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74	10/18/2009	Robin Wallace	RI State Yachting Committee	610	Page 5 para 5 line 1: 1930 was the first time the America's Cup was raced off Newport. The America's Cup was lost on 1983 to Australia not New Zealand.	Correction made.	
75	10/18/2009	Robin Wallace	RI State Yachting Committee	610	Page 5,para 6 - suggest adding the Sail Newport Annual regatta - has been held for the past 25 years.	addition made.	
76	10/18/2009	Robin Wallace	RI State Yachting Committee	620	Page 7 #3 - suggest adding Portsmouth/Melville area as a major boat building and marina area.	Portsmouth was inserted.	
61	10/23/2009	Capt. John Rainone	Li'l Toot Charters	610	"Many of these recreational activities that take place on Rhode Island's offshore waters have contributed greatly to the economic growth and culture of coastal communities like Newport, Pt. Judith (Galilee) and Block Island."	Added Pt. Judith.	
62	10/23/2009	Capt. John Rainone	Li'l Toot Charters	620	"Recreational fishing, and Party and Charter Boat fishing are some of the most popular recreational boating activities inthe SAMP area and are discussed in detail in Chapter 4,"	Reworded to address relationship between recreation and party/charter boat fishing.	
63	10/23/2009	Capt. John Rainone	Li'l Toot Charters	620	"The bay, ocean and shoreline are, consequently, Rhode Island's most cherished natural features, and offer opportunities for swimming, boating, fishing, diving wildlife observation and other recreational pursuits enjoyed by both residents and tourists(Rhode Island Department of Administration Statewide Planning Program and Rhode"	Insertion made.	
64	10/23/2009	Capt. John Rainone	Li'l Toot Charters	620	"Recreational boating is one of the most popular uses of the SAMP area, attracting Rhode Island residents and tourists alike to the water for sailing, power boating, fishing and diving activities. Sailors and power boaters use the SAMP area to cruise between recreational harbors and other destinations,"	Insertion made.	
65	10/23/2009	Capt. John Rainone	Li'l Toot Charters	620	Recreational fishing is discussed within the context of fisheries because commercial and recreational fishermen target many of the same species, and because activities such as charter boat fishing make it difficult to distinguish between commercial and recreational fishing. What do you mean by this???? Charter fishing is recreational not commercial by law in RI	Added clarifying language indicating that charter boat clients are recreational anglers while charter boats are run by professional licensed captains who manage fishing businesses.	
66	10/23/2009	Capt. John Rainone	Li'l Toot Charters	620	"Such temporary or long-term closures could alter recreational activities and use patterns within the SAMP area by lengthening transit times between destinations, displacing fishing areas used by income generating charter boat operations, or displacing large-scale sailboat races that rely on the use of the project area. Such a displacement could also cause individual users or entireevents to relocate, resulting in increased recreational activity in other in-state or out-ofstate"	Insertion made.	
53	10/26/2009	Michael Keyworth	Brewer Cove Haven Marina	610	Page 4, Chapter 6, Paragraph 1, Native [remove native] Rhode Islanders and visitors alike	correction made.	
54	10/26/2009	C. Tompsett	NUWC DIVNPT	610	Australia won the America's Cup in 1983. Change "New Zealand" to "Australia".	Correction made.	
55	10/26/2009	C. Tompsett	NUWC DIVNPT	620	"Ash burials-at-sea" are recreation or tourism activities? Perhaps it would fit better in either the Cultural Resources or the Other Future Uses chapter	Deleted this as it is an infrequent use of the SAMP area.	
56	10/26/2009	C. Tompsett	NUWC DIVNPT	630	Suggest changing to "...are eleven cruise line companies that visit" to... "...are eleven cruise line companies that currently visit the southern coast..."	Correction made.	
57	10/26/2009	C. Tompsett	NUWC DIVNPT	630	Recommend changing "...for day trips in downtown Newport." to "...for day trips in the Newport area." Some offer bus trips to the mansions, around Ocean Drive, Cliff Walk, Blithewold, etc.	Correction made.	

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58	10/26/2009	C. Tompsett	NUWC DIVNPT	650	Table 10: Recommend being careful with using "South County" since it isn't one of the 5 official counties in Rhode Island . When discussing in qualitative terms this wouldn't be a major issue but when quantitative data are discussed it could be. If it is always the same area (e.g. South County = Washington County) it won't be an issue but if it's more fluid (e.g. Washington County plus East Greenwich, West Greenwich, and Coventry as in the cited reference) you'll want to make sure it is consistent throughout the Plan.	Footnote added to indicate that regarding this table, South County was the geographical area used by the source study (authored by Global Insight). Footnote lists municipalities included in the source study.	
59	10/26/2009	C. Tompsett	NUWC DIVNPT	650	The two sentences starting with "Of the \$182 million spent annually..." annually is used repetitively but the year 2006 is also specifically cited. Recommend using whichever is appropriate in these sentences.	Correction made.	
60	10/26/2009	C. Tompsett	NUWC DIVNPT	660	Some of the buoy race event areas also overlap with a Navy restricted area (see US Coast Pilot 2, Chapter 6, paragraph 15 and Nautical Charts 13221, 13218). Encouraging and supporting the ongoing coordination of race and marine event organizers with the Navy when operating in this restricted area would be appreciated.	Brenton Point boating activity area policy modified to encourage and support coordination with Navy.	
67	10/26/2009	Edward LeBlanc	USCG	620	The only substantive comment I have regards paragraph 6 on page 8 of 55 of the document. My sense is the information is that paragraph, related to power boat poker runs, is outdated and not accurate. The source document for that paragraph (the Coast Guard Waterways Suitability Assessment for the Broadwater LNG project) does indeed state that poker runs are "growing in popularity and frequency", but (1) I believe that statement applied only to Long Island Sound, not Block Island Sound or RI waters, and (2) I believe that statement was based on anecdotal information and expectations, not hard data. Paragraph 6 also discusses a 100-boat poker run in 2006 from Old Saybrook, CT to Block Island and then back into Long Island Sound. That race did indeed occur in 2006 and the organizers had intentions to make it an annual or biennial event, but ultimately cancelled further races due to a lack of interest. In short, power boat poker runs are NOT frequently seen in RI waters. I can only recall one request for a poker run in our area (other than the 2006 race mentioned above), and when we told them of the substantial safe	Replaced prgh with a couple of lines indicating that poker runs are infrequent within the SAMP area and are problematic due to safety concerns; attributed input to USCG/Ed LeBlanc - LeBlanc approved via email correspondence 10/28/09.	

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69	10/26/2009	Edward LeBlanc	USCG	600	Some other items that may be worth a mention, although I don't know what kind of impact, if any, these things may have on the ocean SAMP area. Just want to ensure they're not overlooked: 1. Mega-yachts. As I understand it, the mega-yacht industry in RI is growing and is being targeted for more growth as a site for routine mega-yacht maintenance and construction. This may mean more mega-yacht traffic in the ocean SAMP area, or more traffic by vessels carrying several mega-yachts. 2. Sailing schools: Sailing schools are huge in Narragansett Bay in the summer, especially the schools run by Sail Newport out of Fort Adams. While the schools themselves do not normally operate in the ocean SAMP area, they may push other events into the area as the schools dominate the East Passage between Castle Hill and Gould Island. 3. Ocean kayaking: This a growth sport as well. We had a new event in 2009, a round-the-island (Conanicut Island) kayak race. 4. Quonset Air Show: Again, not sure of the impact to the ocean SAMP area, but the event, even though it's an air show, draws thousands of boaters to Narragansett Bay for two days each	Inserted a general statement about sailing school activities and spectator-heavy events in the Bay, like the Air Show, occasionally push recreational boating activity out of Bay into SAMP area. Inserted clarifying language that by "kayaking" we mean "ocean kayaking". Don't have enough data on megayacht trends and its relevance to the SAMP area to include. Already investigated Save the Bay trips and events - marine mammal cruises and the swim don't take place w/in the SAMP area.	
73	10/26/2009	Michael Keyworth	Brewer Cove Haven Marina	610	Page 5, Chapter 6, Paragraph 5, , when racing resumed after World War II, racers competed in 12 Meter sloops that were roughly half the size of the original J Boats[add Boats] (Labree et al. 1998).	insertion made.	
77	10/26/2009	Sheila McCurdy	Cruising Club of America	600	I am impressed by the clarity and logical presentation of the research on Recreation and Tourism within and surrounding the Ocean SAMP. The chapter explains the meaning and use of an offshore body of water to the residents of and visitors to Rhode Island. The view from the shore may look like an empty expanse of ocean but its monetary and social values are demonstratively substantial to those whose recreation takes them to the area and to those whose livelihoods and businesses rely on the activities that take place there. If all the chapters are done as well, this project will be a valuable model to other states looking to assess multiple uses of special areas.	Thank you.	
78	10/26/2009	Sheila McCurdy	Cruising Club of America	660	The only confusion I had was in 660, p 37. What Council is being referred to?	First reference to Council is reworded as "Coastal Resources Management Council (Council)"	
71	10/28/2009	Melissa Stanziale	RI DEM	620	"East Beach, Charlestown, Charlestown Breachway, Charlestown and Scarborough State Beach, Narragansett [are not listed on page 23] as public beaches. [Go to http://www.riparks.com/listing.htm for a state park/beach directory and additional info]	East Beach, Charlestown, and Charlestown Breachway beaches were added to the list as they are adjacent to the SAMP area boundary. Scarborough and Narragansett were not added as they are not adjacent to the SAMP area boundary.	
72	10/28/2009	Melissa Stanziale	RI DEM	600	Draft is "OK." Chapter Draft "not of overwhelming strength but it covers all topics." [If the data were based on the most recent [relevant studies] it would be better...."	This chapter was drafted based on the best available data/studies. On 10/28/2009, Ocean SAMP PI J. McCann replied to this comment by email with a request for the names/sources of the "recent [relevant studies]" referenced in this comment. On 11/24/09, a reply was received, referring the SAMP team to an economic impact study of recreational fishing conducted by the RI Saltwater Anglers' Association. This study is already used in this chapter, as appropriate, and will also be used in Chapter 6: Fisheries Resources and Uses.	CROSS REFERENCE: CHAPTER 6: FISHERIES

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79	11/6/2009	Eugenia Marks	Audubon Society of Rhode Island	650	As I commented in 11/4/09 meeting of stakeholders, we think that a noting in text and map the benthic topography of Cox's Ledge that associates pelagic bird observation in that area may be a worthy addition. It may be the case that bird observations occur there because that's where the fishing fleet goes for fish, and the bird watching is incidental to the fishing. The discussion of pelagic bird observation also has a seasonal element as to when various species of petrels, etc. are in the area. I suggest contacting either Charles Roman with the National Park Service or Shai Mitra (Ph.D., URI) with Staten Island Community College for detailed information for dates of bird occurrence and area of use. They may be able to provide information about the more general area of pelagic bird concentrations.	We have added language in the recreation chapter in two places: section 620.5 (offshore wildlife viewing) and 660.1 (policies). This language points out the connection between benthic habitat and wildlife viewing. Additional language was already included in the recreation section of the offshore renewable energy chapter regarding the potential impacts of habitat alteration on these activities. URI researchers are currently working on a study of benthic habitat; data and maps are forthcoming and will be included in the fisheries and ecology chapters. URI researchers are currently working on a study of birds; data and maps are forthcoming and will be included in the ecology chapter. We have notated in the comment database that we will revisit these comments when drafting these chapters. URI researchers working on the bird study have indicated that Cox's Ledge is one of the primary spots that birders visit when going to visit pelagic habitats offshore. As noted in the comment, this is primarily because birders go out on fishing trips and pay a reduced fare to accompany these trips. Large numbers of currently doing. In addition, URI researchers have summarized historical data for the SAMP area, which will be included in the final report and incorporated into the draft chapter.	NOTE: REVISIT THIS COMMENT RE: ECOL CHAPTER AND FISHERIES CHAPTER - IT ACTUALLY REFERS TO THOSE CHAPTERS
80	11/6/2009	Eugenia Marks	Audubon Society of Rhode Island	640	In the meeting we asked for a note of the benthic topography in the area that might cause upwellings of prey that would attract whales, sharks, and birds that are viewed recreationally. Is there scientific data to support such a map?	URI researchers are conducting a study of benthic habitat; data and maps are forthcoming and will be included in the fisheries chapter as well as the ecology chapter. We have notated in the comment database that we will revisit this comment when drafting those chapters.	NOTE: REVISIT THIS COMMENT RE: ECOL CHAPTER AND FISHERIES CHAPTER - IT ACTUALLY REFERS TO THOSE CHAPTERS
81	11/6/2009	Eugenia Marks	Audubon Society of Rhode Island	640	The issue of Block Island land mass occurring within the SAMP study area, which was raised during the 11/4 stakeholder session, raises the issue of another recreational use in the study area. Since 1961, Audubon Society of Rhode Island has taken groups to Block Island to observe the fall migration of land-birds and other avian species. Massachusetts and Connecticut Audubon Societies, as well as other private groups, also come to Block Island in fall to observe migration of birds. This recreational use is based on a pattern of first year passerine migrants overshooting the coastal flyway in their nocturnal migration, and finding themselves over water at first light retreat to nearest land mass. This pattern is well-documented by ornithological studies. Landing on the south ends of the island, the birds forage their way north, guided by magnetic or other guidance, and can be seen taking off in small flocks off the north end towards the mainland and the main coastal flyway. In addition other species, such as snow geese, fly over the island, while other species, such as Northern Harrier, are seen on Block Island and less frequently on the mainland of Rhode Island. The habitats of Block Island also attract other migrants and the location and isolation of the island bring accidental visitors, such as the recent Western Tanager and a Wheatear from several years ago. The possibility of viewing out-of-range birds is another attraction of Block Island. We ask that fall bird-watching recreational value of Block Island be noted in this chapter. People who participate in this activity generally spend at least one night on the island and eat in restaurants, all adding to the economic value of this activity. Obviously, ferry is their main means of transportation.	We have added language in section 640 to highlight land-based recreational uses on Block Island and other coastal communities adjacent to the SAMP area, which include land-based bird-watching. However, the Ocean SAMP is focused on the offshore environment, not upland areas, and so upland Block Island and other coastal communities are not addressed in depth in this SAMP. The offshore focus is due to the fact that CRMC already has a regulatory program, including zoning, for coastal lands and waters out to the 3-mile boundary. Regarding bird migratory patterns, URI researchers are conducting a bird study; data and maps are forthcoming. URI researchers working on this study agree that Block Island is an important stopover site for migratory passerines and is one of the most important birding spots in New England. This is why avian researchers have placed a radar unit on the island to quantify avian movement ecology from March through Dec 2009, operating 24/7. These radar data will summarize diurnal variation in flight elevations, flight vectors (direction of flight), and number of targets passing the island. These data will be useful to assess avian movements to and from the island, which will all be presented in the SAMP ecology chapter. We have notated in the comment database that we will revisit this comment when drafting that chapter.	NOTE: REVISIT THIS COMMENT RE: ECOL CHAPTER AND FISHERIES CHAPTER - IT ACTUALLY REFERS TO THOSE CHAPTERS

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96	11/18/2009	Kim Gaffett	Town of New Shoreham	610	In general this section seems to be very light regarding Block Island. Although boat races sponsored by the Storm Trysail Club (a biannual week long series of races) and other races such as the "off year" race week sponsored by Rolex are mentioned later in the chapter it would seem appropriate to include at least the Storm Trysail Club race in the history section. Information about the year of origin could certainly be obtained from the Storm Trysail Club directly.	Added information on Storm Trysail Club Block Island Race Week history. Added additional information on history of tourism on Block Island. Referred reader to other chapters for additional historic information on Block Island and other communities.	CROSS REFERENCE CHAPTER 3: CULTURAL AND HISTORIC RESOURCES.
97	11/18/2009	Kim Gaffett	Town of New Shoreham	640	Two star attractions on Block Island that should be considered here are the lighthouses. Both the North Light, and especially the Southeast Lighthouse, attract thousands of visitors each year. The actual visitor numbers at the Southeast light may rival the DEM's 750 visitors per acre statistic; and this site – more than any other in the State – will likely have the greatest view of off shore wind turbines if they are built as currently envisioned.	Added reference to both lighthouses, and referred reader to Chapter 3, Cultural and Historic Resources, where lighthouses will be discussed in greater depth.	CROSS REFERENCE CHAPTER 3: CULTURAL AND HISTORIC RESOURCES.
98	11/18/2009	Kim Gaffett	Town of New Shoreham	640	Regularly visited beaches on Block Island include the entire 18 mile shoreline perimeter, not just the Fred Benson Beach. Since none of Block Island's beaches are owned/operated/staffed by the DEM it would follow that the figures listed in this section do not include Block Island visitors and residents.	Table 8 was updated with beaches listed by RIDEM, in the RI Sea Grant "Public Access Guide to RI," and data provided by the town of New Shoreham. Added approximate beach visitation data for New Shoreham beaches that was provided by the town of New Shoreham.	
99	11/18/2009	Kim Gaffett	Town of New Shoreham	640	Block Island is also a favorite destination for surfers, especially when big surf is predicted from off shore storms. I suggest contacting Surfrider Foundation for specific and/or antidotal information (Dave Prescott – Dave@risurfrider.org)	Added reference to Block Island and other areas with popular surf spots.	
100	11/18/2009	Kim Gaffett	Town of New Shoreham	640	One could argue that Block Island is "in" the SAMP area, not simply adjacent to it. Block Island alone has at least 6 marinas, depending on how they are defined. I suggest contacting the Harbor Master, Chris Willi, for information (401-466-3204)	Edited/updated original RIGIS shapefile and database to reflect current marinas on Block Island and in other coastal communities. Added language in 600.3 to clarify focus on offshore, not upland, areas.	
101	11/18/2009	Kim Gaffett	Town of New Shoreham	650	A general comment regarding these sections is that if sport and charter fishing activities are not discussed in the Fisheries chapter than they should be addressed here as they are shore-based and off-shore activities that occur in the Ocean SAMP study area.	Recreational and for-hire fishing will be discussed in detail in the fisheries chapter, which is forthcoming.	CROSS REFERENCE CHAPTER 6: FISHERIES.
102	11/18/2009	Kim Gaffett	Town of New Shoreham	650	The non-market value of recreation and tourism is one of the most important considerations for the Ocean SAMP and yet it is unclear how to consider or weigh these. Clearly the items 6 – 13 in Table 17 are negatively impacted when shipping leads to oil spills, not so clear is which – if any – of these uses may be negatively affected by the addition of off shore wind turbines.	Added clarifying language highlighting challenges of quantifying/evaluating non-market value, despite its importance.	
103	11/18/2009	Kim Gaffett	Town of New Shoreham	650.4	Although the word "coastal" is easily construed to include islands, its use in this paragraph feels exclusive of Block Island.	Added "and island".	
107	1/4/2010	Jessica Willi	Block Island Tourism Council	600	I just wanted to touch base with you on the Ocean SAMP chapter on Tourism and Recreation. The Block Island Tourism Council was asked to take a close look at it by our First Warden, Stakeholder Kim Gaffett. I am under the impression that Ms. Gaffett has met with you or your colleagues to discuss her comments on the chapter. I wanted to communicate that the Tourism Council was overall satisfied with the comments and suggestions made by Ms. Gaffett. We second her comments.	No response needed.	
108	1/4/2010	Jessica Willi	Block Island Tourism Council	600	In addition, we would like to underline the importance of the 2 lighthouses here on Block Island, and be sure that when they are mentioned, it is noted that The Southeast Lighthouse is on the National Register of Historic Buildings.	Added reference to two lighthouses and identified BI's status as a National Historic Landmark. Referred reader to Chapter 3: Cultural and Historic Resources where lighthouses will be discussed in greater detail.	CROSS REFERENCE CHAPTER 3: CULTURAL AND HISTORIC RESOURCES.
109	1/4/2010	Jessica Willi	Block Island Tourism Council	650	Finally, it is important to note that the majority of financial information pertaining to tourism in the chapter comes from the Global Insights Study. This is the same information that we (the Block Island Tourism Council) have on hand, and it seems to be applied correctly in the chapter. It is worth noting, however, that the numbers that come out of Block Island are basically from a 10 week period. That is, Block Island is a much more seasonal destination than Newport or Providence. It is important to note this because when you put the numbers side by side it doesn't look like Block Island is majorly impacted financially by tourism, when in reality, tourism is arguably the financial engine that drives our town.	Added language, 650.1.5, to clarify the length of season represented by the Block Island tourism data.	

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110	1/4/2010	Captain Rick Bellavance	R.I.P.C.B.A.	620	Changing the name of the Wreck listed as Troy-Don to Troy-Dawn	Dr. Rod Mather, who is conducting historical research on shipwrecks for the SAMP area that will be included in Chapter 3: Historic and Cultural Resources, has indicated that the proper spelling of this wreck is Troydon.	
111	1/4/2010	Captain Rick Bellavance	R.I.P.C.B.A.	620	Extending the area listed as Shark cage diving south to the limits of the SAMP Area.	Revised map.	
112	1/4/2010	Captain Rick Bellavance	R.I.P.C.B.A.	620	Listing the area know as Coxes Ledge as a potential wreck diving area. Recently, I have learned of a few possible wrecks located in this area, and while I have not confirmed these, I have intentions to do so during the 2010 season	Amended map to reflect area of potential future dive sites; added line of text explaining this area.	
113	1/4/2010	Ames Colt	RI, Bays, Rivers and Watersheds Coordination Team	600	Phrases, "it is important to note" and "it is worth noting" used heavily. The reference list citation of the RI Economic Monitoring Collaborative FY08 Report should also include its on-line source: http://www.coordinationteam.ri.gov/econcollab.htm . The chapter does a great job reviewing and summarizing historical datasets and analysis regarding marine recreation activities in Rhode Island. It could do more to explore or sketch out the relations between valued marine recreational activities and the SAMP area.	Reference correction made.	
114	1/4/2010	Ames Colt	RI, Bays, Rivers and Watersheds Coordination Team	600	Perhaps the list here of major marine and coastal rec activities should include kayaking and wildlife observing.	Wildlife observing added. Kayaking not added as it is a less common activity within the SAMP area (see discussion w/in text).	
115	1/4/2010	Ames Colt	RI, Bays, Rivers and Watersheds Coordination Team	600	There were certainly more causes of Newport's prominence as a resort community other than just its adjacency to "SAMP area waters".	Rephrased to qualify language.	
116	1/4/2010	Ames Colt	RI, Bays, Rivers and Watersheds Coordination Team	610	The 1983 America's Cup defender Liberty lost to the challenger Australia II from AUSTRALIA, not New Zealand.	Correction made.	
117	1/4/2010	Ames Colt	RI, Bays, Rivers and Watersheds Coordination Team	640	double reference. Also, isn't data on beach visitor-ship for years after 2001 available? Of greater value would be charting recent multi-year trends in beach visitor-ship from out of and in-state.	Reference correction made. In this chapter, the best available published data for beach visitation (and other activities) was used.	
118	1/4/2010	Ames Colt	RI, Bays, Rivers and Watersheds Coordination Team	640	With regard to the possibility that the summary of coastal recreational areas based upon RIGIS may "overstate the number of adjacent facilities", I recommend that the analytical work be done prior to re-issuance of this chapter draft to eliminate this possible overstatement..	Inaccuracies in the relevant RIGIS datasets do not allow for an exact count of facilities. Count of facilities replaced with calculation of approximate acreage.	
119	1/4/2010	Ames Colt	RI, Bays, Rivers and Watersheds Coordination Team	640	The cited survey of beach users (and others) by the BRWCT Economic Monitoring Collaborative was conducted in the summer of 2007, not 2008.	Correction made.	
208	1/11/2010	Ames Colt	RI, Bays, Rivers and Watersheds Coordination Team	660	This section, and similar sections in forthcoming chapters, is the heart of the OSAMP. The review of existing key information on a particular issue, or summaries of ongoing research being funded by the SAMP, are important and, in this chapter, well-done. They will serve as useful compendiums of information. The recommended policies contained in the OSAMP should be based upon these information reviews, identifying the now apparent knowledge gaps and how they could be filled, and specifying appropriately management policies and strategic priorities as a integrated, ecosystem-based management plan.	We share the same goals with regard to Ocean SAMP chapters and policies.	Cross reference Existing Policies chapter

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209	1/11/2010	Ames Colt	RI, Bays, Rivers and Watersheds Coordination Team	660	My initial reaction to this initial draft of Section 660 is that it makes broad recommendations for CRMC policy and permit review without sufficient specifics. For example, Para. 1 states that "The Council's goal is to promote uses of the Ocean SAMP area that do not significantly interfere with marine recreation and tourism activities or values." Great! Who would possibly object to that goal? But, in addition to this broad statement, this section should include some explanation of what "significant interference" is, or at least an initial cut at the criteria that would be utilized by the Council to determine what "significant interference" means when a potential conflict arises. For example, a 2004 report from the Royal Yachting Assoc. is cited in the section from Ch. 7 that was distributed along with Ch. 6 that provides detailed recommendations on how to reduce and minimize conflicts between recreational boating and utility-scale windfarms. Why shouldn't Section 660 incorporate some of those specific recommendations, modified as necessary to apply to our own marine waters and recreational boaters? Such questions are fundamental to the scope and design of the forthcoming OSAMP; how specific should it be with regard to management policies that will promote systems-based management of the environmental and economic values of RI's ocean waters, and adjacent federal waters? Please see my comments on the Oct 09 draft of Chap. 1 with regard to this issue.	Policies are drafted to be consistent with the existing policies of the CRMC as outlined in the RI Coastal Resources Management Program ("Red Book"). "Significantly interfere" is language that is used in existing CRMP policies. More specific criteria will be incorporated into Ocean SAMP policies as appropriate. With regard to wind farms, the renewable energy chapter will contain specific renewable energy-related policies and standards.	Cross reference Existing Policies Chapter and Renewable Energy Chapter
212	1/11/2010	Ames Colt	RI Bays, Rivers and Watersheds Coordination Team	650	Cite the "relevant research" even if it is "decades old"	Revised text and inserted citations	