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VIA EMAIL and U.S. MAIL

Director Alvin A. Taylor
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RE: Follow-up from Subcommittee's October 23, 2017, meeting with the agency

Dear Director Taylor:

The Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Subcommittee appreciates the agency's partnership in the oversight process. As follow up from the meeting on October 23, 2017, the Subcommittee seeks additional information from the agency. Please provide this information by Friday, November 17, 2017.

Fish Kill

1. What are the methods for obtaining restitution? (e.g., lawsuit, etc.)
2. Please provide the following information for the last five times there was a fish kill:
 - a. date;
 - b. number of fish killed;
 - c. restitution sought; and
 - d. restitution obtained.
3. When restitution is obtained, where are the funds deposited?

Fish Hatcheries

4. How much is DNR requesting in the budget for Barnwell State Hatchery?
5. What is the current demand for fish, DNR's current capacity, and DNR's projected capacity if Barnwell State Hatchery is re-opened?
6. What are the average operating costs for an individual hatchery?
7. What is the return on investment for a fish hatchery?

Land

8. Please provide the following information related to Wildlife Managed Areas (WMA):
 - a. maintenance costs for leased land v. land owned by DNR; and
 - b. total costs and total revenue generated from:
 - i. land leased from private individuals;
 - ii. land leased from U.S. Forest Service; and
 - iii. land owned by DNR.
9. Please provide the total amount spent per year on road maintenance in WMAs (mowing, re-topping with gravel, etc.).

Call-In Programs

10. Please outline the agency's timeline for the call-in program staggered implementation, review/revisions to the program, and agency request for authority, via regulation and/or statute.

Dike Repair and Maintenance

11. Please provide examples, if any, of additional damage and repair costs incurred as a result of the classification of dike repairs as capital improvement projects.
12. Please provide examples of work that occurs at other agencies, and is exempt from the capital improvement project classification, which the agency believes is comparable to dike repairs.

Permits

13. Please provide a list of permits that are issued through the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division.

Information Technology

14. Why do all information technology personnel not report to the agency's information technology director?

Agency Law Recommendation

15. Please provide additional explanation and support for why the agency requests Lake Jocassee (Oconee and Pickens Counties) be added to SC Code of Laws Section 50-13-675.

In responding to these questions, please remember the Committee's expectations which are provided in the Committee's Standard Practice 9.

The Subcommittee looks forward to working collaboratively with the agency during the oversight process. Thank you and your team for your service to the citizens of South Carolina.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edward R. Tallon Sr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Edward R. Tallon Sr.
Subcommittee Chair

cc: The Honorable Wm. Weston J. Newton
The Honorable Katherine E. "Katie" Arrington
The Honorable William M. "Bill" Hixon
The Honorable J. Todd Rutherford