

CONCISE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

AGENCY: Coastal Resources Management Council

RULE IDENTIFIER: 650-RICR-10-00-1

RULE TITLE: Management Procedures

REASON FOR RULEMAKING: The CRMC has amended its Management Procedures to reduce the application fee for small-scale, low cost projects within CRMC's jurisdiction, continue the application fee waiver for non-federal dredging projects associated with an Army Corps federal navigation maintenance project in the Providence River and Harbor, and to provide for an application fee waiver for coastal hazard resiliency projects as part of Army Corps funded projects.

TESTIMONY AND COMMENTS: No testimony offered at public hearing held on December 8, 2020 and no public comments submitted during the 30-day public comment period (November 20 through December 21, 2020).

CHANGE TO TEXT OF THE RULE: Amendments adopted as presented in the public notice to include technical corrections.

REGULATORY ANALYSIS: The proposed amendments will provide a lower application fee for small scale, low cost projects, and will provide for application fee waivers for non-federal dredging projects and coastal hazard resiliency projects that are associated with Army Corps funded projects. In addition, the proposed amendments will correct existing text and regulatory citations.

The proposed regulations do not impose any new requirements on regulated entities including any small businesses or any city or town; therefore, there is no adverse economic impact. In consideration of the alternatives the CRMC has determined that there is no alternative approach among the alternatives considered that would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons as another regulation based on available information. In addition, there are no other state regulations which are overlapped or duplicated by the proposed regulation.

The CRMC has determined that the benefits of the proposed rule justify the costs of the proposed rule, and that the proposed rule will achieve the objectives of the authorizing statute in a more cost-effective manner and with greater net benefits than other regulatory alternatives.