

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

COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Title of Rule: Management Procedures (650-RICR-10-00-1)

Rule Identifier: 650-RICR-10-00-1

Rulemaking Action: Proposed Amendment

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: August 6, 2025

Hearing Date: August 26, 2025

End of Public Comment: September 5, 2025

Rulemaking Authority:

R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 46-23 et seq.

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

The Coastal Resources Management Council (CRMC) has proposed two amendments to the Management Procedures Program, 650-RICR-10-00-1.2(B) Meetings and Members and 650-RICR-10-00-1.4.6(A)(22) CAD Cell Disposal Fee.

Additional Information and Public Comments:

All interested parties are invited to request additional information or submit written or oral comments concerning the proposed amendment until September 5, 2025 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 amendment 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: August 26, 2025

Time: 6:00 P.M.

Location: Administration Building, Conference Room A
One Capitol Hill
Providence, RI, 02908

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 401-783-3370 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:

650-RICR-10-00-1.2(B) Meetings and Members

R.I. General Law § 46-23-2 Coastal Resources Management Council created – Appointment of Members and R.I. General Law § 46-23-4 Officers of the Council- Quorum and Vote Required for Action was recently amended by the General Assembly in 2025 (see Senate Bill 0998 Substitute A and House Bill 6126 Substitute A). The amendments reduce the number of Coastal Resources Management Council members from ten (10) to seven (7). The amendment at 46-23.4 also reduces the number of members required for a quorum from six (6) to four (4). The General Assembly requires the CRMC to initiate rulemaking within 30 days of the date of passage. To implement this legislation, Section 1.2(B) Meetings and Members of the Management Procedures (650-RICR-10.00.1) is proposed to be amended to reduce the quorum requirements of the Council from six (6) members to four (4) members pursuant to § 46-23-2(b).

650-RICR-10-00-1.4.6(A)(22) CAD Cell Disposal Fee

R.I. General Law § 46-23-18.5 – Fees for Disposal; was recently amended per the Governor's Budget Amendment #22 and Article 2 of the FY 2026 Appropriations Act (25-H-5076). The amendment to this statute re-established the minimum fee for disposal of dredge material in the State's Confined Aquatic Disposal (CAD) Cells from \$11.65 per cubic yard to \$35.00 per cubic yard. Per the amendment, the Council shall maintain its three-tiered fee structure while increasing all three of the CAD Cell disposal fees commensurately.

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