

State of Rhode Island  
**COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Pursuant to the Federal requirements of the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) at 16 USC § 1455(e) and 15 C.F.R. Part 923, Subpart H, the Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council (CRMC) has submitted to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Office for Coastal Management (OCM) proposed changes to the Federally-approved Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Program (CRMP). The CRMC is requesting concurrence of OCM as a Program Change to the CRMP the incorporation of the CRMC's existing **Narrow River Special Area Management Plan** (Narrow River SAMP) regulations that have been previously approved by NOAA (RI-1999-2, RI-2000-1, RI-2002-1, RI-2007-2, RI-2008-2 and RI-2013-1), the **Metro Bay Region Special Area Management Plan** (Metro Bay SAMP) regulations that have been previously approved by NOAA (RI-2007-2, RI-2010-1 and RI-2011-3), the **Greenwich Bay Special Area Management Plan** (Greenwich Bay SAMP) regulations that have been previously approved by NOAA (RI-2007-2 and RI-2008-3), and the **Aquidneck Island Special Area Management Plan** (Aquidneck Island SAMP) regulations that have been previously approved by NOAA (RI-2009-2). All of these SAMPs have since been formatted into the uniform Rhode Island Code of Regulations (RICR) as 650-RICR-20-00-4, 650-RICR-20-00-5, 650-RICR-20-00-6 and 650-RICR-20-00-7, respectively.

There are no proposed changes to the above listed regulations. The formatting changes are non-substantive for compliance with Rhode Island state law and the RICR. The CRMC's concurrence request of NOAA is simply to approve the incorporation of the existing RICR-formatted Narrow River SAMP (650-RICR-20-00-4), Metro Bay SAMP (650-RICR-20-00-5), Greenwich Bay SAMP (650-RICR-20-00-6) and Aquidneck Island SAMP (650-RICR-20-00-7) into the CRMP.

The NOAA OCM is reviewing this request for concurrence in the determination that the CRMC's proposed change is a Program Change consistent with the CZMA and does not require analysis under the National Environmental Policy Act. The CRMC's filing (RI-2022-4) is available for viewing online at the OCM Program Change web portal: <https://coast.noaa.gov/czmprogramchange/#/public/home>. Public comments may be submitted online at the OCM link above or written comments may be submitted directly to NOAA OCM at the following address:

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Comments regarding whether the incorporation of the CRMC's requested change into the CRMP qualifies as a Program Change pursuant to 15 C.F.R. § 923.84 will be accepted by OCM for three weeks (21 days) following the date of publication of this notice on **June 24, 2022**. The detailed Program Change request to NOAA OCM is also available on the CRMC web site: [www.crmc.ri.gov](http://www.crmc.ri.gov)

Any questions regarding this public notice should be directed to Jeffrey M. Willis, Executive Director, Coastal Resources Management Council, email: [jwillis@crm.ri.gov](mailto:jwillis@crm.ri.gov), Telephone: (401)783-3370.