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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 changes are proposed:
(Note: new text is underlined and deleted text is ~~strikethrough~~)

RI Coastal Resources Management Program – Section 110 – Applications for Category A and Category B Assents

Revise Section 110.C as follows:

C. Applications eligible for administrative review include the following.

- Subdivisions of 20 units or less;
- Residential docks less than 200 feet (MLW) in length in the Sakonnet River or the open waters of Narragansett Bay; ~~up to 75 feet (MLW) in all other waters;~~
- Residential docks up to 75 feet (MLW) in all other waters;
- Terminal floats less than 200 square feet;
- Aquaculture sites of up to three (3) acres in the salt ponds or upper Narragansett Bay; less than 10 acres elsewhere;
- Structural shoreline protection facilities of less than 300 linear feet;
- Dredging, and dredge material disposal at pre-approved locations of less than 100,000 cubic yards for marinas or state navigation projects;
- Beach Nourishment projects;
- Wetland mitigation that is habitat restoration when an applicant is a federal, state, or municipal entity;
- Harbor management plans that are recommended for approval;
- Boat and float lifts;
- Habitat Restoration projects undertaken by public entities or in partnership with public entities;
- RIDOT road and bridge projects; and
- Limited Marinas (defined in Section 300.4).

Purpose: To provide for additional application activities eligible for administrative review and approval.

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).

Parties interested in or concerned with the above proposed changes are invited to **submit written comments** by January 3, 2014. All such comments should be directed to Grover J. Fugate, Executive Director, at the above address.

A public hearing has been scheduled for these proposed changes to be held in the Boardroom, Narragansett Bay Commission, One Service Road, Providence, RI, on Tuesday, January 14, 2014, at 6:00 p.m.

Copies of the proposed regulations are also available from the Coastal Resources Management Council offices and its website – www.crmc.ri.gov.

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.

Signed this 2nd day of December, 2013.

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