

~~(2) THE CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION PROCESS SHALL COMBINE SEPARATE APPLICATION PROCESSES FOR ALL ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN CONSTRUCTION OR MAJOR REPAIR OF PIERS AND BULKHEADS.~~

~~(3) THE CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION PROCESS SHALL BE DELEGATED TO THE LOCAL JURISDICTION UNDER PROGRAMMATIC GENERAL PERMITS FROM THE DEPARTMENT, THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, AND FEDERAL AGENCIES IF NECESSARY, OR UNDER ANOTHER APPROPRIATE MECHANISM, SUBJECT TO PERIODIC REVIEW BY THE DELEGATING AGENCIES.~~

~~(4) TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, THE TIME FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF A PERMIT UNDER THE CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION PROCESS SHALL BE STREAMLINED AND UNIFORM THROUGHOUT THE CHESAPEAKE BAY CRITICAL AREA.~~

~~(5) THE DELEGATING AGENCY SHALL RETAIN THE RIGHT TO REMOVE A SPECIFIED PERMIT APPLICATION FROM THE LOCAL JURISDICTION FOR PURPOSES OF REVIEW UNDER THE APPLICABLE LAW OF THE DELEGATING AGENCY.~~

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~~(A) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS THAT:~~

~~(1) CONSTRUCTION AND MAJOR REPAIR OF PIERS AND BULKHEADS ON AND ADJOINING THE CHESAPEAKE BAY CRITICAL AREA HAS BECOME A COMPLEX ENDEAVOR, REQUIRING APPLICATIONS TO FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL AGENCIES;~~

~~(2) APPLICANTS FOR PERMITS TO CONSTRUCT THESE PIERS AND BULKHEADS ARE FACED WITH THE CONFUSION OF OVERLAPPING LAWS AND REGULATIONS, INCONSISTENT TIME LINES FOR DECISION MAKING, AND UNCLEAR JURISDICTION AMONG THE GOVERNMENTAL LEVELS AND AGENCIES INVOLVED IN THE PERMIT PROCESS; AND~~

~~(3) IT WOULD BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL AGENCIES AND PARTIES TO THESE PERMITTING ACTIONS TO DEFINE AND IMPLEMENT CLEAR, CONSOLIDATED PROCEDURES FOR PERMIT APPLICATIONS, PROCESSING, AND DECISION MAKING.~~

~~(B) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DESIGN AND IMPLEMENT A CONSOLIDATED PERMIT PROGRAM MECHANISM FOR CONSTRUCTION AND MAJOR REPAIR OF PIERS AND BULKHEADS IN THE CHESAPEAKE BAY CRITICAL AREA AND ADJOINING WATERS AND WETLANDS, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, THE CHESAPEAKE BAY CRITICAL AREA COMMISSION, THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT, WITH DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES OF LOCAL JURISDICTIONS LOCATED IN THE CRITICAL AREA, AND WITH APPROPRIATE FEDERAL AGENCIES, INCLUDING THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS.~~

~~(C) THE CONSOLIDATED PERMIT PROGRAM MECHANISM SHALL SHOULD, TO THE GREATEST EXTENT PERMISSIBLE UNDER APPLICABLE FEDERAL AND STATE LAW, ALLOW PERMIT APPLICANTS TO SEEK APPROVAL FOR ALL ACTIVITIES RELATING TO PIER AND BULKHEAD CONSTRUCTION AND MAJOR REPAIR FROM ALL AFFECTED FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL AGENCIES IN A SINGLE CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION PROCESS.~~