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

**Proposed Amendments to the Coastal Resources Management Program  
CRMC Shoreline Change Maps**

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): **Shoreline Change Maps**. 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 Tuesday, April 26, 2016 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 CRMC Shoreline Change Maps**

The CRMC intends to adopt revised Shoreline Change Maps for the Washington County communities of Westerly, Charlestown, South Kingstown, Narragansett and North Kingstown. The purpose of the amendment is to replace older 2003 and 2004 maps that were adopted by the CRMC in 2008 with 45 newly updated maps based on 2014 orthophoto aerial images that have been prepared as part of the CRMC Shoreline Change Special Area Management Plan, also referred to as the Beach SAMP. Due to the very high image resolution and extremely large files sizes (294MB in total) the individual maps are not being uploaded to the Secretary of State's website. The 45 new maps are publically accessible on the CRMC website at: [http://www.crmc.ri.gov/maps/maps\\_shorechange.html](http://www.crmc.ri.gov/maps/maps_shorechange.html) as PDF files and are listed under Washington County (2016).

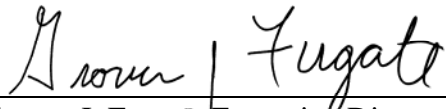
The Council has complied with the requirements of R.I. General Laws §§ 42-35.1-3 and 42-35.1-4 and has filed copies of the proposed regulations with the Governors Office and the Office of Regulatory Reform of the Department of Administration's Office of Management and Budget. The Council has determined 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.

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All interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed amendments to Section 145 of the Coastal Resources Management Program by the close of business on **April 21, 2016** 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 22nd day of **March**, 2016

  
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Grover J. Fugate, Executive Director  
Coastal Resources Management Council

**Proposed Amendment**

**RI Coastal Resources Management Program – Shoreline Change Maps**

**Revise existing Shoreline Change Map cover page (last page of Red Book) as follows:**

**Unaltered text is existing text, while new text is underlined and deleted text is ~~struck-through~~**

# Shoreline Change Maps

## Watch Hill to Little Compton

The Coastal Resources Management Council ~~has developed~~ adopted in 2008 orthophoto aerial image shoreline change maps that were developed by the University of Rhode Island. These maps comprise the state's shoreline from Watch Hill to Pt. Judith, into and inclusive of Narragansett Bay and its islands, to the eastern shoreline of Little Compton.

The purpose of these maps is to show shoreline rates of change that will be applied to pertinent sections of the Council's regulatory programs to address issues including setbacks of activities from coastal features. These shoreline change maps detail accretion and erosion rates for the shoreline, ~~and are further detailed into~~ associated with shoreline transect segments for each map. In total there are ~~173-178~~ such maps, which are herein incorporated as regulations of the RICRMP. ~~A map~~ Maps for Block Island ~~is~~ are not currently included, however, setbacks and erosion rates for Block Island shall be assessed on a case-by-case basis. The Block Island maps will be added when analysis is completed at a later date.

The maps for the communities of Westerly, Charlestown, South Kingstown, Narragansett and North Kingstown are based on 2014 orthophoto aerial images and are listed under Washington County (2016). These maps show various shorelines from 1939, 1951, 1963, 2012 and 2014 aerial images. In addition, four new panels for the Narrow River have been included. The remaining maps adopted in 2008 include only the shorelines interpreted from aerial images of 1939, 1975 and 2003 for maps covering Narrow River northward into the Bay, islands and to Little Compton or 2004 for the shoreline from Napatree Point to Narragansett Beach.

These shoreline change maps are orthophoto aerial images which individually are very large digital computer files. They can be examined ~~at the Council's office in Wakefield, at the secretary of state's office, and~~ on-line at the Council's website:  
[http://www.crmc.ri.gov/maps/maps\\_shorechnage.html](http://www.crmc.ri.gov/maps/maps_shorechnage.html).