



Charge to the Marsh Islands Advisory Committee

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The current regulations that address access to marsh islands were written in the early 1990s. They have not proven to be adequate in giving guidance to either would-be developers of these islands, those in the environmental community who are concerned about development, or regulators in making permitting decisions. With almost 3500 marsh islands located in South Carolina, it is important that the state have controls in place to manage this resource. For that reason, as a first step to developing new regulations, SCDHEC appoints this advisory committee and asks that you write recommendations that can be used to formulate regulations that will carry out the mandate of OCRM “to protect the quality of the coastal environment and to promote the economic and social improvement of the coastal zone and of all the people of the State.”