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**NOTICE of PROPOSED RULE-MAKING and  
PUBLIC HEARING**

**Proposed Amendments to the Coastal Resources Management Program  
Management Procedures**

The Coastal Resources Management Council proposes to amend **Section 5.9 of the Management Procedures** of the Coastal Resources Management Program by changing the management plans, policies, procedures and regulations of the agency regarding planning and management of the coastal resources of the State as provided in Chapter 46-23 of the State of Rhode Island General Laws. In accordance with and pursuant to the provisions of the RI Administrative Procedures Act (R.I.G.L. § 42-35-3) and the Rules and Regulations of the Coastal Resources Management Council, notice is hereby given of the intent of the Coastal Resources Management Council to hold a public hearing, accept public comment, and afford interested persons reasonable opportunity to submit data, views or arguments orally or in writing.

The **public hearing** will be held at **6:00 p.m. on August 26, 2014 in Conference Room A at the Department of Administration, One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI**. The room is accessible to the disabled and persons requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the Council office at 401-783-3370 or RI 711 at least three (3) business days in advance of the hearing date so that such assistance can be provided at no cost to the person requesting.

Summary of Proposed Amendment:

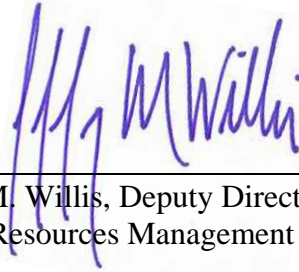
The purpose of this proposed amendment is to specify that a minimum of five (5) business days notice is required for identifying expert or lay witnesses and the subject matter of testimony that will be presented at a scheduled public hearing before the Council or subcommittee. The current requirement is five (5) days notice, which may fall on non-business days (weekends or holidays) prior to a public hearing. The intent of the proposed amendment is to provide CRMC staff and legal counsel sufficient time to review the witness list and testimony subject matter in preparation for the public hearing.

The Council has complied with the requirements of R.I. General Laws §§ 42-35.1-3 and 42-35.1-4 and has filed copies of the proposed regulations with the Governors Office and the Office of Regulatory Reform of the Department of Administration's Office of Management and Budget. The Council has determined that the proposed regulations do not overlap or duplicate any other state regulation and will not have any adverse effect on small businesses.

The proposed regulations are available on the CRMC website – [www.crmc.ri.gov](http://www.crmc.ri.gov). Additionally, the proposed regulations can be reviewed in person at the Coastal Resources Management Council offices located at the Oliver Stedman Government Center, 4808 Tower Hill Road, Wakefield, RI. Further information may be obtained by contacting the Coastal Resources Management Council offices at 783-3370.

All interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed regulations by 4:00 p.m. **August 11, 2014**. All such comments should be directed to Grover J. Fugate, Executive Director, at the above address.

Signed this 27 day of June, 2014



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Jeffrey M. Willis, Deputy Director  
Coastal Resources Management Council

## **Proposed Amendment**

### **RI Coastal Resources Management Program – Management Procedures**

Revise existing Section 5.9 as follows. New text is underlined and deleted text is ~~strikethrough~~

#### **5.9 Presentation of Expert and Lay Testimony**

All parties to an application shall provide a list of all expert and lay witnesses it intends to present, as well as the subject matter on which the witness is expected to testify to the Council or subcommittee after completion of the CRMC staff reports and not less than five (5) business days prior to the scheduled hearing.

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