

State of Rhode Island
COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
Oliver Stedman Government Center
4808 Tower Hill Road
Wakefield, RI 02879

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 **Management Procedures** that have been previously approved by NOAA (RI-2014-1 and RI-2015-1), but have since been formatted into the uniform Rhode Island Code of Regulations (RICR) as 650-RICR-10-00-1.

During 2020 and 2021 the CRMC adopted amendments to the Management Procedures that became effective state regulations on February 16, 2020, March 4, 2021 and July 5, 2021. These regulations have also been formatted for compliance with Rhode Island state law and the RICR. The CRMC Management Procedures amendments, now effective, since the last NOAA program change approvals are shown in track-changes in the State's submission document to NOAA. The CRMC's concurrence request of NOAA is to approve the incorporation of the currently amended and effective RICR-formatted Management Procedures (650-RICR-10-00-1) 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-2022-5) 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:

Joelle Gore, Chief
Stewardship Division
Office of Coastal Management
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
1305 East-West Highway, SSMC4 N/OCM6
Silver Spring, MD 20910

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 30, 2022**. The detailed Program Change request to NOAA OCM is also available on the CRMC web site: 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, Telephone: (401)783-3370.