

**RHODE ISLAND GOVERNMENT REGISTER
PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING**

COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Title of Rule: Coastal Resources Management Program-Rules and Regulations Governing the Protection and Management of Freshwater Wetlands in the Vicinity of the Coast

Rule Identifier: 650-RICR-20-00-2

Rulemaking Action: Proposed Repeal

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: February 21, 2022

Hearing Date: March 8, 2022

End of Public Comment: March 24, 2022

Rulemaking Authority:

R.I. Gen. Laws § 46-23-1, et seq.

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

The CRMC proposes to repeal and replace the existing freshwater wetlands in the vicinity of the coast rules upon the adoption and implementation of proposed new freshwater wetlands in the vicinity of the coast rules identified as 650-RICR-20-00-9. Amendments to state law led to extensive proposed rule revisions that reflect changes in the definition of freshwater wetlands and other terminology associated with regulated areas and the establishment of new buffer standards among other requirements.

Additional Information and Public Comments:

All interested parties are invited to request additional information or submit written or oral comments concerning the proposed repeal until March 24, 2022 by contacting the appropriate party at the address listed below:

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Public Hearing:

A public hearing, in accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-2.5, to consider the proposed repeal shall be held at which time and place all persons interested therein will be heard. This hearing is subject to R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 42-46, Open Meetings.

Public Hearing Information:

Date: March 8, 2022

Time: 6:00 P.M.

Location: Online Zoom meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88136004019?pwd=OUhIbGxCTTNmd2hmL2>
Webinar ID: 881 3600 4019; Passcode: 579890
Wakefield, RI, 02879

The place of the public hearing is accessible to individuals with disabilities. If communication assistance (readers/interpreters/captioners) is needed, or any other accommodation to ensure equal participation, please call 833-548-0282 or RI Relay 711 at least three (3) business days prior to the meeting so arrangements can be made to provide such assistance at no cost to the person requesting. For questions regarding available parking, please contact the agency staffperson listed above.

Regulatory Analysis Summary and Supporting Documentation:

See the regulatory analysis for the proposed new rules at 650-RICR-20-00-9.

For full regulatory analysis or supporting documentation contact the agency staffperson listed above.