



The State of New Hampshire
Department of Environmental Services



Robert R. Scott, Commissioner

December 13, 2018

Joelle Gore
Office for Coastal Management
NOAA – National Ocean Service
1305 East-West Highway
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Dear Ms. Gore:

The New Hampshire Coastal Program (NHCP) respectfully submits this Routine Program Change (RPC) request to NOAA's Office for Coastal Management (OCM) for approval under Section 306 of the Coastal Zone Management Act.

The RPC involves modification of the NHCP's list of federal assistance programs subject to federal consistency review, pursuant to 15. C.F.R. Part 930, Subpart F (Consistency for Federal Assistance to State and Local Governments). Specifically, it pertains to the Federal Department of Transportation's Highway Planning and Construction (HPC) Program, which authorizes numerous activities, many of which the NHCP has determined do not have reasonably foreseeable effects on any coastal use or resource. As a result, the NHCP is proposing to modify its list of federal assistance programs subject to federal consistency review by specifically identifying only those activities authorized under the HPC Program that are likely to have reasonably foreseeable coastal effects, as deemed by the NHCP. Additional information is enclosed including documentation that supports the NHCP's finding that this program change is routine and not substantial, and, therefore, does not constitute a program amendment. The NHCP hereby requests OCM's concurrence with this determination.

Chris Williams, the NHCP's Program Coordinator, is the point of contact for this RPC. He has coordinated with OCM staff during its development, including submitting a draft version of the RPC for review. To facilitate OCM's review, an electronic copy of the RPC has been sent to Rebecca Newhall of your staff.

The NHCP appreciates the opportunity to submit this RPC. Should you have any questions, please contact Chris Williams at (603) 559-0025 or at Christian.Williams@des.nh.gov.

Sincerely,



Steve Couture
Administrator

New Hampshire Coastal Program

Enclosures

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