

**RHODE ISLAND GOVERNMENT REGISTER
PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING**

COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Title of Rule: Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Program - Aquidneck Island SAMP - Coastal Development Regulations

Rule Identifier: 650-RICR-20-00-7

Rulemaking Action: Direct Final Amendment

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: 08/22/2018

End of Public Comment: 09/21/2018

Authority for this Rulemaking:

RIGL 46-23 et. seq

Coastal Zone Management Act 16 U.S.C. §§ 1451 through 1464

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

The purpose of this proposed rule is to reformat the Aquidneck Island (SAMP) Coastal Development Regulations and codify the rules in accordance with the new uniform code of state regulations, called the Rhode Island Code of Regulations ("RICR"). Figures 5, 6 and 7 showing CRMC and DEM freshwater wetlands jurisdiction are being deleted, as DEM has established a user-friendly online map service for determining freshwater wetlands jurisdiction. Part 7.11 - Appendix A is being added to provide habitat maps currently available on the CRMC website here: http://www.crmc.ri.gov/samp_ai/AI_SAMP_Habitat_Linkage_Map.pdf. There are no substantive changes to the rule.

Additional Information and Comments:

If no formal objection is received on or before September 21, 2018, Coastal Resources Management Council will file the Amendment without opportunity for public comment..

Objections should be addressed to:

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Regulatory Analysis Summary and Supporting Documentation:

In the development of the proposed adoption consideration was given to: (1) alternative approaches; (2) overlap or duplication with other statutory and regulatory provisions; and (3) significant economic impact on small business. No alternative approach, duplication, or overlap was identified based upon available information. Additionally, the benefits of the proposed amendments justify any costs of the proposed rule, and the proposed amendments will achieve the objectives of the authorizing statute in a more cost-effective manner, or with greater net benefits, than other regulatory alternatives.

For full regulatory analysis or supporting documentation see agency contact person above.