alternative approach among the alternatives considered that would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons as another regulation based on available information. In addition, there are no other state regulations which are overlapped or duplicated by the proposed regulation.

The CRMC has determined that the benefits of the proposed rule justify the costs of the proposed rule, and that the proposed rule will achieve the objectives of the authorizing statute in a more cost-effective manner and with greater net benefits than other regulatory alternatives.

For full regulatory analysis or supporting documentation contact the agency staffperson listed above.