



**State of Michigan  
Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy  
Water Resources Division**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Michigan Coastal Management Program  
Submission of Program Change to  
National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration

DECEMBER 30, 2024

The Michigan Coastal Management Program (MCMP), in the Water Resources Division, Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), was approved by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) in 1978, pursuant to Section 306 of the Federal Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) of 1972 (P.L. 92-583). The MCMP, as approved, includes enforceable policies involving the management and protection of the Great Lakes coastal zone in Michigan that are contained in several state statutes and administrative rules. To keep the MCMP current, it is occasionally necessary to update the description of those enforceable policies to reflect legislative amendments, rule revisions, and similar actions.

Federal Regulations (15 CFR Part 923, Subpart H) require that such changes to an approved state coastal management program be submitted to NOAA's Office for Coastal Management for review and approval. NOAA approval of changes to enforceable policies is required so that the policies can be applied in the state's review of federal actions as authorized under the CZMA. Today, December 30, 2024, EGLE is submitting the following proposed MCMP changes to NOAA:

Legislative amendments to Part 31, (Water Resources Protection), of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 Public Act 451, as amended (NREPA); revisions to administrative rules promulgated pursuant to Part 31; legislative amendments to Part 35, (Use of Water in Mining Low-Grade Iron Ore), of NREPA; legislative amendments to Part 91, (Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control), of NREPA; revisions to the administrative rules promulgated pursuant to Part 91; and legislative amendments to Part 339, (Control of Certain State Lands), of NREPA. These changes collectively modify the state law and rules addressing dredge and fill activities in floodplains, wastewater discharges to groundwater, and discharge of ballast water from vessels; the state law addressing the use of water in mining low-grade iron ore in Michigan's Upper Peninsula; the state law and rules addressing control of soil erosion and sedimentation from construction sites and other earth changes; and the state law addressing disposal and management of State-owned lands and bottomlands in the St. Clair River Delta in Lake St. Clair. The changes maintain the general scope and application of the statutes and rules as previously approved by NOAA. The additions, modifications, and deletions made to Part 31 and administrative rules, Part 35, Part 91

and administrative rules, and Part 339 that are approved for incorporation into the MCMP will be applied to reviews of federal agency actions within Michigan's approved coastal management program area pursuant to Section 307 of the CZMA and 15 CFR Part 930.

EGLE's MCMP change request is available for viewing on NOAA's Program Change portal here: <https://coast.noaa.gov/czmprogramchange/#/public/home>

Comments on the incorporation of the proposed change into the MCMP should be submitted directly to the NOAA Office for Coastal Management through the NOAA Program Change web portal. NOAA will accept comments for 21 days following the date of publication of this notice, December 30, 2024.

For additional information on this public notice, contact Ronda Wuycheck, Chief, MCMP, at 517-420-5921 or at [WuycheckR@Michigan.gov](mailto:WuycheckR@Michigan.gov). For information on enforceable policies of the MCMP applied to reviews of federal agency actions within Michigan's Coastal Zone Boundary, contact Matt Smar, Federal Consistency Specialist, at 517-230-7849 or at [SmarM@Michigan.gov](mailto:SmarM@Michigan.gov).

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