

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 §306(e) and 15 C.F.R. §923.84(b), the Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council (CRMC) has submitted to the Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM) of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration changes to the federally-approved Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Program (RICRMP). The CRMC is requesting concurrence of OCRM as routine changes to the federal program.

Rhode Island Ocean Special Area Management Plan (OSAMP): Geographic Location Description (GLD)

The GLD describes a geographic area in federal waters (consistent with the Ocean SAMP study area) where certain federal agency activities, license and permit activities, under 15 C.F.R. Part 930, Subpart D, and 15 C.F.R. Part 930, Subpart E, will be subject to Rhode Island review under the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) Federal Consistency Provision. An analysis is also provided justifying the GLD and the specified listed federal actions based on reasonably foreseeable effects to any use or resource of Rhode Island's coastal zone.

The incorporation of this provision into the Rhode Island CRMC will allow the State to review federal activities, licenses, leases, and federal assistance for consistency with these policies as provided in section 1456 of the Coastal Zone Management Act.

OCRM is now reviewing this request for concurrence in the determination that these changes are routine and do not require analysis under the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments regarding whether the incorporation of this change into the Rhode Island CRMC qualifies as a routine program change as provided at 15 C.F.R. §923.84(b) may be submitted to OCRM. Send comments to:

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Comments will be accepted by OCRM for three weeks following the date of publication of this notice herein. The detailed request to OCRM is available at the CRMC's web site: [www.crmc.ri.gov/regulations](http://www.crmc.ri.gov/regulations).

Any questions regarding this notice should be directed to Grover J. Fugate, Executive Director, Coastal Resources Management Council, at (401)783-3370.

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