

(e) "Person" means any natural person, partnership, joint stock company, unincorporated association or society, or the State and any agency thereof, or municipal or political subdivisions or other corporation of any character whatsoever.

(F) "REGULAR OR PERIODIC TIDAL ACTION" MEANS THE RISE AND FALL OF THE SEA THAT IS PRODUCED BY THE ATTRACTION OF THE SUN AND THE MOON UNINFLUENCED BY WINDS OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES.

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The owner of land bounding on navigable waters shall be entitled to all natural accretions to said land and to make improvements into the waters in front of said land for the purposes of preserving his access to navigable water or for protecting his shore against erosion. After an improvement has been constructed, it shall become the property of the owner of the land to which it is attached. None of the rights covered under this subheading shall exclude the owner from developing other uses as approved by the Board of Public Works.

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It shall be unlawful for any person to dredge or fill on State wetlands, except to the extent that he has been issued a license to do so by the Board of Public Works. The provisions of this section shall not apply to the dredging of seafood products by licensed operators, ~~or~~ the harvesting of seaweed ~~or other~~, mosquito control and abatement ~~or~~ AS APPROVED BY THE STATE ENTOMOLOGIST, the improvement of wildlife habitat or agricultural drainage ditches as approved by an appropriate ~~agricultural~~ agency. In order to aid the Board of Public Works in the determination of whether a license to dredge OR FILL State wetlands should be issued, the Secretary of Natural Resources, after consultation with interested federal, state and local agencies and appropriate agricultural agencies, and after taking of such evidence and holding of such hearings as ~~is~~ THE SECRETARY thinks advisable, shall submit a report indicating whether the license should be granted and, if so, the terms, conditions and consideration which should be required. The Board of Public Works AFTER A HEARING IN THE LOCAL SUBDIVISION AFFECTED shall then decide if issuance of the license is in the best interests of the State, taking into account the varying ecological, economic, developmental, recreational and aesthetic ~~value~~ VALUES each application presents, and if it so decides, shall issue a license for such consideration, and according to such terms and conditions as it deems advisable. All licenses shall be in writing. Any person violating the ~~provision~~ PROVISIONS of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction, fined not LESS THAN FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00) NOR more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000). ANY PERSON WHO KNOWINGLY VIOLATES THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBHEADING SHALL BE LIABLE TO THE STATE FOR THE RESTORATION OF THE AFFECTED WETLAND TO ITS CONDITION PRIOR TO SUCH VIOLATION INsofar AS THAT IS POSSIBLE. THE APPROPRIATE COURT SHALL SPECIFY A REASONABLE TIME FOR COMPLETION OF THE RESTORATION. THE PROVISION OF THIS SECTION SHALL NOT APPLY TO ANY OPERATIONS FOR DREDGING AND FILLING