

Agenda
Stakeholder Meeting for Coastal Permit Program Rules (N.J.A.C. 7:7)
and Coastal Zone Management Rules (N.J.A.C. 7:7E)
March 29, 2011

- **Opening remarks- Robert Piel, Office of Land Use Management**
- **Introductions – Kerry Kirk Pflugh, Office of Communications , Meeting Facilitator**

Topics of Discussion

1. **Streamlining of Administrative Process** (application contents, public notice, electronic submittal, public hearings, etc.)
 - We are considering making substantial changes to the administrative process to better align all the land use rules. Can you highlight any problems you have experienced with respect to conflicting administrative requirements?
 - We are considering adding the ability to submit an application electronically; do you see any problems with that change?
 - We are considering the creation of a process to issue instant permits for activities with little or no adverse environmental impact. These will be activities such as replacement in-kind of existing bulkheads and new docks on man-made lagoons. Are there other activities that can be included? Is this a sound approach?
2. **General permits** - We are considering creating additional general permits. The following GP's are being considered: construction of solar panels; dune maintenance activities; amending coastal general permit 8 or creating a new general permit to allow for 3 single family homes.
3. **Permits-by-rule** – We are considering creating additional permits-by-rule (PBR). The following PBR's are under consideration: construction of living shorelines; spraying of invasive species; construction of a swimming pool, spa or hot tub at a single family home or duplex; and non-commercial aquaculture activities; Are there other activities that you consider eligible for a permit-by-rule?
4. **Subchapters 3. and 4. Special areas and General Water Areas** – We are assessing these Subchapters. In past meetings attendees have suggested changes are needed to accommodate aquaculture; activities in areas such as filled waters edge, on dunes and in shellfish habitat; and critical wildlife

habitat. Changes to standards relating to new and maintenance dredging and dredged material disposal as well as the standards relating to beach and dune maintenance are being considered. Are there any other rules in these sections that you find need to be revised or clarified?

5. **Subchapter 5, 5A and 5B. – Impervious Cover and Vegetative Cover-** We are considering redefining how to determine if a site is forested using a modified Highlands method. We are also examining how to better define acceptable levels of development in coastal centers and rural areas. In addition we are reviewing the definition of impervious surface. This definition is different in the CZM rules and the FHA rules. We would like to define these areas the same way. We are considering defining impervious surface using a percentage rate or a coefficient. We are also considering defining development in a different way rather than using impervious cover as a surrogate.
6. **Subchapters 7 and 8. Use Rules and Resource Rules –** Are there any rules within these sections that you find need to be revised or clarified? We are considering updating the standards relating to marinas, for example addressing transient slips and restroom and parking requirements. We are also considering developing an approach to allow project managers to rely on municipalities to determine compliance with the Traffic rule (7:7E-8.14). Is this a sound approach?
7. **Mitigation-** We are considering revising the mitigation criteria for Special Areas including wetlands. In previous meetings attendees have suggested that changes are needed to make mitigation less complicated and more predictable. Do you have any suggestions or comments on this subject?