

State of Louisiana



**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER JML 24-77**

NATURAL RESOURCES STEERING COMMISSION

WHEREAS, Executive Order JML 24-13 ordered a review of the management of the State's natural resources;

WHEREAS, Executive Order JML 24-13 directed the Secretary of the Department of Energy and Natural Resources ("DENR") to review and consider ways to better coordinate and consolidate DENR, the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, the Louisiana Oil Spill Coordinator's Office, and other specified State boards and commissions dealing with natural resources and energy matters;

WHEREAS, on February 23, 2024, the Secretary of DENR issued a Request for Action to this administration seeking the establishment of a steering committee to identify solutions on each issue of natural resources management, creating a forum for clear directives outlining the division of regulatory, enforcement, support, and management functions within DENR;

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2023, I issued a letter to the Secretary of DENR setting forth my intent to establish the Natural Resources Steering Commission ("NRSC") to comprehensively review and coordinate all aspects of natural resources management throughout the state of Louisiana;

WHEREAS, it is envisioned that in carrying out their duties the NRSC will promote organizational alignment across agencies, governmental efficiency and coordination, the standardization of governmental policies and guidelines, increased collaboration and data sharing, strategic planning, outcome-based programs, continuous improvement, and demand-oriented

energy planning, driving towards efficient operations in natural resources regulation, enforcement, management, and support functions;

WHEREAS, it is envisioned that in carrying out their duties the NRSC shall work to accomplish its goals on a reasonable but expedited schedule to promote meaningful change in line with upcoming fiscal shortfalls and to review further coordination and/or consolidation of the natural resources regulatory, enforcement, management, and support functions of the State in the future;

NOW THEREFORE, I, JEFF LANDRY, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

Section 1: The Natural Resources Steering Commission (hereafter “Commission”) is established within the Office of the Governor.

Section 2: The duties of the Commission shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

- A. Evaluating all aspects of natural resources management throughout the State of Louisiana;
- B. Identifying and implementing effective solutions driving towards efficient operations in natural resources regulation, enforcement, management, and support functions;
- C. Analyzing the investigation and proposals presented by the working groups established by DENR in furtherance of the priorities established in Executive Order JML 24-13;
- D. Soliciting input and recommendations from all agencies, departments, and any other stakeholders of the State’s natural resources and energy regulatory, enforcement, management, and support functions;
- E. Conducting analysis and assessment of Louisiana’s natural resources regulatory, enforcement, management, and support functions to investigate further coordination and/or consolidation;
- F. Aligning the State’s natural resources regulation, enforcement, management, and support functions in accordance with the priorities established in Executive Order JML 24-13, and all subsequent letters; and
- G. Acting in an advisory capacity to the Governor and DENR pursuant to the priorities established in Executive Order JML 24-13.

Section 3: By September 1, 2024, the Commission shall submit a comprehensive written report to the Governor on the issues set forth in Section 2 of this Order.

Section 4: The Commission shall be composed of five (5) members as follows:

1. The Governor’s Executive Assistant for Coastal Activities;

2. The Secretary of DENR;
3. The Commissioner of Conservation for DENR;
4. Two (2) members appointed by the Governor.

Section 5: The Governor's Executive Assistant for Coastal Activities shall serve as chairman of the Commission. The Commission may elect other officers, as deemed necessary.

Section 6: The Commission shall meet at least once in calendar year 2024 and at the call of the chair.

Section 7: Commission members shall not receive additional compensation or a per diem from the Office of the Governor for serving on the Commission.

Section 8: Support staff, facilities, and resources for the Commission shall be provided by the Office of the Governor.

Section 9: All departments, commissions, boards, offices, entities, agencies, and officers of the State of Louisiana, or any political subdivision thereof, are authorized and directed to cooperate with the Commission in implementing the provisions of this Order.

Section 10: This Order is effective upon signature and shall continue in effect until amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded by the Governor, or terminated by operation of law.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 4th day of June, 2024.



Jeff Landry
GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY THE
SECRETARY OF STATE



Nancy Landry
SECRETARY OF STATE