Concise Explanatory Statement

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Chapter 10 – Existing Statutes, Regulations and Policies was included as part of the Ocean Special Area Management and adopted by Council on October 19, 2010 to address renewable and offshore development activities in the offshore waters bounded by the Rhode Island Geographic Location Description and through implementation of marine spatial planning.

In 2016, the legislature passed an amendment to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-5(b) that required the Secretary of State to oversee the publication of an updated uniform code of state regulations, the Rhode Island Code of Regulations (RICR). Only those portions of the Ocean SAMP that contain enforceable policies and standards can be included within the RICR. The entirety of Chapter 10 is non-RICR text and therefore will be repealed, but will be included as part of the CRMC's Ocean Special Area Management Plan guidance document in accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 42-35-1(9) and 42-35-2.12.