

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY****Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Program: Approval Decision on American Samoa Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Program**

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, and the Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to approve the American Samoa Coastal Nonpoint Program.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of the intent to fully approve the American Samoa Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Program (coastal nonpoint program) and of the availability of the draft Approval Decisions on conditions for the American Samoa coastal nonpoint program. Section 6217 of the Coastal Zone Act Reauthorization Amendments (CZARA), 16 U.S.C. section 1455b, requires States and Territories with coastal zone management programs that have received approval under section 306 of the Coastal Zone Management Act to develop and implement coastal nonpoint programs. Coastal States and Territories were required to submit their coastal nonpoint programs to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for approval in July 1995. NOAA and EPA conditionally approved the American Samoa coastal nonpoint program on October 3, 1997. NOAA and EPA have drafted approval decisions describing how American Samoa has satisfied the conditions placed on its program and therefore has a fully approved coastal nonpoint program.

NOAA and EPA are making the draft decisions for American Samoa coastal nonpoint program available for a 30-day public comment period. If comments are received, NOAA and EPA will consider whether such comments are significant enough to affect the decision to fully approve the program.

Copies of the draft Approval Decisions can be found on the NOAA Web site at <http://www.ocrm.nos.noaa.gov/czm/> or may be obtained upon request from: Helen Farr, Coastal Programs Division (N/ORM3), Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOS, NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland

20910, phone (301) 713-3155, x150, e-mail [helen.farr@noaa.gov](mailto:helen.farr@noaa.gov).

**DATES:** Individuals or organizations wishing to submit comments on the draft Approval Decisions should do so by June 9, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be made to: John King, Acting Chief, Coastal Programs Division (N/ORM3), Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOS, NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, phone (301) 713-3155, x188, e-mail [john.king@noaa.gov](mailto:john.king@noaa.gov).

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY****Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Program: Approval Decision on North Carolina Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Program.**

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce and Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to approve the North Carolina Coastal Nonpoint Program.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of the intent to fully approve the North Carolina Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Program (coastal nonpoint program) and of the availability of the draft Approval Decisions on conditions for the North Carolina coastal nonpoint program. Section 6217 of the Coastal Zone Act Reauthorization Amendments (CZARA), 16 U.S.C. section 1455b, requires States and Territories with

coastal zone management programs that have received approval under section 306 of the Coastal Zone Management Act to develop and implement coastal nonpoint program. Coastal States and Territories were required to submit their coastal nonpoint programs to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for approval in July 1995. NOAA and EPA conditionally approved the North Carolina coastal nonpoint program on February 23, 1998. NOAA and EPA have drafted approval decisions describing how North Carolina has satisfied the conditions placed on its program and therefore has a fully approved coastal nonpoint program.

NOAA and EPA are making the draft decisions for the North Carolina coastal nonpoint program available for a 30-day public comment period. If comments are received, NOAA and EPA will consider whether such comments are significant enough to affect the decision to fully approve the program.

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