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MEMORANDUM

To: Rules Review Commission
From: Braxton C. Davis, Director 
Date: January 27, 2015
Subject: Request to amend 26 NCAC 05.0211 - Periodic Review - 15A NCAC 7B date from December 2015 to June 2015

The Coastal Resources Commission (CRC) rules governing land use planning in the coastal counties is due for periodic review to the Rules Review Commission (RRC) in December of this year. The Division of Coastal Management and the CRC have spent the last 18 months reviewing the CAMA Land Use Planning Guidelines and have approved amendments to 15A NCAC 7B at their December 2014 meeting.

After consulting with RRC counsel, the Division has determined that holding concurrent public review periods may not be the best course of action and may cause confusion for the regulated citizens and local governments. Therefore we are requesting that the legislative periodic review period be moved **from December 2015 to June 2015**.

Division Staff have completed the initial determinations for rules associated with 15A NCAC 7B and planning to proceed with the CRC's approval of initial determinations at their February 18-19, 2015 regularly scheduled meeting. The Commission would then be prepared for adoption of the final determinations after the 60-day comment period at their April 29-30, 2015 meeting. The rules could then be filed with OAH prior to the May 15, 2015 deadline for review by the RRC in June. We appreciate your consideration of this request to move our review period to June 2015 and look forward to working with you to complete the review.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this request please don't hesitate to contact me or Mike Lopazanski at 252-808-2808.

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