



The State of New Hampshire  
**Department of Environmental Services**



**Robert R. Scott, Commissioner**

August 5, 2019

Joelle Gore, Chief  
Stewardship Division  
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 request includes changes to the NHCP's list of federally licensed or permitted activities subject to federal consistency review, pursuant to 15. C.F.R. Part 930, Subpart D (Consistency for Activities Requiring a Federal License or Permit). Specifically, it pertains to activities that require authorization by the Department of Interior's Bureau of Ocean Energy Management and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. The RPC request also includes revisions to a number of the NHCP's enforceable policies to incorporate "uses" of New Hampshire's coastal and estuarine resources.

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](mailto:Christian.Williams@des.nh.gov).

Sincerely,

Steve Couture  
Administrator  
New Hampshire Coastal Program

Enclosures

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