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Rhode Island Ocean Special Area Management Plan

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**The Rhode Island Ocean SAMP:**  
**Creating Use Zones through Research and Public Input**

The Rhode Island Ocean SAMP, or Ocean Special Area Management Plan, is working to define use zones for Rhode Island's ocean waters through a research and planning process that integrates the best available science with open public input and involvement.

Leading this project is the **R.I. Coastal Resources Management Council (CRMC)**, the state's coastal management agency.

**Research projects** undertaken by URI scientists will provide the essential scientific basis for Ocean SAMP policy development. **Learn more about field activities currently underway.**

**Recent News**

- ◆ November 4th Ocean SAMP stakeholder meeting **MORE...**
- ◆ Draft SAMP Tourism and Recreation chapter available for public comment **MORE...**
- ◆ View the goals and principles of the Ocean SAMP **MORE...**
- ◆ Buoy-based Oceanographic and Meteorological Observations underway **MORE...**
- ◆ Draft SAMP Introduction Chapter available **MORE...**
- ◆ Ocean SAMP Annual Report available on-line **MORE...**

**MANAGEMENT PLAN DOWNLOADS**

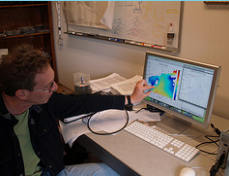

- ◆ Tourism & Recreation Chpt.
- ◆ Introduction Chpt.
- ◆ SAMP Chpt. Timeline
- ◆ SAMP Doc. Goals & Principles



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## The Ocean SAMP Introduction Chapter: An Overview

**Grover Fugate, RI Coastal Resources Management Council**  
**Jennifer McCann, URI Coastal Resources Center/RI Sea Grant**  
**November 4, 2009**

## Origins of the Ocean SAMP

1. Marine Resources Development Plan Adopted (2005).
2. Multi-state SAMP proposed by CRMC (2006).
3. Respond to Governor Carcieri's 15% renewable energy mandate (2007).



## CRMC State and Federal Responsibilities

CZMA, 1972:

- Protect coastal natural resources.
- Manage development
- Protect existing uses



**Develop management plans that give full consideration to ecological, cultural, historic, and aesthetic values, as well as needs for compatible economic development.**

## CRMC Federal Energy Requirements

- 1) Identify energy facilities that are likely to locate in or may affect the coastal region;
- 2) Develop a procedure for assessing the suitability of sites for such facilities;
- 3) Develop polices and techniques for managing energy facilities and their impacts;
- 4) Develop cooperative and coordinating arrangements between the CRMC and other agencies involved in energy facility planning and siting;
- 5) Identify legal techniques to be used in management energy facility siting and related impacts (Fed. Register, Volume 42, No.83).



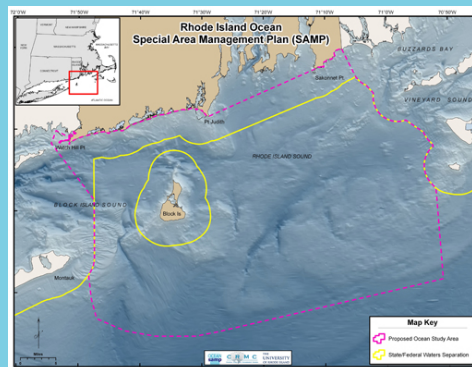
## Regulatory Framework

### In State waters:

- CRMC has jurisdiction for development projects.
- ACOE Federal Partners

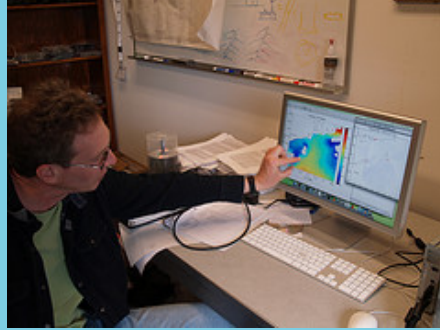
### In Federal Waters:

- MMS for Wind Energy
- Task Force



## The Purpose of SAMP's ..... including the Ocean SAMP

1. Serve as a coastal management and regulatory tool, based on the best available science.
2. Promote a balanced and comprehensive approach to the development and protection of RI's ocean-based resources.



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## The Purpose of SAMP's ..... including the Ocean SAMP

3. Facilitate coordination mechanisms between state and federal agencies and the people of Rhode Island.
4. Contribute to the mitigation and adaptation of global climate change.



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## Principles (how we behave)

1. Develop in a transparent manner
2. Involve all stakeholders
3. Honor existing activities
4. Base decisions on best available science
5. Establish monitoring framework that supports adaptive management



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## Goals (desired long-term outcome)

1. Foster an ecologically and economically beneficial ecosystem.
2. Promote and enhance existing uses.
3. Encourage marine-based economic development that answers the needs of the people of Rhode Island.
4. Build a framework for decision making.



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# Introduction

## The Public Review Process

Date	Action	Step
10/15	Management Team approves draft chapter (DC) for public comment	1
10/21	DC on line for public comment/review	3
10/31	Public comment period ends	3
11/04	DC presented at stakeholder meeting	3
11/12	DC submitted to OS Subcommittee/on line	4
11/19	Public comments/responses presented at Subcommittee meeting	4
5/10	Management Team approves DC for state/fed review	1

\* Contingent upon council scheduled meetings and direction



### Introduction (2)

Date	Action	Step
*	State/fed agencies submit comments to Ocean SAMP team	2
*	DC on line for public comment/review	3
*	DC presented at stakeholder meeting	3
*	Public comment period ends	3
*	DC submitted to OS Subcommittee	4
*	Public comments/responses presented at Subcommittee meeting	4
*	Subcommittee approves DC to advance to full council	4

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Introduction (3)

Date	Action	Step
*	Full Council votes to commence rulemaking	5
*	30-day comment period begins	6
*	Public workshop held	6
*	Public comment period closes	6
*	Public comments/responses reviewed by CRMC and Ocean SAMP team	7
*	Public hearing for DC	8
*	DC approved by Full Council	8
*	Public hearing on complete document	8
*	Document approved by full council	9
*	Document submitted to Secretary of State and NOAA	9

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## View all the documents:

<http://seagrant.gso.uri.edu/oceansamp/index.html>

