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**ABSTRACT:** The State of New York has submitted its Coastal Program to the Office of Coastal Zone Management for approval. Approval would allow program administrative grants to be awarded to the State, and would require that Federal actions be consistent with the program. This document includes a copy of the program (Volume 1), which is a comprehensive management program for coastal land and water use activities. It consists of numerous policies on diverse management issues which are administered under existing State laws and is the culmination of several years of program development. New York's coastal policies either promote the beneficial use of coastal resources, prevent their impairment, or deal with major activities that substantially affect numerous resources. The program will improve decision-making processes used for determining the appropriateness of actions in the coastal area.

Approval and implementation of the program will enhance governance of the State's coastal land and water areas and uses according to the coastal policies and standards contained in the existing statutes, authorities and rules. Federal alternatives to program approval include delaying or denying approval, if certain requirements of the Coastal Zone Management Act have not been met. The State could modify parts of the program or withdraw their application for Federal approval if either of the above Federal alternatives result from circulation of this document.

**APPLICANT:** State of New York, Secretary of State

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Dear Mr. Matuszeski:

I am pleased to submit New York State's Coastal Management Program and Final Environmental Impact Statement.

As Secretary of State, I have been designated, pursuant to the Waterfront Revitalization and Coastal Resources Act of 1981, and Chapter 464 of the 1975 Laws of New York State, to prepare and implement a coastal management program. This document is the culmination of years of local, state and federal government efforts, as well as those of groups representing civic, environmental, development, and other interests

The public and government officials have had numerous opportunities to shape this program. Public meetings, held in 1978, were followed by public hearings in early 1979 conducted by this agency. Legislative hearings were held in late 1979. There were over 1,000 meetings to assist in the preparation of this document. As a result of the comments received, the State's program uses a networking approach enforced primarily through the existing New York State Environmental Quality Review Act.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 1,500 copies of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the proposed New York State Coastal Management Program were circulated for

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review and comment to Federal, State, regional and local government agencies as well as to numerous private interest groups. In response to the many comments received, numerous changes have been made to the program.

In accordance with the requirements of the Coastal Zone Management Act regulations (Section 923.48), a letter from the Governor will follow after the minimum ten-day review following the notice of availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement. This review period is a requirement of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act regulations (6NYCRR Section 617.9).

Upon completion of the Federal review process, we anticipate New York State will have an approved Coastal Management Program in September, 1982.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Basil A. Paterson". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Basil A. Paterson

Enclosure

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