MISSION, SCOPE AND AUTHORITY

The Council on Coastal Futures is hereby established as an ad hoc advisory body to the DHEC Board pursuant to S.C. Code of Laws Section 1-30-10(D). The Council shall determine the number and location of its meetings. All meetings shall be open to the public, and the proceedings shall be documented in summary form.

After carefully considering the views and comments of the public, the Council shall present a report to the DHEC Board by no later than May 1, 2004, which:

1. Documents priority issues and concerns relating to coastal zone management in South Carolina that were identified by the public;

2. Recommends actions, programs and measures to meet the goals and objectives of the South Carolina Coastal Zone Management Act and to improve the effectiveness of the South Carolina Coastal Zone Management Program within the existing organizational structure of the Department.

Prior to submitting the final report to the DHEC Board, the Council shall provide a draft of the report to the South Carolina Coastal Zone Management Appellate Panel for review. After carefully considering the comments of the Appellate Panel, the Council shall make such changes to the report as it deems appropriate.

The DHEC Board will appoint the members of the Council after consultation with the Department, the Appellate Panel and other interested parties.