Proposed RPP Amendments: Marine and Coastal Resources

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RPP Amendments

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RPP Amendments:
Proposed Regulations

- Address development potential:
  - Sand Mining for beach nourishment
  - Cable and pipeline installations
- No DRI threshold – MEPA projects only
- Regulations to inform DRI review
  - New Marine Resources
  - Changes to Coastal Resources
Marine Resources: Planning Section

- Marine Resources Goal MR1
- Overview of Biological resources, potential new activities
- Recommended County and Town Actions
  - Support regional/local sediment management plans
  - Development/adoptions of local bylaws to manage marine development
Marine Resources: Regulatory Section

- **Marine Resources Goal MR1** -
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- Minimum Performance standards
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Performance standards for Sand Mining, Cables, Pipelines address:

- Buffers to existing uses
- Compatibility with existing uses
- Protection of wildlife habitats: whales, turtles, sea ducks, fish, shellfish, benthic habitats
- Cultural resource protections
- Consideration of cumulative impacts
- Assessment and mitigation of physical impacts
- Coordinated conduit crossings
- Demonstration of significant benefit to community or ecosystem
- Sand used on Barnstable Cty beaches
Coastal Resources: Planning Section

- Addition of coastal erosion and beach nourishment discussion
- New CCC action CR2-C2 ‘support for sediment management planning’
Coastal Resources: Regulatory Section

- Apply to projects received through MEPA
- 2 new MPS —
  - Beach nourishment — Site conditions
  - Beach nourishment — Site monitoring
RPP Amendments: Next Steps

Requested Action

- Favorable recommendation on proposed amendments to the RPP