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

**Proposed Amendments to the Coastal Resources Management Program  
Management Procedures – Section 3 Subcommittees**

Pursuant to Chapter 46-23 of the State of Rhode Island General Laws, as amended, the Coastal Resources Management Council proposes to amend and take public comment on the following sections only of the Coastal Resources Management Program (CRMP): **Management Procedures - Section 3 Subcommittees**. Comments will not be taken on any other section of the Coastal Resources Management Program during this notice period. In accordance with the procedures 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 during the 30-day comment period and the public hearing.

The **public hearing** will be held at **6:00 p.m. on March 24, 2015 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 to Management Procedures – Section 3:

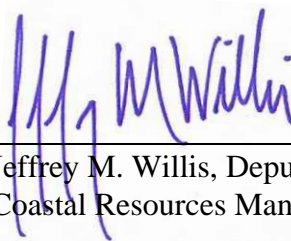
The purpose of the proposed regulation change to Section 3 Subcommittees of the CRMC Management Procedures is to provide for the appointment of Special Area Management Plan (SAMP) Subcommittees to oversee all SAMP activities and review policy or permitting issues that pertain to any of the CRMC Special Area Management Plans, and to appoint ad hoc subcommittees to hear contested cases, as needed.

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 amendments to Section 3 of the CRMC Management Procedures by 4:00 p.m. March 16, 2015 to provide advance notice to the Council prior to the public hearing. All such comments should be directed to Grover J. Fugate, Executive Director, at the above address.

Signed this 13 day of February, 2015



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Jeffrey M. Willis, Deputy Director  
Coastal Resources Management Council

## Proposed Amendments

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### RI Coastal Resources Management Program – Management Procedures

#### Revise existing Section 3 Subcommittees as follows:

#### 3. SUBCOMMITTEES

The Chairman of the Council shall establish standing subcommittees with varying functions as approved by the Council. In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman may establish these Subcommittees.

~~There is hereby established a standing Ocean subcommittee.~~

Additionally, the Chairman in his/her discretion may appoint ~~a~~ standing ~~Ocean~~ Special Area Management Plan (SAMP) Subcommittees to hear contested cases resulting from the implementation of the Council's ~~Ocean~~ Special Area Management Plans. However, in appropriate circumstances contested cases may be heard by the full CRMC, or ad hoc subcommittees, as determined by the Chairman. The Chairman and Vice Chairman shall sit ex-officio on all subcommittees.

Hearing Subcommittees shall consist of all Council members who attend the initial Subcommittee meeting and all subsequent meetings of Subcommittee.

Only those Subcommittee members who have attended all meetings of the Subcommittee may vote on the Subcommittee recommendation.