

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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In accordance with and pursuant to the provisions of the "Administrative Procedures Act" (Section 42-35-3 of the General Laws of Rhode Island) and the Rule and Regulations of the Coastal Resources Management Council, notice is hereby given of the intention of the Coastal Resources Management Council to change the management plans, policies, procedures and regulations of the agency regarding planning and management of the coastal resources of the State relative to Chapter 46-23 of the State of Rhode Island.

The Council proposes to **revise the Salt Ponds Region Special Area Management Plan and the Narrow River Special Area Management Plan** as follows:

Salt Pond SAMP

Revise Section 920.1.A.2(j) as follows:

- (j) Applications for affordable housing filed prior to December 14, 2004 with a local zoning board of review pursuant to RIGL 45-53 et. seq. and determined to have been substantially complete by either the respective zoning board of review, the state housing appeals board or a court of competent jurisdiction shall be considered under the Coastal Resources Management Program in effect prior to December 14, 2004.

Salt Pond SAMP

Revise Section 920.1.B.2(k) as follows:

- (k) Applications for affordable housing filed prior to December 14, 2004 with a local zoning board of review pursuant to RIGL 45-53 et. seq. and determined to have been substantially complete by either the respective zoning board of review, the state housing appeals board or a court of competent jurisdiction shall be considered under the Coastal Resources Management Program in effect prior to December 14, 2004.

Narrow River SAMP

Revise Section 920.1.A.2(i) as follows:

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The purpose of these proposed changes is to address how the Council is to review applications for affordable housing that have been ruled to be substantially complete as of a certain point in time.

The Council has complied with the requirements of R.I. Gen. Laws Section 42-35-3 by considering alternative approaches to the proposed regulations and has determined that there is no alternative approach that would be as effective and less burdensome. The Council has also determined that the proposed regulations do not overlap or duplicate any other state regulation. The Council has complied with the requirements of R.I. Gen. Laws Section 42-35-3.3 by submitting copies of the proposed regulations to the Governor's Office and the Economic Development Corporation (EDC).

Parties interested in or concerned with the above proposed changes are invited to submit written comments by **March 20, 2006**. All written comments should be directed to Grover J. Fugate, Executive Director, at the above address.

A public hearing has been scheduled for these proposed changes to be held in the Boardroom, Narragansett Bay Commission, One Service Road, Providence, RI, on **April 11, 2006**, at 6:00 p.m.

Copies of the proposed regulations are also available from the Coastal Resources Management Council offices and its website – www.crmc.ri.gov.

Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the Council office at 783-3370, 72 hours in advance of the hearing date.

Further information may be obtained by contacting the Coastal Resources Management Council offices at 783-3370.

NOTICE

These changes are considered to be routine program changes to the federally approved Coastal Resources Management Program of Rhode Island. The CRMC will be requesting that the federal Office of Ocean and Coastal Resources Management concur with this determination. Persons who disagree that these are routine modifications may submit such written comments within three weeks of the date of the issuance of this notice to:

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Signed this 15th day of February, 2006.



Grover J. Fugate, Executive Director
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