- (D) (1) THE CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION PROCESS IN EACH LOCAL JURISDICTION SHALL BE ADMINISTERED BY A DESIGNATED UNIT OF THE LOCAL JURISDICTION.
- (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.
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of Natural Resources, in consultation with the Board of Public Works, the Chesapeake Bay Critical—Area—Commission, the Department of the Environment, designated representatives of local-jurisdictions located in the Critical—Area, appropriate federal agencies, including the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and other appropriate public and private communities of interest, shall study and report on or before January 1, 1996 to the Governor and, subject to § 2–1312 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly the appropriate standing committees with jurisdiction over the subject of this Act on the design and implementation of a consolidated permit program for applications to construct or to conduct major repairs of piers and bulkheads in the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area and adjoining waters and wetlands.
- (A) THE DEPARTMENT, JOINTLY WITH THE CHESAPEAKE BAY CRITICAL AREA COMMISSION, SHALL:
- (1) REVIEW EXISTING REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF PIERS AND BULKHEADS IN THE TIDAL WETLANDS OF THE STATE AND IN THE CHESAPEAKE BAY CRITICAL AREA; AND
- (2) BY REGULATION, DEVELOP A PROCEDURE TO AVOID DUPLICATION OF REGULATORY JURISDICTION BY THE STATE AND LOCAL JURISDICTIONS CONCERNING THE CONSTRUCTION OF PIERS AND BULKHEADS IN THE TIDAL WETLANDS OF THE STATE AND IN THE CHESAPEAKE BAY CRITICAL AREA.
- (B) THE PROCEDURE THAT THE DEPARTMENT AND COMMISSION DEVELOP UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION SHALL INCLUDE PROVISION FOR RECOGNITION OF: