

**NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**  
**Coastal Management Office**  
**Notice of Routine Program Change for Coastal Management Program**

Take notice that the Department of Environmental Protection (Department), pursuant to Federal Regulation 15 C.F.R. 923.80-923.84 is proposing to amend New Jersey's Federally approved Coastal Management Program to incorporate regulatory amendments to the Coastal Zone Management rules, N.J.A.C. 7:7E, specifically N.J.A.C. 7:7E-1.1, 1.5, 1.6, 1.8, 3.4 and 3.21 that were proposed on March 5, 2007 and adopted April 7, 2008. The adopted amendments reorganize and refine the purpose and scope of the Coastal Zone Management rules; update the goals of the Coastal Zone Management rules and New Jersey's Coastal Management Program; refine the definition of, and incorporate new digital mapping of prime fishing areas; and add the Shawcrest/Hildreth Island to the list of bay islands exempted from the bay island rule.

The Department considers the above regulatory amendments to constitute a "Routine Program Change" of the New Jersey Coastal Management Program. Under 15 C.F.R. 923.84(a), changes to an approved coastal management program constitute Routine Program Change when they do not result in the kind of amendments of the state's Coastal Management Program that can be described as "substantial changes to enforceable policies or authorities related to: (1) uses subject to management; (2) special management areas; (3) boundaries; (4) authorities and organization; and, (5) coordination, public involvement and national interest."

Federal regulations mandate that the State provide public notice of its Routine Program Change of the State's Coastal Management Program to the general public, affected parties, local and State agencies and regulatory offices, and relevant Federal agencies.

The Department has submitted a request for the concurrence of the Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) with the Department's determination that incorporating the above listed rulemaking actions into New Jersey's Federally approved Coastal Management Program constitutes a Routine Program Change. This notice is required to accompany that submission pursuant 15 CFR 923.84. Comments on whether or not these actions should be considered Routine Program Change should be sent to the address below by April 6, 2009 to:

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Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management  
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For full text of the Department's submission write or call:

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For further information about the above described rulemaking actions, write or call:

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