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Policy Group XII - Activities in Areas of Special Resource Significance

Project Name: _____

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The Agency's Coastal Zone Consistency (CZC) certification review of all activities within the Coastal Zone that require a State permit will be based on the policies contained within the project based checklists. For the CZC request to be complete, you must answer the questions contained within the policies segment relative to your project by checking off all that apply. More than one checklist may apply to your project based on the plan proposal. For example, a road or highway project might also require dredging and filling of coastal wetlands.

A) **Barrier Islands:**

Required: Will your proposed project or plans on a barrier island…

a. ☐ retain to the extent feasible existing dune ridges, drainage patterns and natural vegetation in landscaping and construction plans in order to maintain the value of the island as a storm buffer? ☐ or is this N/A?
b. ☐ demonstrate reasonable precautions to prevent or limit any direct negative impacts on the adjacent critical areas (beaches, primary dunes, coastal waters and wetlands) because of their proximity to and strong ecological relationship with the critical areas of the coastal zone? ☐ or is this N/A?
c. ☐ avoid new road or bridge projects involving the expenditure of public funds to provide access to previously undeveloped barrier islands unless an overwhelming public interest can be demonstrated such as access to a public recreation area or facility? ☐ or is this N/A?
d. ☐ include the extension of public services, such as sewer and water facilities that are proposed in a comprehensive approach, which considers the natural "carrying capacity" of the island to support development and which integrates these facilities to parallel the level of access which is available to the island? ☐ or is this N/A?
e. ☐ include any efforts to acquire portions of the barrier island for inclusion in preservation and protection programs? ☐ or is this N/A?
f. ☐ be consistent with the Priority of Uses of each listed Geographic Areas of Particular Concern (GAPCs) as discussed in the Geographic Areas of Particular Concern (GAPCs) Polices and Priority of Uses document located on the Resources section of the CZC webpage? ☐ or is this N/A?

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B. Dune Areas:

Required: Will your proposed project or plans in dune areas…

a.	☐ demonstrate reasonable precautions to prevent or limit any direct negative impacts on the adjacent critical areas because of proximity to and strong physical and ecological relationship with the beach and primary sand dune critical areas of the coastal zone? ☐ or is this N/A?
b.	☐ prevent or mitigate negative impacts on adjacent property owners, specifically, increased erosion or loss of protective dune formations on adjacent lots due to unnecessary destruction of or encroachment onto stable dunes? ☐ or is this N/A?
c.	☐ be consistent with the policies of the Beach Erosion, and Beach and Shoreline Access sections (Chapter IV - 41) of the CZMP, as well as other applicable Resource Policies? ☐ or is this N/A?
d.	☐ be consistent with the Priority of Uses of each listed Geographic Areas of Particular Concern (GAPCs) as discussed in the Geographic Areas of Particular Concern (GAPCs) Polices and Priority of Uses document located on the Resources section of the CZC webpage? ☐ or is this N/A?

Recommended policies to consider in designing impoundments:

a. *Local governments with coastal shorefronts are encouraged to develop and implement strong local zoning and building ordinances for beach and sand dune areas.*
b. *Property owners, development interests and local governments are encouraged to institute and observe set-backs or buffer zones for construction in beach and dune areas.*

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C. Navigational Channels

Required: Will your proposed project or plans in navigable channels…

a.	☐ avoid losses to existing navigability? ☐ or is this N/A?
b.	☐ utilizes best mitigation measures feasible for development which might increase upland soil and shoreline erosion problems and resulting siltation of navigation channels? ☐ or is this N/A?
c.	☐ avoid interfering with commercial navigation in designated shipping channels? ☐ or is this N/A?
d.	☐ be consistent with the Dredging and Dredge Material Disposal policies contained within the CZMP? ☐ or is this N/A?
e.	☐ be consistent with the Priority of Uses of each listed Geographic Areas of Particular Concern (GAPCs) as discussed in the Geographic Areas of Particular Concern (GAPCs) Polices and Priority of Uses document located on the Resources section of the CZC webpage? ☐ or is this N/A?

Required:

On an attached sheet, briefly summarize how your project is consistent with the policies of the South Carolina Coastal Zone Management Program listed above.

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D. Public Open Spaces (State or Local Parks):

Required: Will your proposed park project or plans…

a.	☐ avoid restriction or limitation of the continued use of a recreational open area or disruption of the character of such a natural area (aesthetically or environmentally)? ☐ or is this N/A?
b.	☐ increase the amount and distribution of public open space and recreational areas in the coastal zone? ☐ or is this N/A?
c.	☐ be consistent with the Priority of Uses of each listed Geographic Areas of Particular Concern (GAPCs) as discussed in the Geographic Areas of Particular Concern (GAPCs) Polices and Priority of Uses document located on the Resources section of the CZC webpage? ☐ or is this N/A?

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E. Wetlands:

Required: Will your proposed project or plans…

a.	☐ require the fill or other significant permanent alteration of a productive freshwater marsh? If so, does your project demonstrate that no feasible alternative exists or there is an overriding public interest? Explain why there are no feasible alternative exists and what the public interest is in the summary section below. ☐ or is this N/A?
b.	☐ (for filling, ditching, clearing, or excavation of wetlands) demonstrate mitigation sites or practices to offset the losses of wetlands consistent with the Division's Mitigation Guidelines? The types of mitigation include wetland buffers, creation of wetlands, and restoration of existing wetlands, offsite mitigation, and mitigation banking. Provide a summary of mitigation details on an attached document. ☐ or is this N/A?
c.	☐ be consistent with the Priority of Uses of each listed Geographic Areas of Particular Concern (GAPCs) as discussed in the Geographic Areas of Particular Concern (GAPCs) Polices and Priority of Uses document located on the Resources section of the CZC webpage? ☐ or is this N/A?

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