



**EBC Rhode Island Program
Update from Coastal Resources Management Council Leadership Team**

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

University of Rhode Island – Bay Campus | Narragansett, RI

Co-Hosting Organization

Rhode Island Society of Environmental Professionals



AGENDA

- 8:00 a.m. **Welcome**
- Rick Mandile, Chair, EBC Rhode Island Chapter; Principal, SAGE Environmental
- 8:05 a.m. **Program Introduction and What You Will Learn**
- Igor Runge, Program Chair and Moderator
Senior Consultant, GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc.
- 8:15 a.m. **Update from the RI Coastal Resources Management Council**
- Grover Fugate, Executive Director, CRMC
- 9:15 a.m. **Moderated Discussion**
- Moderator: **Igor Runge**, GZA
- Panel Members:
- **Grover Fugate**, Executive Director, CRMC
 - **Jeffrey Willis**, Deputy Director, CRMC
 - **James Boyd**, Coastal Policy Analyst, CRMC
- 10:30 a.m. **Adjourn – Closing Comments – Rick Mandile**

PROGRAM CHAIR

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Dr. Runge has been with GZA for 14 years and is responsible many environmental engineering and water resources projects; specializing in regulatory permitting, storm water, and water quality. He holds BS and MS degrees in Meteorology (SUNY, University of Oklahoma) and a Ph.D. in Civil and Environmental Engineering from the University of Rhode Island. Prior to GZA, he was in academe, most recently as the Dean of the School of Engineering, Computing, and Construction Management at Roger Williams University.

While at the University of North Carolina, he was a recipient of the Young Investigator Award from the National Academy of Sciences for his work in nonpoint source pollution of surface waters

SPEAKERS

James Boyd, Coastal Policy Analyst
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James Boyd is a Coastal Policy Analyst for the Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council (CRMC) and has been with the agency for 20 years. Jim is responsible for the development and implementation of the CRMC's coastal policies and regulations, and he manages and develops the CRMC's federal consistency decisions. Jim emphasizes a science-based approach to coastal zone management and planning and coordinates with numerous municipal, state agencies, federal partners and other stakeholders. His planning focus is on coastal erosion, sea level rise and storm surge inundation, and adaptation strategies. Jim serves as CRMC staff to the RI Executive Climate Change Coordinating Council (EC4) and is a Governor appointee to the EC4 Science & Technical Advisory Board.

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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.

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Jeff Willis is the Deputy Director for the Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council (CRMC). He has been with the agency since 1988, starting as an intern and beginning his career with Interstate CZM Planning activities and assisting with the development of municipal Harbor Management Plans. He is responsible for the day-to-day management of the agency. Early on Jeff learned the value of working with industry groups such as the Rhode Island Builders Association and the Rhode Island Marine Trades Association to help streamline the agency's regulations such that industry and government can find common ground while successfully achieving their own goals and objectives. Among others he sits on the State Planning Council for the agency.

UPCOMING EBC PROGRAMS

February 15 – New Hampshire Briefing from the NH Department of Environmental Services Leadership

February 26 – Climate Change Program: Designing for an Uncertain Future

February 27 – Ocean and Coastal Resources Program: 3rd Annual Coastal Construction Conference

February 27 – Professional Development: Project Management for the Ascending Professional

March 1 – Climate Adaptation Forum: The 'R' Word – Retreat, Relocation and Climate Resilience

March 5 – Rhode Island & RISEP Program: Legislative Briefing

March 12 – New Hampshire Energy Program: Non Wire Alternatives

March 13 – New Hampshire Ascending Professionals: Data Management Program

March 19 – Connecticut Program: Annual Legislative Briefing

March 22 – Ocean & Coastal Resources Program: The Northeast Ocean Data Portal

March 27 – Evening Program: Annual Review from MassDEP Commissioner Marty Suuberg

March 29 – Solid Waste Management Program: "Talking Trash" Northern New England

April 4 – Rhode Island Program: Briefing from State Agency Leadership

April 9 – Energy Resources Program: States Procurement of Renewables

April 10 – Site Remediation & Redevelopment Briefing from the MassDEP Bureau of Waste Site Cleanup

June 17 – Rhode Island Chapter Program Planning Meeting