

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

COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Title of Rule: Salt Pond Region Special Area Management Plan (650-RICR-20-00-3)

Rule Identifier: 650-RICR-20-00-3

Rulemaking Action: Proposed Amendment

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: 04/25/2019

Hearing Date: 05/14/2019

End of Public Comment: 05/27/2019

Authority for this Rulemaking:

R.I. Gen. Laws § 46-23-6

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

Amend § 3.4.12(A)(1) to extend the existing regulatory deadline of 10/7/19 by five (5) years until 10/7/2024 for the filing of an experimental coastal erosion control application.

Additional Information and Comments:

All interested parties are invited to request additional information or submit written or oral comments concerning the proposed amendment until May 27, 2019 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 § 42-35-2.8, to consider the proposed amendment shall be held on May 14, 2019 at 6:00 pm at Department of Administration, Conference Room A, One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908 at which time and place all persons interested therein will be heard. The seating capacity of the room will be enforced and therefore the number of persons participating in the hearing may be limited at any given time by the hearing officer, in order to comply with safety and fire codes.

The place of the public hearing is accessible to individuals who are handicapped. 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.

Regulatory Analysis Summary and Supporting Documentation:

The purpose of the Salt Pond Region Special Area Management Plan (SAMP) is to provide for the integration and coordination of the protection of natural resources, the promotion of reasonable coastal-dependent economic growth, and the improved protection of life and property within the coastal watershed area within the municipalities of Westerly, Charlestown, South Kingstown and Narragansett. The proposed amendment to § 3.4.12(A)(1) does not change the status quo of the existing regulations, but merely extends the deadline for eligible coastal property owners to file an application for experimental coastal erosion control methods to protect shoreline property.

For full regulatory analysis or supporting documentation see agency contact person above.