Natural Resources
Governor’s FY 2013 and FY 2014 Budget

Staff Presentation to the House Finance Committee
March 12, 2013
Coastal Resources Management Council

FY 2013 Revised
FY 2014
FY 2014 – FY 2018 Capital
Coastal Resources Management Council

- State agency responsible for:
  - Preservation, protection, development and restoration of the coastal areas of the state
  - Issuing permits for work within the coastal zone of the state
  - Lead state agency for dredging
  - Aquaculture
Coastal Resources Management Council

- Administered by a council of 16 members
- Staff consists of:
  - Professional engineers
  - Biologists
  - Environmental scientists
  - Marine resources specialists
Coastal Resources Management Council

- Coordinating and oversight role for other state agencies
- Sponsors coastal zone research
  - Coastal flooding, hazard mitigation, and special area management planning
- Public rights of way
### Summary by Source

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<td>General Revenues</td>
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<td>Other Funds</td>
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<td>Salaries &amp; Benefits</td>
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<td>Contracted Services</td>
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<td>689,637</td>
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<td>Operations</td>
<td>99,455</td>
<td>402,182</td>
<td>166,823</td>
<td>67,368</td>
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<td>Grants</td>
<td>200</td>
<td>149,375</td>
<td>753,945</td>
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<td>Capital</td>
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<td>767,100</td>
<td>257,100</td>
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## Salaries and Benefits

### Full-Time Equivalent Positions

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<td>Enacted Authorized</td>
<td>29.0</td>
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<td>FY 2014 Request</td>
<td>29.0</td>
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<td>FY 2014 Governor</td>
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<td>FY 2012 Average Filled</td>
<td>29.3</td>
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<td>Filled as of February 23</td>
<td>28.0</td>
<td>(1.0)</td>
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Current Services & Constrained Requests

- Agencies were given current services budget levels to adhere to in their FY 2014 request.
- Also instructed to submit a budget that offers a 7 percent reduction:
  - $0.2 million reduction to current services
  - CRMC’s constrained request included 2.0 position eliminations for savings of $157,490
  - Governor does not include the position reductions.
Federal Sequestration

• Potential reductions to programs funded by NOAA could take effect in FY 2014
  ◆ Possibility of five to ten percent reduction
    • Reduction in the range of $67,350 - $134,700
Budget Issues

- Personnel
- Legal Services
- Federal Grants
- Capital Projects
- Other Operations
$3.4 million for FY 2013 Revised and FY 2014

29.0 FTEs consistent with enacted authorization

28.0 positions filled as of February 23
  • Principal Civil Engineer recently retired
Personnel

- **FY 2013 Revised**
  - $40,952 more than enacted
  - Assumes full funding for the 29.0 positions
  - $14,867 less than requested to reflect medical benefit savings

- **FY 2014**
  - $91,824 more than enacted
  - $73,399 less than unconstrained request
    - $44,707 in additional turnover savings
    - $28,692 from statewide benefit savings
Legal Services

- $156,000 for FY 2013 Revised and FY 2014
  - $126,000 as enacted from general revenues
  - An additional $30,000 from federal funds
- NOAA finding: lack of staff attorney has led to underrepresentation of staff recommendations during public hearings
  - Staff attorney proposed in FY 2013 budget process, but Assembly did not concur
Legal Services

- NOAA Directive
  - Address potential conflict of interest of outside legal counsel also serving as hearing officer
    - CRMC indicates a Council Member who is an attorney began serving as the hearing officer in July 2012
    - This change avoids potential financial sanctions from the federal agency
New Federal Grants

- Three new federal grants
- Federal funding agency is NOAA
- Funding used primarily for contracted services and personnel costs
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<tr>
<td>Coastal Ecosystems Adaptation to Sea Level Rise</td>
<td>$65,992</td>
<td>$56,790</td>
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<td>Marine Habitat Characterization in the Northeast</td>
<td>25,610</td>
<td>26,862</td>
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<td>Northeast Regional Ocean Council Support Project</td>
<td>97,500</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$189,102</strong></td>
<td><strong>$83,652</strong></td>
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Governor also recommends funding as requested for three other federal grants:
- Narragansett Bay Restoration
- Aquatic Invasive Species
- River Ecosystem Restoration

Funding reflects the anticipated awards and expenditures
## Other Federal Grants

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<td>Narragansett Bay Restoration</td>
<td>$250,000</td>
<td>$308,573</td>
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<td>Aquatic Invasive Species</td>
<td>54,523</td>
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<td>River Ecosystem Restoration</td>
<td>150,000</td>
<td>757,914</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$454,523</strong></td>
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<td>Providence River Dredging</td>
<td>New</td>
<td>$0.2 million</td>
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<td>Ongoing</td>
<td>$3.5 million</td>
<td>Federal</td>
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<td>Coastal &amp; Estuary Trust Fund</td>
<td>Ongoing</td>
<td>$4.0 million</td>
<td>Restricted Receipts</td>
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<td>Secure Facility Area</td>
<td>Ongoing</td>
<td>$50,000</td>
<td>RICAP</td>
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Capital Projects

- Providence River Dredging Project
  - $0.2 million in FY 2013 for state share of maintenance costs related to project
    - State is responsible for 10 percent of construction cost for maintenance
    - Reflects project agreement with Army Corps of Engineers
Capital Projects

- South Coast Restoration Project
  - Last year’s budget combined two previously separate projects
  - Sediment removal and habitat restoration at Winnapaug and Quonochontaug ponds
  - Maintain breachways
  - Does not include $6.0 million in dredging maintenance work requested by CRMC
Capital Projects

- Ninigret Pond Rock Removal
  - Funding for FY 2014 in CRMC request and approved plan - $0.9 million
  - Governor instead includes the funding in RIEMA Budget for Hurricane Sandy damage repairs
    - Need has extended beyond rock removal since the storm
$10,000 from gen. rev. for ATV purchased in FY 2013

- Allows CRMC to access beaches to assess damage from Hurricane Sandy
- Damage has made some beaches inaccessible with the current vehicles
- FEMA denied reimbursement as a Hurricane Sandy cost
Other Operations

- CRMC requested new purchases for its dredge boat, including a side scan sonar system
  - Council requested $70,000 for FY 2013 and $10,000 for FY 2014, but Governor does not recommend this funding
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