WHEREAS, The Coastal Resources Management Council is a management agency with
the regulatory functions “whose primary responsibility is for the preservation, protection,
development and where possible the restoration of the coastal areas of the state, which extends
out to the extent of the state’s jurisdiction in the territorial sea, via the authority given in state law
and through implantation of its integrated and comprehensive coastal management plans”; and
WHEREAS, A reorganization of the CRMC and its operations and management
procedures could provide increased efficiencies, opportunities, and protection of our coastal
resources; now, therefore be it
RESOLVED, That a special legislative commission be and the same is hereby created
consisting of fifteen (15) members; five (5) of whom shall be members of the House of
Representatives, not more than three (3) from the same political party, to be appointed by the
Speaker of the House; one of whom shall be the Executive Director of Save the Bay, or designee;
one of whom shall be the Town Administrator of Jamestown, or designee; one of whom shall be
the Chair of the Warwick Planning Committee, or designee; one of whom shall be the City
Manager of Newport, or designee; one of whom shall be President of R.I. Shell Fisherman’s
Association, or designee; one of whom shall be a member of the R.I. Saltwater Angler’s
Association, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House; one of whom shall be the Dean of the
University of Rhode Island Graduate School of Oceanography, or designee; one of whom shall be
the Executive Director of the Audubon Society of Rhode Island, or designee; and two (2) of
whom shall be a members of the general public, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House.

In lieu of any appointment of the legislature to a permanent advisory commission, a legislative study commission, or any commission created by a General Assembly resolution, the appointing authority may appoint a member of the general public to serve in lieu of a legislator provided that the majority leader or minority leader of the political party which is entitled to the appointment consents to the appointment of the member of the general public.

The purpose of said commission shall be to make a comprehensive study of, and provide recommendations for, the reorganization of the Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council.

Forthwith upon passage of this resolution, the members of the commission shall meet at the call of the Speaker of the House and organize. The Speaker of the House shall select one member to serve as chairperson of the commission.

Vacancies in said commission shall be filled in like manner of the original appointment.

The membership of said commission shall receive no compensation for their services.

All departments and agencies of the state shall furnish information, advice, documentary, and otherwise to said commission and its agents as is deemed necessary or desirable by the commission to facilitate the purposes of this resolution.

The Speaker of the House is authorized and directed to provide suitable quarters for said commission; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly on or before April 1, 2022, and said commission shall expire on May 15, 2022.
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This resolution would create a fifteen (15) member special legislative commission to study the effects and procedures for the reorganization of the Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council (CRMC), and who would report back to the General Assembly no later than April 1, 2022, and whose life would expire on May 15, 2022.

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