



In accordance with notice of the Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council's Planning & Procedures subcommittee, a meeting was held on Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 5:30 pm at the Administration Building, Conference Room A, located at One Capitol Hill, Providence RI

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Raymond Coia, Chair  
Don Gomez  
Ron Gagnon, RIDEM  
Patricia Reynolds

**STAFF PRESENT**

Jeff Willis, Executive Director  
Laura Miguel, Deputy Director  
Benjamin Goetsch, Aquaculture Coordinator  
Bruce Lofgren, Coastal Policy Analyst

Mark Hartmann,  
Legal Counsel

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**Call to Order.** Chair Coia called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**Item 2 Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** This item was continued to the next meeting.

**Items 4.A. (Management Procedures) 650-RICR-10-00-1.1.4.6(A)(10) Beach Vehicle Permits–** J. Willis and B. Lofgren explained the proposed changes being brought to the Subcommittee was initiated from conversations between Staff and municipal police departments at the conclusion of a CRMC Shoreline Access Bill Forum in August 2023. Staff further explained that local police departments had inquired about CRMC's 3-day beach vehicle pass program as there have been a disproportionate number of instances for 3-day beach vehicle pass holders as opposed to annual beach vehicle pass holders.

Staff stated that a beach vehicle permit analysis was conducted to determine the recent history and usage of the 3-day beach vehicle pass program. Staff explained that the recent history indicated that CRMC issues approximately 2,000 annual beach passes per year and less than fifty (50) 3-day beach passes per year. Staff further reported that due to the limited participation in the 3-day beach vehicle pass program, feedback received from municipal police departments, and the ability for 3-day users to still apply for an annual beach vehicle pass, a decision was made to draft the programmatic revision for Subcommittee consideration. Chair Coia asked Staff to further elaborate on the concerns from the municipal police departments regarding the 3-day beach vehicle pass holders. J. Willis explained that the concerns were mainly due to 3-day beach vehicle pass holders continuing to utilize the pass for the entire year and long after the

pass had expired. Chair Coia also stated that eliminating the 3-day pass would lessen the burden of Administrative Staff who spend considerable time administering the 3-day beach vehicle permit program for a limited number of participants. J. Willis agreed and stated that alleviating the Administrative Staff's burden would be a secondary benefit of the proposed programmatic revision.

After the staff presentation, the Chair asked for a motion to consider the proposed changes as presented.

*Mr. Gomez seconded by Ms. Reynolds moved to approve the proposed changes as presented. **All voted Yes in favor of the motion.***

**ADJOURNMENT.** Mr. Gagnon, seconded by Mr. Gomez, moved to adjourn. All voted in favor of the motion and the meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Bruce Lofgren, Coastal Policy Analyst