

Public Review Process for the Ocean Special Area Management Plan for Rulemaking

Unanimously Approved by the Ocean SAMP
Subcommittee October 15, 2009

STEP ONE: CRMC/URI Ocean SAMP management team agrees that draft chapter is ready to begin public review process.

STEP TWO: Technical advisory committee reviews chapters and comments are integrated into draft.

STEP THREE: Chapter reviewed at Ocean SAMP stakeholder meeting and posted to website for public comment. Comments are appropriately integrated into chapter.

STEP FOUR: Draft chapter submitted to Ocean SAMP subcommittee for chapter review, to gather public comment, and to gain approval to advance chapter to full CRMC Council.

STEP FIVE: Full CRMC Council votes to commence rulemaking on draft chapter(s) or entire Ocean SAMP document when complete.

STEP SIX: 30-day public comment period begins and CRMC holds public workshop on chapter(s) or entire SAMP document when complete before public comment period ends.

STEP SEVEN: CRMC and Ocean SAMP team reviews all public comments and the Ocean SAMP project team provides responses and comments.

STEP EIGHT: CRMC Full Council holds public hearing to approve chapter(s) but does not file approved chapter(s) with Secretary of State. When entire Ocean SAMP document is complete CRMC holds public hearing to approve document as a whole.

STEP NINE: When CRMC Full Council approves Ocean SAMP document as a whole, CRMC files entire SAMP with Rhode Island Secretary of State and NOAA for formal incorporation into the Rhode Island Coastal Program.