

Concise Explanatory Statement

650-RICR-20-05-11

The purpose of the Ocean SAMP in its entirety is to establish the policies and standards for protecting Rhode Island coastal uses and resources and to promote renewable energy and offshore development projects located in waters of the state or those projects in federal offshore waters subject to CRMC federal consistency review pursuant to the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) 16 U.S.C. §§ 1451-1464 and 15 CFR Part 930.

The purpose of the amendments to Ocean SAMP Chapter 11 are to improve the predictability of state permitting and federal consistency review process for offshore renewable energy projects.