

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMITTING PUBLIC COMMENTS

on the May 2014 preliminary report to Governor Lincoln D. Chafee
A Resilient Rhode Island: Being Practical About Climate Change

1. Comments can be submitted until 5:00 PM on May 20, 2014 to jan.reitsma@governor.ri.gov. That means they can be submitted as early as now.
2. Please focus on the Draft Action Plan portion of the report.
3. Please note the report does not and will not engage in debate about whether climate change is real, is caused by humans, should be called something else, etc.; comments that seek to ignite such debate will not be considered helpful.
4. Please note that this report and Draft Action Plan are limited in scope and ambition. They are intended to direct and guide action by state agencies over the next several months, not to serve as the definitive document on climate change or resilience in Rhode Island or what the State as a whole can and should be doing. One of the recommendations is to develop a broader Strategic Plan, with broader input, by the end of the year, to aim at that broader purpose.
5. Please note that this report and Draft Action Plan were developed in less than two months and have many blanks that still need to be filled in. The participating agencies continue to work on that, and we welcome your assistance.
6. If at all possible, please follow the format of the Draft Action Plan, i.e. state the recommendation, the goal and/or objective under which it might fit, who would be the entity with primary, or lead, responsibility, and which other entities are able, or must be recruited, to be on the team.

Thank you!