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Portsmouth Town Council
Portsmouth Town Hall
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Dear Honorable Portsmouth Town Council:

I am writing to inform you that the CRMC is granting an interim approval for the *Town of Portsmouth Harbor Management Plan, November, 2019 as adopted by the Portsmouth Town Council November 12, 2019 (HMP)*. CRMC staff has completed a consistency review of the HMP and Gary Crosby, Portsmouth Town Planner, has incorporated all necessary changes such that the HMP is now consistent with CRMC requirements for a full five-year approval.

However, given that the Army Corps of Engineers' (ACOE) is currently developing a new policy for HMP reviews the CRMC is providing a one year interim approval for the HMP to be extended as necessary to accommodate the ACOE.

Please don't hesitate to contact Kevin Cute of my staff should you have any questions on this matter.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey M. Willis, Deputy Director
Coastal Resources Management Council

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