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FEB 25 2019

Dear Mr. Couture,

Thank you for the December 3, 2018 request for approval of changes to the New Hampshire Coastal Program (NHCP) (received December 19, 2018). You requested that the changes be approved as routine program changes (RPCs), pursuant to Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) regulations at 15 C.F.R. part 923, subpart H, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA's) Office for Coastal Management's Program Change Guidance (*July 1996*).

Based on our review of the submission, we concur that the changes are RPCs and we approve the incorporation of the changes as part of the federally approved NHCP. Public notice of this approval is required pursuant to 15 C.F.R. § 923.84(b)(4) and the Addendum to the July 1996 Program Change Guidance (November 2013). Please include in the public notice of approval the list of changes provided in this letter, and send a copy of the notice to the Office for Coastal Management for our records.

CHANGES APPROVED

The approved changes are to the list of federal financial assistance activities subject to CZMA review. The changes pertain to federal financial assistance provided by the U.S. Department of Transportation for Highway Planning and Construction (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance 20.205).

The NHCP's list of federal financial activities subject to CZMA review now specifies that activities funded, wholly or in part, by the Federal Department of Transportation's Highway Planning and Construction Program (CFDA 20.205), commonly referred to as the Federal-Aid Highway Program, are excluded from CZMA federal consistency review by the NHCP except for the following:

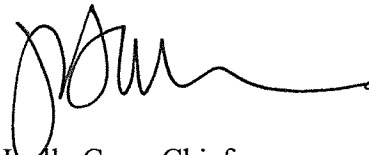
- Highway construction or reconstruction
- Bridge construction, reconstruction, replacement or rehabilitation
- Construction of truck weigh stations or rest areas
- Construction of bus storage or maintenance facilities
- Work that alters the hydrology of freshwater perennial streams, tidal waters or tidal wetlands
- Work in tidal waters or tidal wetlands to mitigate the impacts of an existing transportation facility

PUBLIC AND FEDERAL AGENCY COMMENTS

No comments were received on this approval request.

Thank you for your cooperation in this review. Please contact Becca Newhall at 978-281-9237, if you have any questions. For future correspondence regarding these program changes, please refer to the file number assigned to this action, NH-2018-1.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joelle Gore', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Joelle Gore, Chief
Stewardship Division