Concise Explanatory Statement

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The subject regulations, Pawcatuck River and Estuary and Little Narragansett Bay: An Interstate Management Plan, were included as part of the Coastal Resources Management Plan and adopted by Council on July 14, 1992 to implement a bi-state agreement with Connecticut with recommendations for management strategies and other initiatives concerning the use and protection of the Pawcatuck River estuary.

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). Since the Pawcatuck plan does not contain any RICR regulatory requirements, it is being repeal. However, the Pawcatuck plan will remain as a CRMC guidance document in accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 42-35-1(9) and 42-35-2.12.