

(B) THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS ESTABLISHING A SYSTEM BY WHICH PERSONS MAY PERIODICALLY NOMINATE AREAS BENEATH LANDS OR WATERS OF THE STATE FOR POSSIBLE LEASING FOR PRODUCTION OR RESERVE OF OIL OR NATURAL GAS.

(C) THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MAY NOT ENTER INTO ANY LEASE UNDER THIS SECTION THAT WOULD PRECLUDE OR INTERFERE WITH THE PUBLIC OR PRIVATE HARVESTING OF FINFISH OR SHELLFISH.

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(A) BEFORE THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MAY SOLICIT BIDS FOR OR AWARD ANY LEASE FOR PRODUCTION OF OIL OR NATURAL GAS FROM BENEATH LANDS OR WATERS OF THE STATE, AND AFTER RECEIVING THE ADVISORY COMMENTS WRITTEN RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHESAPEAKE BAY CRITICAL AREA COMMISSION (IF THE LEASED AREA IS LOCATED IN THE STATE'S CRITICAL AREAS) AND THE ADVISORY COMMENTS OF THE SECRETARIES OF NATURAL RESOURCES, STATE PLANNING, THE ENVIRONMENT, AND ECONOMIC AND EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT, THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS SHALL SELECT DIRECT THE SECRETARY OF NATURAL RESOURCES IN CONSULTATION WITH THE SECRETARIES OF THE ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMIC AND EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT, AND STATE PLANNING TO PREPARE A STATEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL, FISCAL, AND ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE PROPOSED LEASE.

(e) (B) (1) THE STATEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL, FISCAL, AND ECONOMIC IMPACT SHALL BE PREPARED AND FILED WITHIN 6 MONTHS AFTER SELECTION-OF-THE-APPROPRIATE-PARTY THE DIRECTION OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS. HOWEVER, THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MAY EXTEND THIS TIME LIMIT FOR NOT MORE THAN AN ADDITIONAL 12 MONTHS FOR GOOD CAUSE.

(2) THE STATEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL, FISCAL, AND ECONOMIC IMPACT AND ANY WRITTEN BACKGROUND AND SUPPORTING MATERIAL SHALL BE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION.

(3) THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS SHALL PROVIDE BY REGULATION FOR RECOVERY BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FROM BIDDERS OR LESSEES, AS APPROPRIATE, OF THE COSTS OF PREPARING A STATEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL, FISCAL, AND ECONOMIC IMPACT.

(d) (C) THE STATEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL, FISCAL, AND ECONOMIC IMPACT SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

(1) AN ASSESSMENT OF THE PROBABLE DELETERIOUS EFFECTS OF THE PROPOSED DRILLING OPERATION AND PRODUCTION FACILITIES, INCLUDING THE PROBABILITIES AND CONSEQUENCES OF ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE OF OIL OR GAS TO THE ENVIRONMENT DURING DRILLING, PRODUCTION, AND TRANSPORTATION, ON:

(I) FINFISH, SHELLFISH, AND OTHER MARINE OR FRESHWATER ORGANISMS;