# STATE OF RHODE ISLAND COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Oliver Stedman Government Center 4808 Tower Hill Road; Suite 3, Wakefield, RI 02879-1900

### **Notice of Rescheduling of Public Hearing**

The Coastal Resources Management Council, in accordance with and pursuant to the provisions of the "Administrative Procedures Act" (Section 42-35-3 of the General Laws of Rhode Island) and the Rule and Regulations of the Coastal Resources Management Council, gave notice signed and dated November 25, 2009 to change the management plans, policies, procedures and regulations of the agency regarding planning and management of the coastal resources of the State relative to Chapter 46-23 of the State of Rhode Island and specifically in regard to the development and adoption of an **Ocean Special Area Management Plan Chapter 6: Recreation & Tourism.** 

This Notice is being published to advertise that **the scheduled Public Hearing on these proposed changes is being rescheduled** to Conference Room C, Administration Building, One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI, on Wednesday, January 13, 2010, at 6:00 p.m.

Further information may be obtained by contacting the Coastal Resources Management Council offices at 783-3370.

Signed this 4<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2010.

Jeffrey M. Willis, Deputy Director

Coastal Resources Management Council

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### **Notice of Workshop Location Change Only**

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This Notice is being published to advertise that **the scheduled Public Workshop on these proposed changes is being relocated** to the University of Rhode Island's Bay Campus, Coastal Institute Auditorium, South Ferry Road, Narragansett, RI. The workshop is scheduled for Thursday December 17, 2009 at 2:30pm as originally planned. All other information regarding this proposed change remains the same.

Therefore, as originally posted, parties interested in or concerned with the above proposed changes are invited to **submit written comments** by December 31, 2009. All such comments should be directed to Grover J. Fugate, Executive Director, at the above agency address.

A **public hearing has been scheduled** for these proposed changes to be held in the Conference Room A, Administration Building, One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI, on Tuesday, January 12, 2010, at 6:00 p.m.

Further information may be obtained by contacting the Coastal Resources Management Council offices at 783-3370.

Signed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2009.

Jeffrey M. Willis, Deputy Director Coastal Resources Management Council

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In accordance with and pursuant to the provisions of the "Administrative Procedures Act" (Section 42-35-3 of the General Laws of Rhode Island) and the Rule and Regulations of the Coastal Resources Management Council, notice is hereby given of the intention of the Coastal Resources Management Council to change the management plans, policies, procedures and regulations of the agency regarding planning and management of the coastal resources of the State relative to Chapter 46-23 of the State of Rhode Island.

The following change is proposed:

#### **RI Coastal Resources Management Program**

### Ocean Special Area Management Plan: Chapter 6: Recreation & Tourism

The Rhode Island Ocean SAMP, or Ocean Special Area Management Plan, is working to define use zones for Rhode Island's ocean waters through a research and planning process that integrates the best available science with open public input and involvement.

As the state's coastal zone management agency, the Coastal Resources Management Council (CRMC) is leading this project and is cooperatively managing research projects undertaken by URI scientists to provide the essential scientific basis for Ocean SAMP policy development.

The first installment of the Ocean SAMP – the Recreation & Tourism Chapter – has as its objective to provide information on the types, locations, and value of marine recreational and coastal tourism activities within the Ocean SAMP area.

As with other chapters in development, the Ocean SAMP document and policies are focused on the offshore environment, not adjacent upland areas. This offshore focus is due to the fact that the CRMC already has a regulatory program, including a zoning program, in place for coastal lands and waters out to the 3-nautical mile boundary. Accordingly, this chapter focuses on offshore, waterbased recreation and tourism activities. Discussion of upland areas is focused on the facilities that make these waterbased uses possible, as well as the economic impact of these water-based uses on coastal communities.

Please go to the CRMC's website <a href="www.crmc.ri.gov">www.crmc.ri.gov</a> to download the entire chapter for review. Also see the Ocean SAMP websites at <a href="www.crmc.ri.gov/samp\_ocean.html">www.crmc.ri.gov/samp\_ocean.html</a> and <a href="http://seagrant.gso.uri.edu/oceansamp/">http://seagrant.gso.uri.edu/oceansamp/</a> for detailed information regarding the SAMP's development.

The Council has complied with the requirements of R.I. Gen. Laws Section 42-35-3 by considering alternative approaches to the proposed regulation(s) and has determined that there is/are no alternative approach(es) that would be as effective and less burdensome. The Council has also determined that the proposed regulation(s) do(es) not overlap or duplicate any other state regulation. The Council has complied with the requirements of R.I. Gen. Laws Section 42-35-3.3 by submitting copies of the proposed regulation(s) to the Governor's Office and the Economic Development Corporation (EDC).

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A public workshop on these proposed changes is scheduled for Thursday December 17, 2009 at 2:30 pm at the University of Rhode Island's Bay Campus, OSEC Building Room 115, South Ferry Road, Narragansett, RI.

Parties interested in or concerned with the above proposed changes are invited to **submit written comments** by December 31, 2009. All such comments should be directed to Grover J. Fugate, Executive Director, at the above agency address.

A public hearing has been scheduled for these proposed changes to be held in the Conference Room A, Administration Building, One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI, on Tuesday, January 12, 2010, at 6:00 p.m.

Copies of the proposed regulations are also available from the Coastal Resources Management Council offices and its website – <a href="www.crmc.ri.gov">www.crmc.ri.gov</a>.

Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the Council office at 783-3370, 72 hours in advance of the hearing date.

Further information may be obtained by contacting the Coastal Resources Management Council offices at 783-3370.

#### **NOTICE**

These changes are considered to be routine program changes to the federally approved Coastal Resources Management Program of Rhode Island. The CRMC will be requesting that the federal Office of Ocean and Coastal Resources Management concur with this determination when it seeks inclusion of such in the federally approved program. Persons who disagree that these are routine modifications to the federally approved program may submit such written comments within three weeks of the date of the issuance of this notice to:

Allison Castellan
Coastal Management Specialist
NOAA/NOS/OCRM
Coastal Programs Division
1305 East-West Highway, SSMC4
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Signed this 25th day of November, 2009.

Jeffrey M. Willis, Deputy Director
Coastal Resources Management Council

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