

**LAND & WATER RESOURCES DIVISION
Notice of Proposed Program Change Review
State of Connecticut**

**Connecticut Coastal Management Program: Submission of Program Change Request to National
Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

The Connecticut Coastal Management Program (CCMP), housed in Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's (DEEP) Land and Water Resources Division (LWRD), was approved by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) in September 1980, pursuant to Section 306 of the Federal Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-583). The CCMP, as approved, includes enforceable policies involving the management and protection of the Long Island Sound that are contained in several State statutes and administrative policies.


Federal Regulations (15 CFR Part 923, Subpart H) require that changes to the enforceable policies of an approved State Coastal Management Program be submitted to NOAA's Office for Coastal Management for review and approval. DEEP has submitted the following proposed program change to NOAA:

- The 2021 [Long Island Sound Blue Plan](#) for incorporation into the State's federally approved coastal zone management program. The Blue Plan is a marine spatial plan for the Connecticut waters of Long Island Sound and is based on the Long Island Sound Resource and Use Inventory, completed in 2019. The Inventory and Blue Plan were authorized by [Connecticut General Statutes \(CGS\) § 25-157t](#), which required DEEP, in conjunction with the Blue Plan Advisory Committee, initiate a process of stakeholder engagement to develop a marine spatial plan for Long Island Sound. The Plan contains descriptive information, goals, objectives, and policies, and standards that relate to a Policy Area within the Connecticut waters of Long Island Sound and to Ecologically Significant Areas (ESAs) and Significant Human Use Areas (SHUAs) within the Blue Plan Policy Area. Appendix 1 of the Blue Plan compiles those enforceable policies intended to be applied for federal consistency under the Coastal Zone Management Act.

DEEP's CCMP change request is available for viewing on NOAA's Program Change web portal at: <https://coast.noaa.gov/czmprogramchange/#/public/home>. Comments on the incorporation of the proposed change into the CCMP should be submitted directly to the NOAA Office for Coastal Management through the NOAA Program Change web portal. Comments may also be submitted by hardcopy to: Joelle Gore at N/OCM6, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 21910. NOAA will accept comments for 21 days following the date of publication of this notice. Information regarding proposed action is available for inspection at the Land & Water Resources Division, DEEP, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday or by email to Karen Michaels at Karen.Michaels@ct.gov.

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Approved by: 
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