

**RHODE ISLAND GOVERNMENT REGISTER**  
**PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING**  
**COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

**Title of Rule:** Red Book (650-RICR-20-00-1)

**Rule Identifier:** 650-RICR-20-00-1

**Rulemaking Action:** Proposed Amendment

**Important Dates:**

Date of Public Notice: August 15, 2024

Hearing Date: August 27, 2024

End of Public Comment: September 15, 2024

**Rulemaking Authority:**

R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 46-23 et seq.

**Summary of Rulemaking Action:**

The CRMC proposes to amend its Red Book at § 1.1.13 to include the administrative penalty matrix guidance for violations of the Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Program within the state of the Rhode Island.

**Additional Information and Public Comments:**

All interested parties are invited to request additional information or submit written or oral comments concerning the proposed amendment until September 15, 2024 by contacting the appropriate party at the address listed below:

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**Public Hearing:**

A public hearing, in accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-2.5, to consider the proposed amendment shall be held at which time and place all persons interested therein will be heard. This hearing is subject to R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 42-46, Open Meetings.

**Public Hearing Information:**

Date: August 27, 2024

Time: 6:00 P.M.

Location: Department of Administration  
Conference Room A  
One Capitol Hill  
Providence, RI, 02908

The place of the public hearing is accessible to individuals with disabilities. If communication assistance (readers/interpreters/captioners) is needed, or any other accommodation to ensure equal participation, please call 401-783-3370 or RI Relay 711 at least three (3) business days prior to the meeting so arrangements can be made to provide such assistance at no cost to the person requesting. For questions regarding available parking, please contact the agency staffperson listed above.

**Regulatory Analysis Summary and Supporting Documentation:**

R.I. Gen. Laws § 46-23-7.1 enables the Coastal Resource Management Council to administer and enforce administrative penalties. Also pursuant to the Red Book (650-RICR-20-00-1) CRMC Staff developed an Administrative Penalty matrix. The regulation change would allow the Executive Director or designee to consider the most recent revision of the Administrative Penalty Matrix form when hearing cases that may result in administrative fines. Reference to the Administrative Penalty Matrix is also proposed in 650-RICR-10-00-1.4.15: Administrative Penalty Matrix of the CRMC Management Procedures.

The intent of the matrix is to show the nexus between the CRMC's enabling legislation on assessing penalties and the rationale and backup in determining actual fines. The matrix will allow further application of set standards that will increase the transparency and fairness in hearing these matters.

For full regulatory analysis or supporting documentation contact the agency staffperson listed above.