

Coastal Marshlands Protection Committee
Shore Protection Committee
Authorizing Resolution

Resolution establishing supplemental procedures to be observed in evaluating permit applications pending before the Coastal Marshlands Protection Committee and Shore Protection Committee.

WHEREAS, Coastal Marshlands Protection Act (O.C.G.A. Section 12-5-280, et seq.) and Shore Protection Act (O.C.G.A. Section 12-5-230, et seq.) authorize the Department to administer respectively the Coastal Marshlands Protection Act and Shore Protection Act; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner has established procedures for the staff's processing of Coastal Marshlands Protection Act and Shore Protection Act permit applications as part of his authority to manage the Department; and

WHEREAS, the Coastal Marshlands Protection Committee and Shore Protection Committee have authority over permit issuance; and

WHEREAS, the Coastal Marshlands Protection Committee and Shore Protection Committee wish to augment procedures established in January 2005 for permit application hearings before the Coastal Marshlands Protection Committee and Shore Protection Committee and procedures established for processing applications prior to Committee hearings; and

WHEREAS, these supplemental procedures will further enhance the efficient processing and orderly conduct of application proceedings before the Coastal Marshlands Protection Committee and Shore Protection Committee, and do not affect private rights.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Coastal Marshlands Protection Committee and Shore Protection Committee:

1.

That the Coastal Marshlands Protection Committee and the Shore Protection Committee adopt the public participation procedures outlined in the August 3, 2007 Memorandum from Coastal Resources Division through the Commissioner of Natural Resources and Chair of the Coastal Marshlands Protection Committee and Shore Protection Committee, to the Committees, which procedures are annexed hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

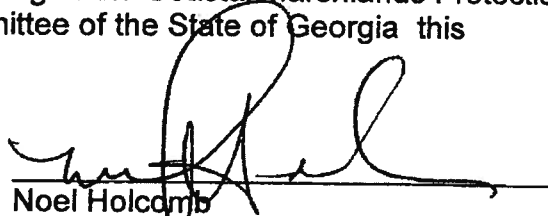
2.

That the procedures adopted by this Resolution shall become effective upon signing by the Chairman of the Committees and shall continue in effect as to each Committee until such time as they are terminated or expressly revised by resolution of the appropriate Committee(s).

3.

That these procedures are not intended to limit the authority of the Committees to evaluate permit applications, and shall not be construed to do so.

RESOLVED at a legally convened meeting of the Coastal Marshlands Protection Committee and Shore Protection Committee of the State of Georgia this 24th day of August, 2007.



Noel Holcomb
Chairman, Coastal Marshlands
Protection Committee and Shore
Protection Committee
Commissioner, Georgia Department of
Natural Resources

Date: 8.24.07

**Coastal Marshlands Protection and Shore Protection Committees
Supplemental Public Participation Procedures**

- Public comments will be taken at the Committees' meetings; however, all parties are reminded that the purpose of the public notice and/or hearings that are held in advance of a Committee meeting, is to air the project, and gain public input.
- Such public comments as well as an applicant's responses, are provided in the Committee members' briefing materials *in advance* of the Committee meeting. In order to assure that written comments are considered by the Committees, they should be submitted by the suspense date for public comments.
- Written comments for consideration by the Committee should be submitted to the Committees' administrative headquarters: Coastal Resources Division, One Conservation Way, Suite 300, Brunswick, Georgia 31520, FAX 912-262-3131. (Karl_Burgess@dnr.state.ga.us)
- Written comments submitted following the close of the public comment period, in the days prior to the meeting, must be submitted to staff six working days in advance of the meeting when the project is scheduled to be considered, in which case the comments will be forwarded to the Committee.
- Written comments submitted following the close of the public comment period, in the days prior to the meeting, will be provided to the applicant; however, the applicant is not obligated to respond.
- As a general rule, public comment at the Committees' meetings will be limited to three minutes per speaker. Speakers who are present at the meeting and have signed up to speak will be allowed to transfer their time allotment to another speaker; not to exceed six minutes. However, for good cause, the time allotted an individual to comment may be extended with the agreement of the Committee.
- In the event that an exceptionally large number of people wish to speak on a project, the Committee Chairman may divide the available time accordingly and ask that constituencies select a spokesperson to represent a particular interest group's position.

Exhibit A (con't.)

- **Public wishing to make presentations that exceed the normal time limits, must submit a written request to the Chairman through CRD permitting staff at least six working days in advance of the meeting when the project is scheduled to be considered. Presentations must be specific to a project under consideration by the Committee at that meeting. The written request must identify any group or entity the presenter is representing, the authorization for that individual to present on their behalf, and any audio visual equipment needs. Presentations should be in PowerPoint format whenever possible. Audio visual equipment will be provided by the staff of the Committees, if available.**
- **Professional decorum will be practiced by all present at the meeting. Speakers will address the Committee. Members of the public, applicants and their agents and consultants will be respectful of persons with differing opinions, not engage in debate with those speaking, and not interrupt the person speaking. Persons who disregard this requirement may be asked to leave the meeting, at the discretion of the Committee Chair.**
- **Attendees will not approach the Committee unless recognized by the Committee Chairman. Nor may attendees cause a disturbance or demonstration while someone else has the floor. Persons who disregard this requirement may be asked to leave the meeting, at the discretion of the Committee Chair.**