

# GOVERNING BODY OF DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

The agency provided the information below in the Program Evaluation Report it submitted on August 30, 2017.<sup>1</sup>

The South Carolina Department of Natural Resources is empowered through S.C. Code Ann. 48-4-10, and exists to administer and enforce the laws of this State relating to wildlife, marine resources, and natural resources. The department is comprised of five divisions: a Law Enforcement Division, a Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division, a Marine Resources Division, a Land, Water and Conservation Division, and an Office of Support Services Division. The governing body of the department is the SCDNR Board and members of the board are appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. One member must be appointed from each of the seven congressional districts of the state. Terms of the board members are four years and until the successors are appointed and qualify. (S.C. Code Ann. 48-4-30). There are no limits as to the number of terms a board member can serve, or how many consecutive terms a board member may serve. The board sets policy of the department but has no duty or authority concerning the management of, control over, or administration of the day to day affairs of the department. (S.C. Code Ann. 48-4-50). The board appoints a director, upon advice and consent of the Senate. (S.C. Code Ann. 48-4-60). The director serves at the pleasure of the board and is the administrative head of the department. (S.C. Code Ann. 48-4-60). The current SCDNR Board members are: Chairman Mr. Cary L. Chastain (Sixth Congressional District, Term Expires July 1, 2020); Vice Chairman Mr. Norman Pulliam (Fourth Congressional District, Term Expires July 1, 2020); Mrs. Elizabeth Hood Willis (First Congressional District, Term Expires July 1, 2018); Mr. Michael E. Hutchins (Second Congressional District, Term Expires July 1, 2018); Mr. Larry L. Yonce (Third Congressional District, Term Expires July 1, 2018); Mr. D. Glenn McFadden (Fifth Congressional District, Term Expires July 1, 2018); and Mr. Keith C. Hinson (Seventh Congressional District, Term Expires July 1, 2018).

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<sup>1</sup> The agency was asked, "Please provide information about the body that governs the agency, if any, and to whom the agency head reports. Explain what the agency's enabling statute outlines about the agency's governing body (e.g., board, commission, etc.), including, but not limited to: total number of individuals in the body; whether the individuals are elected or appointed; who elects or appoints the individuals; the length of term for each individual; whether there are any limitations on the total number of terms an individual can serve; whether there are any limitations on the number of consecutive terms an individual can serve; the names of the individuals currently on the governing body, date elected/appointed, and term number; and any other requirements or nuisances about the body which the agency believes is relevant to understanding how it and the agency operate. If the governing body operates differently than outlined in statute, please describe the differences."