

(g) "Landward boundary of wetlands" means the common boundary between wetlands as defined in this section and lands not included within the definitions of wetlands appearing in this section.

(H) (1) "PIER" MEANS ANY PIER, WHARF, DOCK, WALKWAY, BULKHEAD, BREAKWATER, PILES, OR OTHER SIMILAR SIMILAR STRUCTURE ~~THAT IS CONSTRUCTED ON PILINGS IN ORDER TO:~~

~~(1)--PERMIT THE UNOBSTRUCTED FLOW OF THE TIDE; AND~~

~~(2)--PRESERVE THE NATURAL CONTOUR OF THE LAND.~~

(2) "PIER" DOES NOT INCLUDE ANY STRUCTURE ON PILINGS OR STILTS THAT WAS ORIGINALLY CONSTRUCTED BEYOND THE LANDWARD BOUNDARIES OF STATE OR PRIVATE WETLANDS.

[(h)] (I) "Person" means any natural person, partnership, joint-stock company, unincorporated association or society, the State, any unit of the State, a political subdivision, or other corporation of any type.

[(i)] (J) "Private wetlands" means any land not considered "State wetland" bordering on or lying beneath tidal waters, which is subject to regular or periodic tidal action and supports aquatic growth. This includes wetlands, transferred by the State by a valid grant, lease, patent, or grant confirmed by Article 5 of the Declaration of Rights of the Constitution, to the extent of the interest transferred.

[(j)] (K) "Public notice" means the notice that the Department publishes in a newspaper serving the local subdivision affected and in the Maryland Register concerning an application to dredge or fill State or private wetlands. The notice shall include a description of the proposed dredging or filling and its location and shall advise the public of the opportunity to submit written comments or to request a hearing on the application.

[(k)] (L) "Regular or periodic tidal action" means the rise and fall of the sea produced by the attraction of the sun and moon uninfluenced by wind or any other circumstance.

[(l)] (M) "Secretary" means the Secretary of Natural Resources.

[(m)] (N) "State wetlands" means any land under the navigable waters of the State below the mean high tide, affected by the regular rise and fall of the tide. Wetlands of this category which have been transferred by the State by valid grant, lease, patent or grant confirmed by Article 5 of the Declaration of Rights of the Constitution shall be considered "private wetland" to the extent of the interest transferred.