



**EBC Rhode Island Chapter Program  
Updates from Rhode Island's Environmental and Energy Leadership**

Thursday, February 2, 2017

Adler Pollock & Sheehan, P.C.  
One Citizens Plaza  
Providence, Rhode Island

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**AGENDA**

8:00 a.m. **Welcome – Alan Shoer, Vice Chair, EBC Rhode Island Chapter  
Partner, Adler Pollock & Sheehan P. C.**

**Introduction – Dorian Boardman, Program Chair and Moderator  
President, Boardman Ecological Services**

8:15 a.m. **Update from Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management**



**Janet Coit, Director**  
Department of Environmental Management  
State of Rhode Island

8:35 a.m. **Update from Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources**



**Carol Grant, Commissioner**  
Office of Energy Resources  
State of Rhode Island

8:55 a.m. Update from Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council



**Grover Fugate**, Executive Director  
Coastal Resources Management Council  
State of Rhode Island

9:30 a.m. Open Discussion – Moderator – Dorian Boardman

10:30 a.m. Closing Remarks – Alan Shoer

### **PROGRAM CHAIR**

**Dorian Boardman**, President, Owner  
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Ms. Boardman is the President at Boardman Ecological Services. She is self-motivated, distinctly educated and seasoned policy specialist possessing more than 13 years of practical marine affairs, environmental resource management, planning and regulatory experience, coastal management, research and environmental policy. She has extensive experience in research data analysis, resource management, strategic planning and execution in environmental consulting. She is knowledgeable in federal, multiple state, and local environmental regulations. Ms. Boardman is committed to the preservation of natural resources and to help clients navigate through environmental permitting processes on time and under budget. Ms. Boardman holds a Master of Arts in Marine Affairs from the University of Rhode Island. Specialties: marine spatial planning, ocean planning, coastal zone management, wetlands & water quality environmental permits, natural disaster planning.

### **SPEAKERS**

**Janet Coit**, Director  
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Janet Coit is Director of the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM), a position she has held since 2011. Coit serves as chair of the State's Executive Climate Change Coordinating Council and the Rhode Island Seafood Marketing Collaborative. Prior to coming to RIDEM, she worked for ten years at The Nature Conservancy as Director of the Rhode Island Chapter. Before that, Coit served as counsel to the U.S. Senate Committee on the Environment and Public Works. Coit's background also includes working for three New England Senators and stints at the Department of the Interior and the Department of Justice. Coit is dedicated to protecting the quality of the environment and the natural systems critical to the health, safety and well-being of Rhode Islanders as she leads the RIDEM. She serves on the board of the Boy Scouts of America's Narragansett Council. A graduate of Dartmouth College, Coit holds a J.D. from Stanford Law School, where she was president of the Environmental Law Society. She is married with two children.

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Carol J. Grant currently serves as Commissioner of the Office of Energy Resources for the State of Rhode Island. Previously she was Senior Vice President-External Affairs at First Wind/SunEdison with responsibility for external affairs including public affairs, public relations and communications. Ms. Grant served as Chief of Operations for Mayor David Cicilline in the City of Providence from 2003 to 2007, leading ten departments and two strategic initiatives in the areas of neighborhood services and economic growth. She was previously Vice President of Human Resources for Textron. From 1983 to 1997, Ms. Grant held executive positions in law, external affairs, and operations for NYNEX, including leadership of the entire business in Rhode Island. She also served as the founding Chair of the Rhode Island Airport Corporation during the period that the quasi-public organization was created and the new terminal at T.F. Green Airport was built. Ms. Grant has held a wide variety of civic leadership roles, including Chair of the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce and membership on the Governor's Economic Policy Council and the Board of the Rhode Island Foundation. Ms. Grant received her Juris Doctorate from the University of Michigan, School of Law and a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Missouri. Her honors include the Athena Award, and the New England Council's Women in Leadership Award.

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Grover Fugate is Executive Director of the Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council (CRMC). In his role of nearly 31 years, Fugate has been responsible for overseeing the development of all policies and programs for the state's coastal program. He currently is the project manager the Council's new Shoreline Change Special Area Management Plan (SAMP) which is a forward looking plan at how climate change is impacting Rhode Island's shoreline and developing appropriate responses to this threat and protecting the state's coastal infrastructure. The CRMC, in coordination with the University of Rhode Island, is working to improve the resiliency of RI coastal communities in order to protect people, property and vital infrastructure such as drinking water supplies, utilities, and roadways. The Beach SAMP aims to improve the coastal resiliency of cities and towns throughout RI to the threats of erosion and flooding caused by storms events or sea level rise. Using up-to-date research and expertise from a wide range of public and private sectors, the Beach SAMP will help inform state and local policy and planning initiatives.

Due to his leadership with the Ocean SAMP project and other coastal planning efforts, Fugate has earned several significant awards, including the prestigious 2017 Peter Benchley Ocean Award winner for 'Excellence in Solutions', the 2016 Congressional Service Award for the Ocean SAMP, the 2010 Susan Snow-Cotter Award for Excellence in Ocean and Coastal Resource Management from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). He is also the recipient of the 2010 Regional Sea Grant Outstanding Outreach Award, the 2008 Coastal America Award for Habitat Restoration, the 2008 Rhode Island Sea Grant Lifetime Achievement Award.

In addition to his duties as Executive Director, he also serves as the state Co-Lead to the Ocean Planning initiative for the Northeast Regional Ocean Council and is the state Co-Lead for the Regional Planning Body established under President Obama's Executive Order on the National Ocean Policy. Fugate is the author of academic journal articles on coastal and natural resources management issues and is adjunct faculty at the University of Rhode Island. He is also a guest lecturer at Roger Williams University Law School on Coastal and Marine Law.