

**Minutes
Coastal Committee
2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, S. E.
Suite 1252 East Tower
Atlanta, GA 30334**

**February 27, 2024
9:00 a.m.**

Committee Members

Nancy Addison, Chair
Penn Hodge, Vice Chair
Randy Dellinger
Mark Hennessy
Brent Layton
Lesley Reynolds
Bodine Sinyard
Gary Vowell
Joe Hatfield, Board Chair, Ex-officio

Board Members

Patrick Denney
Kevin Jackson
Duncan Johnson
Ray Lambert

Guests

Bryan Tolar, GA Urban Ag Council
Alice Keyes, One Hundred Miles
Trust for Public Land Board
Aldon Ortego, Samsara

Staff Members

Walter Rabon, Commissioner
Thomas Barnard
Trevor Santos
Kyle Pearson
Kate Iannuzzi
Artica Gaston
Cathy Barnette
Alexus Thompson
Mike England
Steve Friedman
Doug Haymans
Angie Johnson
Ted Will
Lyndy Rogers
Jill Andrews
Tina Johannsen

Jeff Cown, Director
James Boylan
Chuck Mueller
Anna Truszczynski
Katie Hegarty

The February 27, 2024 meeting of the Coastal Resources Committee was called to order by Joe Hatfield, Chairman of the Board of Natural Resources.

Chairman Hatfield called on Nancy Addison, Chair of the Coastal Resources Committee. Ms. Addison called on Jill Andrews, Chief of Coastal Management Section, Coastal Resources Division, to present the proposed amendments to the Rules of the Department of Natural Resources Coastal Resources Division, Regulation of Upland Component of a Project, Chapter 391-2-3-.02.

Ms. Andrews stated the Upland Component is a service area, amenity or recreational area that augments the functioning of a CMPA permitted project, or those facilities intended to exclusively serve the users of the CMPA project, such as dry stack storage, dockmaster shop, restrooms, fuel storage, delivery facilities, and other facilities determined by the Coastal Marshlands Protection Committee as likely to alter coastal marshlands. She further

Ms. Andrews stated that the purpose of the proposed amendment is to clarify the Rule is to apply only to marinas, community and commercial docks, fishing piers, boat ramps and bridges. She added there were a total of 163 comments received during the public comment period and included stakeholder engagement/public involvement, suggested amendments for proposed changes, requiring buffers on hardened shorelines and incentivize living shorelines, procedural concerns with rulemaking process, and coordination with EPD regarding buffers.

Ms. Addison stated there are two speakers signed up for comment. She called on Mr. Bill Sapp, Senior Attorney, Southern Environmental Law Center, who spoke in opposition to the proposed amendments.

Ms. Addison called on Ms. Alice Keyes, Vice President of Coastal Conservations, One Hundred Miles. Ms. Keyes spoke in opposition to the proposed amendments.

Discussion ensued.

Ms. Addison thanked Mr. Sapp and Ms. Keyes for their time and comments.

A motion was made by Ms. Addison, seconded by Mr. Denney, and carried unanimously that the Board adopt the resolution to approve the proposed amendments to the Rules of the Department of Natural Resources Coastal Resources Division, Regulation of Upland Component of a Project, Chapter 391-2-3-.02.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.