

Natural Resources Board Current Structure v. E.O. Proposal Structure

Natural Resources Board	5 members: 1 full-time Chair, 4 members who receive per diem and expenses; all appointed by Governor with advice and consent of Senate	3 members: 1 Chair, 2 other members; all full-time, exempt employees; all appointed by Governor with advice and consent of Senate
	Chair- appointed by Governor, serves at pleasure of Governor	Chair- appointed by Governor, serves at pleasure of Governor and has a 6 yr term
	4 other members serve 4 yr terms and removable for cause only	2 other members; appointed by Governor, serves at pleasure of Governor and have a 6 yr term
	In making these appointments, the Governor and the Senate shall give consideration to experience, expertise, or skills relating to the environment or land use.	In making these appointments, the Governor and the Senate shall give consideration to experience, expertise, or skills relating to the environment or land use, <u>as well as geographic, gender, ethnic, and racial diversity.</u>
District Commissions	9 District Commissions	Unchanged
	Each consists of Chair and 2 members; each appointed by Governor;	Unchanged
	Chairs serve 4 yr term and serve at pleasure of Governor	Unchanged
	Other District Commissioners serve 2 yr terms and are removable for cause only	Unchanged
Jurisdictional Opinions	District Coordinators Issue Jurisdictional Opinions Applicants may request the Coordinator reconsider JOs issued Applicant may appeal JO directly to Environmental Court	District Coordinators Issue Jurisdictional Opinions (JOs) Applicants may request Board reconsider JOs issued Applicant may appeal JO directly to Environmental Court

Permit Application Process	Permit Application submitted to District Commission where project is located	Permit application submitted to Board
	District Commission determines if it a major application, minor application, or administrative amendment	Board determines if major, minor, or administrative amendment
	District Commission from district where project located reviews application and decides whether to issue permit	Board + 2 District Commissioners from district where project located review <u>major</u> application and decide whether to issue permit; Chair of District Commission decides which 2 District Commissioners will join Board for each application
Appeals	Permit decisions may be appealed to the Environmental Division of the Superior Court Environmental Court decisions may be appealed to the Supreme Court	No mention of appeals in EO