



**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**  
**Office for Coastal Management**  
Silver Spring Metro Center, Building 4  
1305 East-West Highway  
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

August 5, 2022

Jeffery Willis, Executive Director  
Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council  
Oliver H. Stedman Government Center  
4808 Tower Hill Road, Suite 3  
Wakefield, RI 02879

Dear Mr. Willis,

Thank you for the June 17, 2022, request for approval of changes to the Rhode Island Coastal Management Program pursuant to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) regulations at 15 CFR part 923, subpart H.<sup>1</sup>

NOAA's Office for Coastal Management approves the request subject to the qualification below.

NOAA's regulations require that the state post this decision by the Office for Coastal Management for public notice.<sup>2</sup> Please send a copy of the public notice to the Office for Coastal Management for our records to close out this file.

### **PUBLIC AND FEDERAL AGENCY COMMENTS**

The Office for Coastal Management did not receive any comments on this program change submission.

### **CHANGES APPROVED**

See the attached Table of Approved Changes to the Rhode Island Coastal Management Program.

<sup>1</sup> This program change request was submitted under NOAA's revised CZMA program change regulations at 15 CFR part 923, subpart H. The Office for Coastal Management's decision, originally due by July 18, 2022, was extended to August 5, 2022.

<sup>2</sup> 15 CFR § 923.81(e)(5).

<sup>3</sup> 15 CFR § 923.81(f).

## **QUALIFICATION**

As a standard qualification applying to all program changes, states may not incorporate enforceable policies by reference. If an approved enforceable policy refers to another statute, regulation, policy, standard, guidance, or other such requirement or document, the referenced policy must be submitted to and approved by the Office for Coastal Management as an enforceable policy in order to be applied under the federal consistency review provisions of the CZMA. No referenced policy may be applied for CZMA federal consistency review purposes unless that policy has been separately reviewed and approved as an enforceable policy by the Office for Coastal Management.

Thank you for your cooperation in this review. Please contact Allison Castellan at 202-596-5039, if you have any questions. For future correspondence regarding these program changes, please refer to the file number assigned to this action, RI-2022-2.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joelle Gore', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Joelle Gore  
Chief, Stewardship Division

Attachment: Table of Approved Changes RI-2022-2

**TABLE OF APPROVED CHANGES: RI-2022-2**

Please see the Office for Coastal Management August 5, 2022, decision letter for qualifications, clarifications or exceptions that may apply to these program changes.

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650-RICR-20-05-2 See: <a href="https://rules.sos.ri.gov/regulations/part/650-20-05-2">https://rules.sos.ri.gov/regulations/part/650-20-05-2</a>	Ocean SAMP Chapter 2 - Ecology	Revised (reformatted)	12/26/2010	No	Rhode Island General Laws § 46-23-6
650-RICR-20-05-3 See: <a href="https://rules.sos.ri.gov/regulations/part/650-20-05-3">https://rules.sos.ri.gov/regulations/part/650-20-05-3</a>	Ocean SAMP Chapter 3 - Global Climate Change	Revised (reformatted)	12/26/2010	No	Rhode Island General Laws § 46-23-6
650-RICR-20-05-4 See: <a href="https://rules.sos.ri.gov/regulations/part/650-20-05-4">https://rules.sos.ri.gov/regulations/part/650-20-05-4</a>	Ocean SAMP Chapter 4 - Cultural and Historic Resources	Revised (reformatted)	12/26/2010	No	Rhode Island General Laws § 46-23-6
650-RICR-20-05-5 See: <a href="https://rules.sos.ri.gov/regulations/part/650-20-05-5">https://rules.sos.ri.gov/regulations/part/650-20-05-5</a>	Ocean SAMP Chapter 5 - Commercial and Recreational Fisheries	Revised (reformatted)	12/26/2010	No	Rhode Island General Laws § 46-23-6

## STATE CZM CHANGE REQUEST TABLE

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650-RICR-20-05-6  See: <a href="https://rules.sos.ri.gov/regulations/part/650-20-05-6">https://rules.sos.ri.gov/regulations/part/650-20-05-6</a>	Ocean SAMP Chapter 6 - Recreation and Tourism	Revised (reformatted)	12/26/2010	No	Rhode Island General Laws § 46-23-6
650-RICR-20-05-7  See: <a href="https://rules.sos.ri.gov/regulations/part/650-20-05-7">https://rules.sos.ri.gov/regulations/part/650-20-05-7</a>	Ocean SAMP Chapter 7 - Marine Transportation, Navigation and Infrastructure	Revised (reformatted)	12/26/2010	No	Rhode Island General Laws § 46-23-6
650-RICR-20-05-8  See: <a href="https://rules.sos.ri.gov/regulations/part/650-20-05-8">https://rules.sos.ri.gov/regulations/part/650-20-05-8</a>	Ocean SAMP Chapter 8 - Renewable Energy and Other Offshore Development	Revised (reformatted)	12/26/2010	No	Rhode Island General Laws § 46-23-6