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Nicholas Seidentop Curriculum Director Office of Undergraduate Curricula

Dear Nick:

The Department of Marine Sciences requests the following revisions to the Marine Sciences minor:

- 1. MASC 058: FYS-Connections to the Sea: Challenges Faced by Using and Living near Coastal Inlets be approved to satisfy the requirement for a course emphasizing the coastal ocean. This course was not included in the list of qualified courses by omission.
- 2. MASC 433: *Wetland Hydrology* be approved to satisfy the requirement for a course emphasizing the coastal ocean. This is a new course that was submitted through CRAS on 10/15/2014, with content appropriate to meeting the coastal ocean requirement.
- 3. MASC 442: Marine Biology be removed from the courses that satisfy the requirement for a course emphasizing the coastal ocean. A new faculty member will be teaching this course next academic year. We have discussed her proposed curriculum and agreed that the content is not appropriate to meeting the coastal ocean requirement.

These changes will not affect current students (MASC 442 has not been offered in the past 7 years).

In summary, here are the requested edits (in red) to the existing UG Bulletin text pertaining to the MASC minor:

• One course emphasizing the coastal ocean: ENEC 222; MASC 55, 58, 220, 223, 411, 430, 432, 433, 440, 448, 471, 472; or an equivalent course with a focus on the coastal ocean and approved by the director of undergraduate studies.

Sincerely,

Harvey Seim

Chair, Department of Marine Sciences

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