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Jeffrey M. Willis  
Executive Director  
Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council  
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Dear Director Willis:

Enclosed are the final evaluation findings for the Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Program for the period from September 2019 to October 2024.

The fundamental conclusion of this evaluation finds that Rhode Island is adhering to the programmatic requirements of the Coastal Zone Management Act in implementing the federally approved Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Program.

These evaluation findings document four necessary actions and eight recommendations. Reporting on the recommendations should be completed annually in the performance report for the federal operations awards. A reporting template is provided.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance, and that of your staff, in conducting this evaluation. If you have any questions about the findings, please contact Michael Migliori at (443) 332-8936 or *Michael.Migliori@noaa.gov*.

Sincerely,

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