Marine Resources Development Plan
Legislative Purpose of the MRDP

To provide an integrated strategy to:

(a) Improve the health and functionality of Rhode Island’s marine ecosystem;

(b) Provide for appropriate marine-related economic development; and

(c) Promote the use and enjoyment of Rhode Island’s marine resources by the people of the state
Rhode Island: Annual Coastal Permits

- **intensified sites**
- **new sites**
Study confirms permits for coastal additions way up

R.I.'s wave of coastal building
Small homes turned into sizable estates

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John Hodnett, a Narragansett real estate broker, said he sold an old carriage house in the seaside village of Saunderstown for $1.7 million two years ago. Fifteen months later, the 1,000-square-foot dwelling was remodeled into a 5,000-square-foot luxury home.

A house on Ninigret Road in the Central Beach area of Quonochontaug is being raised in an expansion that is typical of coastal construction. Analysis of state Coastal Resources Management Council data shows a dramatic increase in rehabilitated coastal housing since the mid-1980s.
Marine Resources Development Plan

- Vision-Setting & Policy-Oriented
  - Designed to Guide the CRMC to the Fuller Use of its broad authorities under Rhode Island General Law §46-23 and under the Federal Coastal Zone Management Act
Marine Resources Development Plan

- Integration of Economic Development with Environmental Management
  - Promotion of the Use and Enjoyment of the state’s Coastal Resources
  - Design for Waterfront Place-making
Marine Resources Development Plan

- Creates the Platform for the Next Stage of the CRMC
  - Vision is for the CRMC to Act more as a Policy & Planning Agency
  - Provides for Leadership, Capacity and Coordination of the Management of the State’s Coastal Resources
CRMC Coastal Education Series

2006

Sep 26th  Erosion & Coastal Hazards
Oct 10th  Setbacks & Buffers: Urban Areas
Oct 24th  Setbacks & Buffers: Suburban & Rural Areas
Nov 14th  The Public Trust & Takings

2007

Jan 23rd  RI Ethics Commission
Feb 13th  Permit Procedures
Feb 27th  Administrative Permits
Mar 13th  Water Type Designations
Mar 27th  Habitat Protection
April 10th Geological Concerns
April 24th Sediment Mgmt & WQ
May 8th  Aquaculture
July 2nd  Marinas & Marina Regulations
Aug 28th  Residential Dock Status & Trends
Sep 11th  Special Area Management Plans
Sep 25th  Public Access
Oct 9th  Sea Level Rise
Oct 23rd  Aquatic Invasive Species
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Dec 11th  Greenwich Bay SAMP Forum
## RICRMP Section 110 Actions

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Proposed Redevelopment
Metro Bay SAMP

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Urban Coastal Greenways:
A New Approach For Buffers in the Urban Coastal Environment
MRDP Vision

Candidate Special Area Management Plan Opportunities
Ocean SAMP
Shared Coastal State Marine Waters of RI, MA, CT, NY
Marine Resources Development Plan

- Serves as a Guide to Action and to Practice

“The CRMC has always viewed itself as connected to the larger community rather than as a stand-alone agency”

“This viewpoint informs the MRDP”
What’s Next?

- SAMPs
- Marine Infrastructure
- Policy Capacity Building
- Coastal Habitat Restoration
- Aquaculture
- Coordination