

2026 Annual Accountability Report

Department of Natural Resources

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AGENCY'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Organization

The South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) is governed by the Natural Resources Board, the members of which are appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. One member is appointed from each of the state's seven congressional districts. The Board sets policy for 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 the Agency Director, upon advice and consent of the Senate, who serves at the pleasure of the Board and is the administrative head of the Department.

The Department is organized into four programmatic divisions, each led by a Deputy Director, and an Executive Office. Together, the four divisions and the Executive Office seek to empower people to live life outdoors by:

- Land, Water and Conservation Division
  Developing and implementing programs that study, manage and conserve the State's land and water resources through planning, research, technical assistance, public education and the development of a comprehensive natural resources database.

- Law Enforcement Division
  Conserving and protecting the state's natural resources for social, economic, recreational, and commercial benefit while providing maximum human utilization through: (1) the development of public support through outreach, education, and safety programs; (2) the preservation of the peace and protection of human lives and property; and (3) the enforcement of the state's criminal laws through the detection, apprehension, and prosecution of persons who violate those laws.

- Marine Resources Division
  Sustaining the State's living marine resources for the cultural, recreational, commercial and economic benefit of the state's citizens and visitors; encouraging quality and sustainable saltwater fishing both recreationally and commercially.

- Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division
  Monitoring, protecting, and enhancing wildlife species and inland aquatic species and their habitats throughout the state and providing recreational hunting and freshwater fishing opportunities to the public, some of whom would not have access otherwise.

- Executive Office
  Offering quality customer service by efficiently processing hunting and fishing licenses and boat titles and registrations so our citizens and visitors can live life outdoors; improving internal service delivery so that the Department can efficiently offer outdoor opportunities to the public.

2025-2026 Accomplishments and Milestones

During this fiscal year, Team SCDNR…

- Managed 107 Wildlife Management Areas consisting of 1,098,099 acres which provided over 500,000 person-days of hunting in addition to opportunities for hiking, birdwatching, and other outdoor recreation.
- Stocked 11,122,089 fish in state waters to increase angler opportunity, promote sustainable populations, and enhance our scientific research.
- Completed the inaugural southern flounder stocking season, releasing 1.1 million larvae, 33,000 pre-metamorphosed juveniles, and 70,000 post-metamorphosed juveniles into State waters.
- Certified 23,361 students in Hunter Education, Boater Education, and Handgun Safety classes.
- Successfully managed 42 public dove fields across 27 counties in the state, providing opportunity for over 5,000 dove hunters across the state.
- Entered the final phases of North American Wildlife Law Enforcement Accreditation (NAWLEA), with full assessment planned for October 2026.
- Launched GatorWise, a regional alligator awareness and educational campaign to increase human safety in area where alligators are present.
- Provided technical assistance, guidance, and educational programs to over 12,000 constituents on wildlife-related matters.
- Provided drought plan training and expertise for water systems to update their local drought response plans or ordinances. Through these efforts, 19 water systems have updated these plans or ordinances with an additional 10 under review.
- Held our biennial Open House event at Fort Johnson with booths, activities, and boat trips. Approximately 2,061 people attended and 7 partner organizations participated.
- Worked diligently to inform and support the passage of a suite of statute changes intended to safeguard the sustainability of the state's red drum fishery by participating in a regional red drum stock assessment, conducting a South Carolina–specific assessment, and leading extensive angler engagement on red drum status and potential management options, including 5 focus groups and an opinion survey.
- Reached over 5,000 students through field and boat trips, school career events, job shadow days, recreational fishing and crabbing experiences, in-class science lessons, grass growing and planting, oyster reef substrate fabrication and deployment, artificial reef ball construction, and tabling events and presentations.
- Conducted 3,689 Game Warden-led public presentations on various natural resources related topics throughout the state.
- Developed and launched a statewide online training program for Soil and Water Conservation District Commissioners and employees that provides foundational training on roles,

responsibilities, requirements, and statues. In its first year, 47% of Soil and Water Conservation District Commissioners and employees statewide completed this training.

- Protected 809.26 acres that are incorporated into the corpus of the Heritage Trust to serve as Heritage Preserves or Heritage Preserves/Wildlife Management Areas for public benefit.

Looking Ahead

Moving forward through the new fiscal year, SCDNR's top priority is to empower and encourage people to "live life outdoors." The Department aims to reach new constituents and provide exceptional services to our customers by improving our business processes and building trust with our stakeholders and the citizens of South Carolina. Some of our priorities this year include:

- Decreasing boat registration and titling turnaround times and reviewing processes and procedures to decrease wait time for our customers.
- Continue redesigning our website to improve the user experience and provide readily accessible information about our properties, programs, and mission.
- Pursuing opportunities for acquisition of properties to provide exceptional natural and cultural resources-related recreational opportunities in all regions of the state in keeping with South Carolina's outdoor heritage.
- Promoting the application of science to public trust natural resources stewardship in order to sustain those resources.
- Encouraging collaboration between our professionals in different divisions of the agency to leverage our expertise and cross-collaborate on projects when possible.
- Ensuring fair and equitable enforcement of natural resource, boating, and general public safety laws and regulations.
- Furthering our efforts to provide outdoor recreational opportunities to a growing non-traditional constituency.

Natural resources have defined much of the history and culture of South Carolina. We have been bequeathed with enormous natural and cultural wealth in the form of the lands, waters and the resources found therein. Over 5.57 million people call South Carolina home, a great many of whom seek to experience and enjoy the myriad of natural resources that solidify South Carolina's competitive advantage in the global economy. SCDNR is the advocate for and steward of the state's public trust natural resources, but SCDNR cannot be the sole effective stewards of these resources. Rather, SCDNR seeks to foster an appreciation for sustainable use of the state's natural resources among all South Carolina citizens and visitors. Continued development of a "stewardship ethic" in which interests across the state are enlisted and actively engaged to help in this stewardship mission is key to ensuring that these resources can be sustainably enjoyed today as well as in generations to come.

The most negative impact on the public resulting from SCDNR failing to accomplish our goals and objectives would be the failure of the citizens of South Carolina to fully understand and appreciate the breadth and scope of South Carolina's natural wealth and the subsequent squandering of that wealth.

The agency devotes a considerable investment of resources to providing accurate and credible science, coupled with inclusive mechanisms and processes to aid in decision making relating to the sustainable use, allocation, and enjoyment of our state's finite resources. There has been a steady trend of increased pressure on these resources due to increasing population growth, combined with the increased desire and interest in the use of the state's natural resources, both recreationally and commercially.

Through its four programmatic divisions, SCDNR seeks to broaden its strategies to address the impacts of population growth, habitat loss, environmental alterations, competing use and other challenges faced in protecting, enhancing, and managing diverse natural resources. This approach is complemented by outreach initiatives with the aim of maintaining continued engagement with constituents, stakeholders and partners. At the same time, SCDNR has also expanded facets of its outreach programs to better educate and recruit those citizens who currently are not engaged or knowledgeable about the current impacts on the state's natural resources.

One of the agency's emerging issues is balancing the natural resource needs of a changing population. We continue to face increased human/animal interactions as our population grows. Population growth also requires the agency to focus on protecting habitats for the natural communities that occur within the state, in order to maintain their viability. While most of our land management focuses on consumptive use of natural resources, we have increasing interest in providing access to non-consumptive users who also desire to visit and recreate on SCDNR-managed properties. Management for multi-species conservation will be important going forward.

Dealing with increased public use of natural lands managed by the agency, balancing protection of the natural characteristics of these lands, and providing public recreation and education will become more challenging in the future. Wildlife Management Area (WMA) properties are enjoyed by hundreds of thousands of residents and non-residents each year. SCDNR manages more than one million acres of public access lands for hunting, fishing, boating, and hiking for the enjoyment of both consumptive and non-consumptive users. Although WMAs are enjoyed by all, they are primarily financially supported by the sportsmen and sportswomen of this state. Among non-hunting users, birdwatching, wildlife viewing, fishing and photography are the most popular activities. SCDNR would like to increase and encourage both consumptive and non-consumptive visitors to all of our properties, but in order to offer quality visits for hunting, fishing and other public uses, staff need the resources to properly maintain roads, dikes, boat ramps, trails, habitat management and the other needs associated with maintaining large natural areas that are visited by the public.

We ask for the General Assembly's support in the following tasks:

1. Helping to promote the idea that "conservation is a team sport."

We believe that the health and abundance of our natural resources is a key component of the quality of life in South Carolina, and that quality of life is one of our state's key competitive advantages in a global economy. Stewardship of those resources is the responsibility of all, and it is SCDNR's primary mission to promote sound and sustained stewardship of these resources for present and future generations. The agency works towards this mission through various means, including developing science-based

recommendations for regulatory and statutory measures to protect natural resources; providing access and opportunity for people to enjoy South Carolina's natural wealth via traditional (hunting, fishing, boating) and non-traditional (wildlife viewing, hiking, nature study) means, and ensuring that this access is safe, orderly, and in accordance with statutes and regulations established to sustain these resources.

South Carolina is home to more than 5.57 million people, and we host millions of visitors each year. The sheer numbers suggest that there are varying views on natural resources stewardship, and these differences can lead to growing conflicts between and among various interests regarding how to best promote natural resources. Couple this with the fact that the bulk of the financial support for natural resources management has been provided disproportionately by license and user fees. The proportion of citizens who purchase licenses for traditional uses of natural resources is declining, though we see increasing demands for new or additional services from citizens who do not purchase licenses/privileges. We see increasing conflicts on the horizon as new users demand access to natural resources that have traditionally been the purview of the hunter/angler/boater, and this has implications for how the agency manages resources such as Heritage Preserves and Wildlife Management Areas. People of many varied interests—not just hunters, anglers, and boaters—seek the outdoors and natural resources for respite, refuge, and rejuvenation. SCDNR encourages those uses. In a state that is blessed with vibrant population and business growth, this leads to greater pressure on the agency to provide for a quality outdoor experience among a growing diversity of user groups.

The General Assembly can help the agency by recognizing the growing demands placed on agency lands and programs and provide for a diversification of our funding base. This would enable us to meet the demand for greater and safer access to natural resources by a broader constituency, with the ultimate goal to foster a greater sense of natural resources stewardship by all South Carolina citizens and visitors.

2. Funding Facility/Equipment Needs

SCDNR has been aggressive in investing in recreational lands, fish hatcheries, wildlife areas, research laboratories and facilities, and other infrastructure to promote stewardship and provide access and opportunity to a growing population interested in being outdoors. The agency manages over one million acres of land across the state for wildlife habitat and outdoor recreation. Our mission differs from that of the State Park Service in that we have for decades pursued investments in natural lands to provide for hunting, fishing, and boating access. For over two decades, the agency's highest priority has been wildlife habitat protection, and we have been successful in leveraging state, federal, and private funds in pursuit of habitat protection.

As we encourage and promote the need to be good stewards of the state's public trust natural resources, we believe that we have an obligation to be good stewards of the lands and facilities under our care so that we can continue to provide exceptional service to our constituents.

3. Assisting with Employee Retention and Competitive Salaries

SCDNR has recognized for many years that improving salaries and benefits is a key component to recruitment and retention of highly qualified individuals. The agency's staff are our most valuable asset, and long-term success in fostering a durable natural resources stewardship ethic by our citizenry is driven by a workforce culture with a sustained commitment to conservation, stewardship, and science. Retention of high-performing employees is critical to ensuring sustained success in resources stewardship. The department employs many scientists who are at the top of their fields in geology, hydrology, botany, archaeology, climatology, marine science, and wildlife biology, as well as other disciplines. SCDNR staff are passionate, smart, diligent and crucial to encouraging a stewardship ethic in South Carolina.

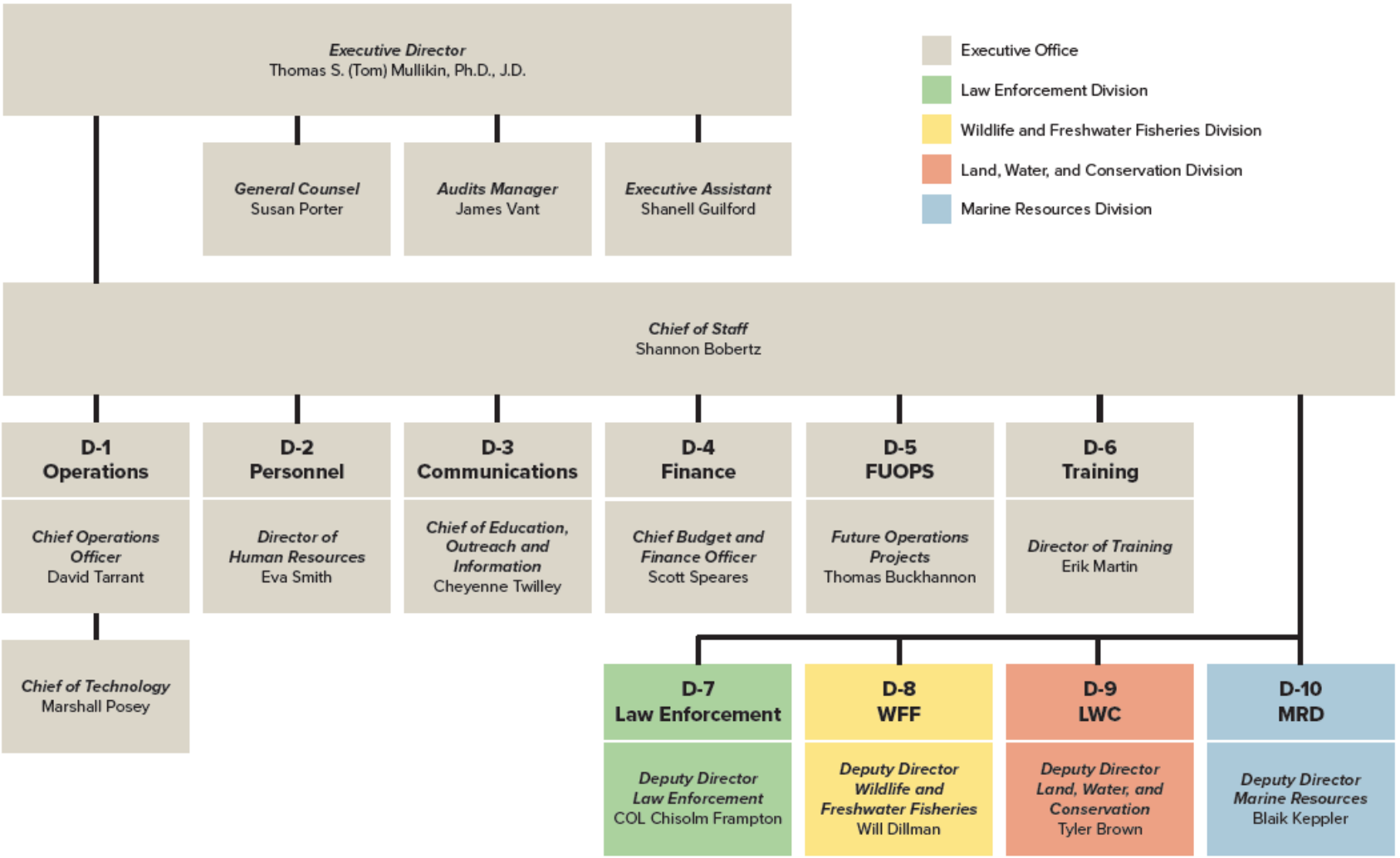
Providing salaries for employees that are regionally competitive and providing adequate training and mentoring to prepare younger staff for succession as older staff retire is problematic. In addition, keeping a well trained and experienced staff, many of whom are required to work evenings, weekends, and major holidays is difficult with the new generation of employees. The General Assembly can assist us by implementing the recommendations of salary studies as well as encouraging agencies to explore innovative ways to address work-life balance issues that today's most enterprising employees are demanding.

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SCDNR Command Staff Organizational Chart

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2026

Reorganization and Compliance

as submitted for the Accountability Report by:

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Agency Mission	Adopted in:	1994

Our mission is to serve as the principal advocate for and steward of South Carolina's natural resources

Agency Vision	Adopted in:	1994

Our vision for South Carolina is an enhanced quality of life for present and future generations through improved understanding, wise use, and safe enjoyment of healthy, diverse, sustainable and accessible natural resources.

Recommendations for reorganization requiring legislative change:

None

Agency intentions for other major reorganization to divisions, departments, or programs to allow the agency to operate more effectively and efficiently in the succeeding fiscal year:

None

Significant events related to the agency that occurred in FY2026

Description of Event	Start	End	Agency Measures Impacted	Other Impacts

No significant events affected performance measures.				
Is the agency in compliance with S.C. Code Ann. § 2-1-220, which requires submission of certain reports to the Legislative Services Agency for publication online and the State Library? (See also S.C. Code Ann. § 60-2-20).				Yes
Reason agency is out of compliance: (if applicable)				
Is the agency in compliance with various requirements to transfer its records, including electronic ones, to the Department of Archives and History? See the Public Records Act (S.C. Code Ann. § 30-1-10 through 30-1-180) and the South Carolina Uniform Electronic Transactions Act (S.C. Code Ann. § 26-6-10 through 26-10-210).				Yes
Does the law allow the agency to promulgate regulations?				Yes
Law number(s) which gives the agency the authority to promulgate regulations:	**50-5-30; 50-11-525; 50-15-60; 50-21-30; 50-21-710; 50-23-230**			
Has the agency promulgated any regulations?				Yes
Is the agency in compliance with S.C. Code Ann. § 1-23-120 (J), which requires an agency to conduct a formal review of its regulations every five years?				Yes
(End of Reorganization and Compliance Section)				

Strategic Plan Results

FY2026

as submitted for the Accountability Report by:

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Goal 1 Develop and Implement programs that study, manage and conserve the State's land and water resources through planning, research, technical assistance, public education and the development of a comprehensive natural resources database.

Goal 2 Conserve and protect the state's natural resources for social, economic, recreational, and commercial benefit while providing maximum human utilization through: (1) the development of public support through outreach, education, and safety programs; (2) the preservation of peace

Goal 3 Sustain the State's living marine resources for cultural, recreational, commercial and economic benefit of the state's citizens and visitors.

Goal 4 Monitor, protect, and enhance wildlife species and inland aquatic species and their habitats throughout the state and provide recreational hunting and fishing opportunities to the public.

Goal 5 Continuously evaluate and improve administrative and business processes, efficiency, effectiveness, and internal/external service delivery with a focus on transparency, communications, accountability, and the integration of new technologies.

Perf. Measure Number	Description	Base	Target	Actual	Value Type	Desired Outcome	Time Applicable	Calculation Method	Data Source	Data Location	Stakeholder Need Satisfied	Primary Stakeholder	State Funded Program Number Responsible	Notes
1.1	**Provide reliable, science-based information to decision makers and the public on water resource and aquatic plant management; earth science, climate, and flood mitigation research**									**State Objective:**	**Maintaining Safety, Integrity and Security**			
1.1.1	Number of reliable 1:24,000 scale maps available to decision makers and the public in open-file, digital report format.	393	408	435	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Number of available maps in digital format.	Internal Records	SCDNR Geological Survey Program	Increased map coverage and improved spatial continuity provides detailed understanding of geologic resources (mineral, aggregate, water) and natural hazards (sinkhole, landslide, earthquake, shoreline change) meeting a variety of societal needs.	USGS- Earth MRI-Critical Minerals, NCGMP-STATEMAP and GeoFramework Initiative, NGMDB_National Map Database; SCDOT-Preconstruction Geotechnical Design Support; SCDNR-MRD, LWC, WFF and other state agencies, Commerce, DHEC, SLED, Sea Grant; Education-USC, CCU, CofC, Clemson, Furman; Environmental, Geotechnical, and Geological Consultants- F&ME, S&ME, A&E, Terracon, InSight Group, HDR, Oil&Gas Consultants, Mining Consultants; NGO's-The Nature Conservancy, Audubon; Public Requests for Information-rock and mineral IDs, meteorites, sinkhole and erosional issues, map information; education outreach	6000.600100.000	
1.1.2	Provide accurate weather and climate information that is useful for decision makers and the public, as measured by subscriptions to our severe weather alerts.	53,996	54,375	53,475	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Number of subscriptions to email list serve.	Internal Records	SCDNR Climatology Program	To protect life and property during hazardous weather	Local, State, and Federal Partners	6000.600100.000	
1.1.3	Outreach to communities that participate in the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Flood Mitigation Assistance, Cooperating Technical Partners, Community Assistance Program-State Support Services Element Programs.	315	300	320	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Number of request responded to and number of meetings, trainings and workshops.	Internal Records	SCDNR Flood Mitigation Program	To protect life and property from flooding	Local governments, NFIP Participating Communities, State Agencies and Federal Agencies	6000.600500.000	
1.2	**Provide reliable information and technical assistance to enhance and improve conservation efforts in the state.**									**State Objective:**	**Maintaining Safety, Integrity and Security**			
1.2.1	Number of contacts with farmers, landowners, and other constituents to work collaboratively, sharing our expertise and technical assistance in soil and water conservation.	1,300	1,200	1,250	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Sum of contacts made by LWC staff with farmers, landowners, and other constituents.	Scenic Rivers Program staff	Reports from SCDNR-Conservation Districts field staff	Serving landowners by providing conservation planning that meets the agricultural, forestry and natural resources needs through sustainable conservation practices throughout the state.	Farmers, foresters, natural resource professionals and the citizens that benefit from local conservation practices	6000.600500.000	

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1.2.2	Number of participants in the State Scenic Rivers Program to include project partners, volunteers for Beach/River Sweep, and public contacts to provide information and technical assistance.	3,425	3,000	4,065	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Sum of participants.	Cultural Heritage Trust Program-Archaeologist	SCDNR Scenic Rivers Program. BSRS annual reports available at SCDNR and SC Sea Grant websites.	SCDNR partnership in community-based efforts to protect and conserve valued rivers of the state	Citizens and organizations with property interests or user interests in rivers of the state	6000.600100.000	
1.2.3	Number of new botanical Element Occurrence records incorporated into Heritage Trust Database	1,503	1,500	1,512	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Sum of new botanical Element Occurrence records.	Natural Heritage Trust Program- Botany staff	SCDNR Heritage Trust database/portal	State and Federal Partners	Collaboration with colleagues interested in research and conservation on SCDNR properties, provide data for environmental compliance, provide data to plan management of conservation lands	6000.600100.000	
1.3	**Monitor and protect cultural and other resources throughout the state on Heritage Trust properties, and provide culturally related recreational/educational opportunities.**										**State Objective:**	**Maintaining Safety, Integrity and Security**		
1.3.1	Number of contacts with the general public and educational groups sharing archaeological experiences and knowledge of South Carolina Cultural Heritage.	20,382	25,000	30,000	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Sum of contacts with the general public and educational groups.	Cultural Heritage Trust Program-Archaeologist	Cultural Heritage Trust Newsletter, number of subscribers to monthly newsletter	Serves general public and educational group need for knowledge of SCDNR cultural resources	Due to COVID the newsletter was the primary means of communication with the general public and educational groups on SCDNR archaeological happenings.	6000.601000.000	
1.3.2	Number of collaborations with colleagues conducting archaeological research projects.	24	30	120	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Sum of collaborations.	Cultural Heritage Trust Program-Archaeologist	SCDNR Cultural Heritage Trust Program	Collaboration with colleagues interested in research on SCDNR properties	Local, State, and Federal Partners	6000.601000.000	
1.3.3	Number of new archaeological sites identified.	46	50	12	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Sum of new archaeological sites identified.	Cultural Heritage Trust Program-Archaeologist	SCDNR Archaeological GIS	Compliance with state and federal statues and agreements	State, and Federal Partners	6000.601000.000	
2.1	**Provide for a safe hunting, fishing, and boating environment through outreach, protection of lives and property, and enforcement of the state's criminal codes.**										**State Objective:**	**Maintaining Safety, Integrity and Security**		
2.1.1	Number of outreach programs and public presentations provided that promote safe hunting, fishing, and boating.	3,897	3,500	6,264	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Regional totals aggregated into statewide total.	Recorded in Law Enforcement Officer Daily Activity books.	Law Enforcement Administration Records	Protection of public safety.	All citizens and visitors to South Carolina.	6000.250100.000	
2.1.2	Reduce investigation hours related to hunting and boating accidents and fatalities.	3,173	3,500	4,211	Count	equal to or less than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Regional totals aggregated into statewide total.	Recorded in Law Enforcement Officer Daily Activity books.	Law Enforcement Administration Records	Protection of public safety.	All citizens and visitors to South Carolina.	6000.250100.000	
2.2	**Improve safety on the waters of the State and deter potential watercraft violations through proactive enforcement efforts and officer presence.**										**State Objective:**	**Maintaining Safety, Integrity and Security**		
2.2.1	Number of watercraft inspected by our law enforcement officers across the state on our rivers, lakes, creeks, and the Atlantic Ocean.	42,913	50,000	33,935	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Regional totals aggregated into statewide total.	Recorded in Law Enforcement Officer Daily Activity books.	Law Enforcement Administration Records	Protection of public safety.	All citizens and visitors to South Carolina.	6000.250100.000	

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2.2.2	Number of Boating Hours worked by our law enforcement officers across the state on our rivers, lakes, creeks, and the Atlantic Ocean.	48,393	45,000	41,402	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Regional totals aggregated into statewide total.	Recorded in Law Enforcement Officer Daily Activity books.	Law Enforcement Administration Records	Protection of public safety.	All citizens and visitors to South Carolina.	6000.250100.000	
3.1	**Serve as a national, regional, and local leader in marine research that helps sustain and improve the condition of South Carolina's marine resources.**										**State Objective: Maintaining Safety, Integrity and Security**			
3.1.1	Number of Research Grants Awarded to Marine Division	61	45	64	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Sum of monthly awards	Recorded monthly by Marine Resources Research Institute (MRRI) Director's office	Marine Resources Research Institute (MRRI) Director's Office	Direct benefit to agency customers and partners, such as funding for critical research and survey programs which provide data for stock assessments, conservation, and management decisions	Agency customers who utilize our natural resources; partner agencies who collaborate on research, conservation, and management activities	6000.400500.000	
3.1.2	Number of Man Days Sampling Marine Fauna	3,153	2,800	3,313	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Sum of monthly reports	Recorded monthly and reported to Marine Resources Research Institute (MRRI) Director	Marine Resources Research Institute (MRRI) Director's Office	Indirect benefit to agency customers, such as provides critical research and survey data for stock assessment, conservation, and management decisions	Agency customers who utilize our natural resources	6000.400500.000	
3.1.3	Number of Loggerhead sea turtle nests on S.C. beaches (ultimate goal being delisting the species from the Endangered species list by achieving a southeast regional level of 30,000 nests)	4,812	3,000	3,901	Count	equal to or greater than	Other	Sum of monthly reports from coastal island turtle monitoring teams	Internal Records	Recorded by Sea Turtle Program Supervisor	Increased constituent knowledge of South Carolina's endangered and threatened wildlife	state and local municipality partners	6000.400500.000	
3.2	**Engage constituents to sustainably manage South Carolina's marine resources.**										**State Objective: Maintaining Safety, Integrity and Security**			
3.2.1	Number of commercial marine permits issued	1,100	1,100	1,073	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Sum of monthly reports of Permit Office	Recorded Monthly by OFM Permit Coordinator	Office of Fisheries Management (OFM) Permit Coordinator	permits required to conduct legal commercial fishing activities	commercial fishermen	6000.400500.000	
3.2.2	Percentage of Marine Fisheries Harvest Reports Processed within 90 days of end of Month	100%	100%	97.16%	Percent	Maintain	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	(Annual sum of Monthly number of reports processed within 90 days/ annual total number of reports received) X 100	Computed by OFM Permit Coordinator	Office of Fisheries Management (OFM) Permit Coordinator	data necessary to assess populations of regulated species	fisheries scientists and regulators	6000.400500.000	
4.1	**Conserve and protect freshwater fish and wildlife species in South Carolina.**										**State Objective: Government and Citizens**			
4.1.1	Acres of habitat owned by SCDNR and managed to promote species diversity and richness through planting, burning, maintenance and wetlands enhancement.	313,109	314,000	323,274	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Number of SCDNR-owned acres of managed habitat	Staff monthly reports	Office of Wildlife Chief. Office of Deputy Director- WFF	Access to outdoor spaces for hunting, fishing, birdwatching, hiking, biking and other activities.	All citizens, especially outdoor recreation enthusiasts.	6000.220500.000	

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4.1.2	At-risk, threatened and endangered species protected, monitored and managed following state and/or federal law.	1,275	1,275	1,275	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Number protected, monitored and managed	Staff monthly reports	SCDNR Heritage Database, and species coordinator offices and computers	Tracks records. Locations, and projects dealing with rare, threatened, endangered , and at risk species in the state.	All citizens.	6000.220500.000	
4.1.3	Number of constituents and contacts who attended organized public presentations and workshops to enhance awareness of conservation and natural resources or contacted SCDNR for technical assistance including but not limited to nuisance wildlife issues, wildlife species information, and management advice.	20,794	20,000	20,501	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Number who attended organized workshops and presentations	Staff monthly reports	Office of Wildlife Chief. Office of Deputy Director- WFF	Need for timely and accurate information on living with wildlife and minimizing conflict with wildlife.	All citizens, especially outdoor recreation enthusiasts, those experiencing wildlife damage or threat, and those seeking information on wildlife management.	6000.220500.000	
4.2	**Produce freshwater fish and stock them in public waters to provide for sustainable populations and ample fishing opportunities.**										**State Objective: Government and Citizens**			
4.2.1	Number of fish hatcheries operated and maintained at a level to meet management demands.	6	6	6	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Number of operational fish hatcheries	Staff monthly reports	Section Chief's office and Hatchery Coordinators office	Direct benefits to agency customers	Direct customers of agency services	6000.222000.000	
4.2.2	Number of fish needed to meet demand for public water stocking	8,529,892	1,085,354	10,332,824	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Number of fish produced	Staff monthly reports	Hatchery Coordinators office	Direct benefits to agency customers	Direct customers of agency services	6000.222000.000	
4.3	**Provide quality hunting and freshwater fishing opportunities throughout South Carolina.**										**State Objective: Government and Citizens**			
4.3.1	Acreage of Wildlife Management Area Program land available to provide hunting opportunities to the public.	1,098,099	1,100,000	1,159,036	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Number of acres available for use as a WMA	Staff Monthly Report	Office of Wildlife Chief. Office of Deputy Director- WFF	Access to outdoor spaces for hunting, fishing, birdwatching, hiking, biking and other activities.	All citizens, especially outdoor recreation enthusiasts.	6000.220500.000	
4.3.2	Number of state lakes maintained and open to the public for fishing.	16	16	16	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Number of state lakes open to the public	Staff Monthly Report	Section Chief's office and Hatchery Coordinators office	Direct benefits to agency customers	Direct customers of agency services	6000.222000.000	
4.3.3	Number of deer quota cooperators, specialty permits issued, lottery hunt participants, and participants in WFF division hunting/fishing events and programs.	10,923	10,000	7,990	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Number of permits, tags and participants	Staff Monthly Report	Permitting and Lottery Hunt office and computer. Some data maintained on species and program leader offices and computers.	Provides permits to conduct a variety of specified activities, provides special hunting opportunities through a lottery system.	All citizens, hunters, and those that require permits for their selected activities.	6000.220500.000	
5.1	**Provide excellent and efficient customer service experiences for our customers.**										**State Objective: Government and Citizens**			

Perf. Measure Number	Description	Base	Target	Actual	Value Type	Desired Outcome	Time Applicable	Calculation Method	Data Source	Data Location	Stakeholder Need Satisfied	Primary Stakeholder	State Funded Program Number Responsible	Notes
5.1.1	Number of mail-in boating transactions returned for incompleteness.	27%	25%	26%	Percent	equal to or less than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Percent to total of mail-in transactions received.	Violations, Licensing and Titling System (VOLTS)	VOLTS - Customer Service	More efficient and effective customer service	Direct customers of agency services	6001.120100.000	
5.1.2	Average customer wait time on Licensing Customer Service phone line in minutes.	3:30	2:30	4:31	Ratio	equal to or less than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Average annual customer wait time as reported by SEGRA.	SEGRA (VoIP Telephone Provider)	SEGRA - Customer Service	More efficient and effective customer service	Direct customers of agency services	6001.120100.000	
5.1.3	Average customer wait time on Boating Customer Service phone line in minutes.	7:30	2:30	7:30	Ratio	equal to or less than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Average annual customer wait time as reported by SEGRA.	SEGRA (VoIP Telephone Provider)	SEGRA - Customer Service	More efficient and effective customer service	Direct customers of agency services	6001.120100.000	

Strategic Plan Development

FY2027

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P240 - DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Goal 1 Develop and Implement programs that study, manage and conserve the State's land and water resources through planning, research, technical assistance, public education and the development of a comprehensive natural resources database.

Goal 2 Conserve and protect the state's natural resources for social, economic, recreational, and commercial benefit while providing maximum human utilization through: (1) the development of public support through outreach, education, and safety programs; (2) the preservation of peace

Goal 3 Sustain the State's living marine resources for cultural, recreational, commercial and economic benefit of the state's citizens and visitors.

Goal 4 Monitor, protect, and enhance wildlife species and inland aquatic species and their habitats throughout the state and provide recreational hunting and fishing opportunities to the public.

Goal 5 Continuously evaluate and improve administrative and business processes, efficiency, effectiveness, and internal/external service delivery with a focus on transparency, communications, accountability, and the integration of new technologies.

Perf. Measure Number	Description	Base	Target	Value Type	Desired Outcome	Time Applicable	Calculation Method	Data Source	Data Location	Stakeholder Need Satisfied	Primary Stakeholder	State Funded Program Number Responsible	Notes
1.1	**Provide reliable, science-based information to decision makers and the public on water resource and aquatic plant management; earth science, climate, and flood mitigation research**								**State Objective: Maintaining Safety, Integrity and Security**				
1.1.1	Number of reliable 1:24,000 scale maps available to decision makers and the public in open-file, digital report format.	435	444	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Number of available maps in digital format.	Internal Records	SCDNR Geological Survey Program	Increased map coverage and improved spatial continuity provides detailed understanding of geologic resources (mineral, aggregate, water) and natural hazards (sinkhole, landslide, earthquake, shoreline change) meeting a variety of societal needs.	USGS- Earth MRI-Critical Minerals, NCGMP- STATEMAP and GeoFramework Initiative, NGMDB_National Map Database; SCDOT- Preconstruction Geotechnical Design Support; SCDNR-MRD, LWC, WFF and other state agencies, Commerce, DHEC, SLED, Sea Grant; Education-USC, CCU, CofC, Clemson, Furman; Environmental, Geotechnical, and Geological Consultants- F&ME, S&ME, A&E, Terracon, InSight Group, HDR, Oil&Gas Consultants, Mining Consultants; NGO's-The Nature Conservancy, Audubon; Public Requests for Information-rock and mineral IDs, meteorites, sinkhole and erosional issues, map information; education outreach	6000.600100.000	
1.1.2	Provide accurate weather and climate information that is useful for decision makers and the public, as measured by subscriptions to our severe weather alerts.	53,475	54,375	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Number of subscriptions to email list serve.	Internal Records	SCDNR Climatology Program	To protect life and property during hazardous weather	Local, State, and Federal Partners	6000.600100.000	
1.1.3	Outreach to communities that participate in the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Flood Mitigation Assistance, Cooperating Technical Partners, Community Assistance Program-State Support Services Element Programs.	320	300	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Number of request responded to and number of meetings, trainings and workshops.	Internal Records	SCDNR Flood Mitigation Program	To protect life and property from flooding	Local governments, NFIP Participating Communities, State Agencies and Federal Agencies	6000.600500.000	
1.2	**Provide reliable information and technical assistance to enhance and improve conservation efforts in the state.**								**State Objective: Maintaining Safety, Integrity and Security**				

Perf. Measure Number	Description	Base	Target	Value Type	Desired Outcome	Time Applicable	Calculation Method	Data Source	Data Location	Stakeholder Need Satisfied	Primary Stakeholder	State Funded Program Number Responsible	Notes
1.2.1	Number of contacts with farmers, landowners, and other constituents to work collaboratively, sharing our expertise and technical assistance in soil and water conservation.	1,250	1,300	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Sum of contacts made by LWC staff with farmers, landowners, and other constituents.	Scenic Rivers Program staff	Reports from SCDNR-Conservation Districts field staff	Serving landowners by providing conservation planning that meets the agricultural, forestry and natural resources needs through sustainable conservation practices throughout the state.	Farmers, foresters, natural resource professionals and the citizens that benefit from local conservation practices	6000.600500.000	
1.2.2	Number of participants in the State Scenic Rivers Program to include project partners, volunteers for Beach/River Sweep, and public contacts to provide information and technical assistance.	4,065	3,000	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Sum of participants.	Cultural Heritage Trust Program-Archaeologist	SCDNR Scenic Rivers Program. BSRS annual reports available at SCDNR and SC Sea Grant websites.	SCDNR partnership in community-based efforts to protect and conserve valued rivers of the state	Citizens and organizations with property interests or user interests in rivers of the state	6000.600100.000	
1.2.3	Number of new botanical Element Occurrence records incorporated into Heritage Trust Database	1,512	1,500	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Sum of new botanical Element Occurrence records.	Natural Heritage Trust Program-Botany staff	SCDNR Heritage Trust database/portal	State and Federal Partners	Collaboration with colleagues interested in research and conservation on SCDNR properties, provide data for environmental compliance, provide data to plan management of conservation lands	6000.600100.000	
1.3	**Monitor and protect cultural and other resources throughout the state on Heritage Trust properties, and provide culturally related recreational/educational opportunities.**								**State Objective:**	**Maintaining Safety, Integrity and Security**			
1.3.1	Number of contacts with the general public and educational groups sharing archaeological experiences and knowledge of South Carolina Cultural Heritage.	30,000	35,000	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Sum of contacts with the general public and educational groups.	Cultural Heritage Trust Program-Archaeologist	Cultural Heritage Trust Newsletter, number of subscribers to monthly newsletter	Serves general public and educational group need for knowledge of SCDNR cultural resources	Due to COVID the newsletter was the primary means of communication with the general public and educational groups on SCDNR archaeological happenings.	6000.601000.000	
1.3.2	Number of collaborations with colleagues conducting archaeological research projects.	120	150	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Sum of collaborations.	Cultural Heritage Trust Program-Archaeologist	SCDNR Cultural Heritage Trust Program	Collaboration with colleagues interested in research on SCDNR properties	Local, State, and Federal Partners	6000.601000.000	
1.3.3	Number of new archaeological sites identified.	12	24	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Sum of new archaeological sites identified.	Cultural Heritage Trust Program-Archaeologist	SCDNR Archaeological GIS	Compliance with state and federal statues and agreements	State, and Federal Partners	6000.601000.000	
2.1	**Provide for a safe hunting, fishing, and boating environment through outreach, protection of lives and property, and enforcement of the state's criminal codes.**								**State Objective:**	**Maintaining Safety, Integrity and Security**			

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2.1.1	Number of outreach programs and public presentations provided that promote safe hunting, fishing, and boating.	3,897	3,500	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Regional totals aggregated into statewide total.	Recorded in Law Enforcement Officer Daily Activity books.	Law Enforcement Administration Records	Protection of public safety.	All citizens and visitors to South Carolina.	6000.250100.000	
2.1.2	Reduce investigation hours related to hunting and boating accidents and fatalities.	4,211	3,500	Count	equal to or less than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Regional totals aggregated into statewide total.	Recorded in Law Enforcement Officer Daily Activity books.	Law Enforcement Administration Records	Protection of public safety.	All citizens and visitors to South Carolina.	6000.250100.000	
2.2	**Improve safety on the waters of the State and deter potential watercraft violations through proactive enforcement efforts and officer presence.**								**State Objective:**	**Maintaining Safety, Integrity and Security**			
2.2.1	Number of watercraft inspected by our law enforcement officers across the state on our rivers, lakes, creeks, and the Atlantic Ocean.	33,935	45,000	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Regional totals aggregated into statewide total.	Recorded in Law Enforcement Officer Daily Activity books.	Law Enforcement Administration Records	Protection of public safety.	All citizens and visitors to South Carolina.	6000.250100.000	
2.2.2	Number of Boating Hours worked by our law enforcement officers across the state on our rivers, lakes, creeks, and the Atlantic Ocean.	41,402	45,000	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Regional totals aggregated into statewide total.	Recorded in Law Enforcement Officer Daily Activity books.	Law Enforcement Administration Records	Protection of public safety.	All citizens and visitors to South Carolina.	6000.250100.000	
3.1	**Serve as a national, regional, and local leader in marine research that helps sustain and improve the condition of South Carolina's marine resources.**								**State Objective:**	**Maintaining Safety, Integrity and Security**			
3.1.1	Number of Research Grants Awarded to Marine Division	64	45	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Sum of monthly awards	Recorded monthly by Marine Resources Research Institute (MRRI) Director's office	Marine Resources Research Institute (MRRI) Director's Office	Direct benefit to agency customers and partners, such as funding for critical research and survey programs which provide data for stock assessments, conservation, and management decisions	Agency customers who utilize our natural resources; partner agencies who collaborate on research, conservation, and management activities	6000.400500.000	
3.1.2	Number of Man Days Sampling Marine Fauna	3,313	2,800	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Sum of monthly reports	Recorded monthly and reported to Marine Resources Research Institute (MRRI) Director	Marine Resources Research Institute (MRRI) Director's Office	Indirect benefit to agency customers, such as provides critical research and survey data for stock assessment, conservation, and management decisions	Agency customers who utilize our natural resources	6000.400500.000	

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3.1.3	Number of Loggerhead sea turtle nests on S.C. beaches (ultimate goal being delisting the species from the Endangered species list by achieving a southeast regional level of 30,000 nests)	3,901	4,200	Count	equal to or greater than	Other	Sum of monthly reports from coastal island turtle monitoring teams	Internal Records	Recorded by Sea Turtle Program Supervisor	Increased constituent knowledge of South Carolina's endangered and threatened wildlife	state and local municipality partners	6000.400500.000	
3.2	**Engage constituents to sustainably manage South Carolina's marine resources.**								**State Objective:**	**Maintaining Safety, Integrity and Security**			
3.2.1	Number of commercial marine permits issued	1,073	1,100	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Sum of monthly reports of Permit Office	Recorded Monthly by OFM Permit Coordinator	Office of Fisheries Management (OFM) Permit Coordinator	permits required to conduct legal commercial fishing activities	commercial fishermen	6000.400500.000	
3.2.2	Percentage of Marine Fisheries Harvest Reports Processed within 90 days of end of Month	97.16%	100%	Percent	Maintain	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	(Annual sum of Monthly number of reports processed within 90 days/ annual total number of reports received) X 100	Computed by OFM Permit Coordinator	Office of Fisheries Management (OFM) Permit Coordinator	data necessary to assess populations of regulated species	fisheries scientists and regulators	6000.400500.000	
4.1	**Conserve and protect freshwater fish and wildlife species in South Carolina.**								**State Objective:**	**Government and Citizens**			
4.1.1	Acres of habitat owned by SCDNR and managed to promote species diversity and richness through planting, burning, maintenance and wetlands enhancement.	323,274	330,000	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Number of SCDNR-owned acres of managed habitat	Staff monthly reports	Office of Wildlife Chief. Office of Deputy Director-WFF	Access to outdoor spaces for hunting, fishing, birdwatching, hiking, biking and other activities.	All citizens, especially outdoor recreation enthusiasts.	6000.220500.000	
4.1.2	At-risk, threatened and endangered species protected, monitored and managed following state and/or federal law.	1,275	1,275	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Number protected, monitored and managed	Staff monthly reports	SCDNR Heritage Database, and species coordinator offices and computers	Tracks records. Locations, and projects dealing with rare, threatened, endangered , and at risk species in the state.	All citizens.	6000.220500.000	
4.1.3	Number of constituents and contacts who attended organized public presentations and workshops to enhance awareness of conservation and natural resources or contacted SCDNR for technical assistance including but not limited to nuisance wildlife issues, wildlife species information, and management advice.	20,501	20,000	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Number who attended organized workshops and presentations	Staff monthly reports	Office of Wildlife Chief. Office of Deputy Director-WFF	Need for timely and accurate information on living with wildlife and minimizing conflict with wildlife.	All citizens, especially outdoor recreation enthusiasts, those experiencing wildlife damage or threat, and those seeking information on wildlife management.	6000.220500.000	
4.2	**Produce freshwater fish and stock them in public waters to provide for sustainable populations and ample fishing opportunities.**								**State Objective:**	**Government and Citizens**			
4.2.1	Number of fish hatcheries operated and maintained at a level to meet management demands.	6	6	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Number of operational fish hatcheries	Staff monthly reports	Section Chief's office and Hatchery Coordinators office	Direct benefits to agency customers	Direct customers of agency services	6000.222000.000	

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4.2.2	Number of fish needed to meet demand for public water stocking	10,332,824	8,000,000	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Number of fish produced	Staff monthly reports	Hatchery Coordinators office	Direct benefits to agency customers	Direct customers of agency services	6000.222000.000	
4.3	**Provide quality hunting and freshwater fishing opportunities throughout South Carolina.**								**State Objective:**	**Government and Citizens**			
4.3.1	Acreage of Wildlife Management Area Program land available to provide hunting opportunities to the public.	1,159,036	1,165,762	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Number of acres available for use as a WMA	Staff Monthly Report	Office of Wildlife Chief. Office of Deputy Director-WFF	Access to outdoor spaces for hunting, fishing, birdwatching, hiking, biking and other activities.	All citizens, especially outdoor recreation enthusiasts.	6000.220500.000	
4.3.2	Number of state lakes maintained and open to the public for fishing.	16	16	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Number of state lakes open to the public	Staff Monthly Report	Section Chief's office and Hatchery Coordinators office	Direct benefits to agency customers	Direct customers of agency services	6000.222000.000	
4.3.3	Number of deer quota cooperators, specialty permits issued, lottery hunt participants, and participants in WFF division hunting/fishing events and programs.	7,990	9,000	Count	equal to or greater than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Number of permits, tags and participants	Staff Monthly Report	Permitting and Lottery Hunt office and computer. Some data maintained on species and program leader offices and computers.	Provides permits to conduct a variety of specified activities, provides special hunting opportunities through a lottery system.	All citizens, hunters, and those that require permits for their selected activities.	6000.220500.000	
5.1	**Provide excellent and efficient customer service experiences for our customers.**								**State Objective:**	**Government and Citizens**			
5.1.1	Number of mail-in boating transactions returned for incompleteness.	26%	25%	Percent	equal to or less than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Percent to total of mail-in transactions received.	Violations, Licensing and Titling System (VOLTS)	VOLTS - Customer Service	More efficient and effective customer service	Direct customers of agency services	6001.120100.000	
5.1.2	Average customer wait time on Licensing Customer Service phone line in minutes.	4:31	2:30	Ratio	equal to or less than	State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30).	Average annual customer wait time as reported by SEGRA.	SEGRA (VoIP Telephone Provider)	SEGRA - Customer Service	More efficient and effective customer service	Direct customers of agency services	6001.120100.000	
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Budget Data

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P240 - DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

State Funded Program No.	State Funded Program Title	Description of State Funded Program	(Actual) General	(Actual) Other	(Actual) Federal	(Actual) Total	(Projected) General	(Projected) Other	(Projected) Federal	(Projected) Total
0102.000000.000	Administration	Provides Executive leadership for the agency. Performs core administrative functions including Audit, Finance, Budget, Grants Administration, Human Resources, Legal and Procurement Services for the agency.	$ 4,596,351.26	$ 2,094,237.24	$ -	$ 6,690,588.50	$ 5,449,623.00	$ 3,601,779.00	$ -	$ 9,051,402.00
6000.050100.000	Outreach Programs	The Outreach Program provides public information, information disseminated through multimedia channels, addressing constituent feedback, conservation and natural resources education programs and Litter Awareness.	$ 1,984,752.01	$ 69,191.81	$ -	$ 2,053,943.82	$ 2,235,293.00	$ 355,211.00	$ -	$ 2,590,504.00
6000.050500.000	Magazine	To support the South Carolina Wildlife production including magazine writers, photographers, layout and design, printing and distribution functions.	$ -	$ 688,618.39	$ -	$ 688,618.39	$ -	$ 682,139.00	$ -	$ 682,139.00
6000.051000.000	Web Services and Technology Development	Develops and maintains web/mobile applications and databases providing around the clock access to agency data. Supports software, hardware and network infrastructure to provide secure methods of accessing sensitive information supporting the objectives and goals of the agency. Deploys and maintains telephones, mobile devices and e-mail to ensure smooth and reliable communications amongst the agency employees is maintained 24x7. Maintains agency website and customer portal to provide timely communications with customers and constituents	$ 4,111,073.62	$ 1,324,320.35	$ -	$ 5,435,393.97	$ 4,818,088.00	$ 1,663,548.00	$ -	$ 6,481,636.00

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6000.120500.000	Fishing & Hunting Licenses	The Licensing section of the Administrative Division is responsible for the sale of licenses, tags & permits through a variety of outlets to include license vendors, direct mail, internet sales, mobile applications and the DNR offices.	$ -	$ 4,675,607.58	$ -	$ 4,675,607.58	$ -	$ 3,608,132.00	$ -	$ 3,608,132.00
6000.140100.000	Boating Access	Regional Projects include projects supporting boating access, county water recreation funds, and county game & fish funds. The boating access component provides technical support for boating access services to local, county, and state entities. The Boating Infastructure and Clean Vessel Act federal programs are also contained in this program.	$ 3,043,845.37	$ 867,147.06	$ 649,675.06	$ 4,560,667.49	$ 3,713,698.51	$ 910,958.00	$ 2,250,562.00	$ 6,875,218.51
6000.140500.000	County Water Recreation Fund	The County Water Recreation Fund are used to acquire, create, or improve public water recreational resources in the 46 counties and to promote activities that take place on the water for recreation.	$ -	$ 674,045.88	$ -	$ 674,045.88	$ -	$ 1,444,000.00	$ -	$ 1,444,000.00
6000.141000.000	County Game & Fish Fund	The County Game & Fish Fund is used to create and improve recreational hunting and fishing opportunities, wildlife and fisheries habitat management, and enforcement of laws.	$ -	$ 224,844.98	$ -	$ 224,844.98	$ -	$ 805,583.00	$ -	$ 805,583.00
6000.220100.000	Wildlife Operations	The Division of Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries monitors, conducts surveys, manages, and protects wildlife species and inland aquatic species and their habitats throughout the state. The Wildlife Section provides recreational hunting opportunities for the public on approximately 1.5 million acres of Wildlife Management Area properties and conducts public draw hunts on DNR properties.	$ 6,876,299.15	$ 6,608,663.32	$ 7,799,838.28	$ 21,284,800.75	$ 7,497,754.00	$ 10,780,818.00	$ 5,796,957.00	$ 24,075,529.00

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6000.220500.000	Wildlife-Statewide Operations	The wildlife Section operates and maintains the Tom Yawkey Wildlife Center, and programs to protect and enhance a variety of declining species and diminishing habitats for state and federal threatened and endangered species. Programs to monitor and manage alligators, amphibians and other nongame species are also supported in this program.	$ 224,226.45	$ 3,759,675.08	$ 50,958,817.12	$ 54,942,718.65	$ 1,207,106.00	$ 3,235,010.00	$ 936,736.00	$ 5,378,852.00
6000.221500.000	Fisheries-Regional Operations	The Freshwater Fisheries section investigates strategies for the protection, enhancement and conservation of South Carolina's inland aquatic resources and the provision of recreational fishing opportunities for the state's citizens.	$ 2,128,397.12	$ 2,475,445.09	$ 1,827,626.50	$ 6,431,468.71	$ 2,744,068.00	$ 4,356,650.00	$ 2,245,328.00	$ 9,346,046.00
6000.222000.000	Fisheries-Hatchery Operations	Freshwater Fisheries Section manages the State Fish Hatchery and State Lakes programs. State Fish Hatcheries operate 7 hatchery locations for stocking state rivers, strems and lakes. State Lakes manages and maintains 18 lakes across the state for public use.	$ 1,644,887.82	$ 1,621,021.06	$ 745,139.28	$ 4,011,048.16	$ 2,041,353.00	$ 2,399,978.00	$ 1,445,557.00	$ 5,886,888.00
6000.250100.000	Conservation Enforcement	The Division of Law Enforcement is responsible for enforcement of state and federal laws that govern hunting, recreational and commercial fishing, recreational boating, and other natural resources conservation concerns to insure protection of life, property, and natural resources. Also, the Division assists other state law enforcement agencies with homeland security, litter violations, executive protection, natural disasters, and general law enforcement support functions for public safety matters.	$ 32,635,922.48	$ 4,087,449.51	$ 1,433,115.90	$ 38,156,487.89	$ 37,386,937.00	$ 5,562,990.00	$ 970,131.00	$ 43,920,058.00

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6000.250700.000	Boating Safety	The Division of Law Enforcement is responsible for enforcement of state and federal laws that govern recreational boating by implementing programs that minimize the loss of life, personal injury, and property damage while cooperating with environmental efforts. Investigations of boating incidents are also funded under this program.	$ -	$ -	$ 1,923,780.24	$ 1,923,780.24	$ 750,000.00	$ -	$ 3,554,124.00	$ 4,304,124.00
6000.251000.000	Hunter Safety	The Division of Law Enforcement's Hunter Education Program provides instruction in firearm operations and safety, and ethics. Funds also support the operation of archery and shooting range facilities.	$ -	$ 874,528.45	$ 2,797,736.16	$ 3,672,264.61	$ -	$ 1,212,513.00	$ 3,261,995.00	$ 4,474,508.00
6000.400101.000	Marine Conservation & Mgmt	The Division of Marine Resources is responsible for the management and conservation of the state's marine and estuarine resources. Funding in this program supports ACE Basin management, Office of Fisheries Management's recreational and commercial marine fisheries management, and Coastal Reserve Outreach and education programs. Marine Operations is also supported with these funds which includes the infrastructure at the Marine Resources Center on James Island and Waddell Mariculture Center in Bluffton and vessel operations.	$ 3,358,358.74	$ 4,923,457.45	$ 2,516,052.10	$ 10,797,868.29	$ 4,719,460.00	$ 8,075,438.00	$ 2,289,203.00	$ 15,084,101.00
6000.400102X000	Atlantic Marine Fisheries Comm	The single purpose for this item is the annual payment to the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission to support the coordinated conservation and management of 27 nearshore fish species, and carry out the mandates of the Interjurisdictional Fisheries Act of 1986. Annual state dues are based on the value of each state's commercial fishing landings and number of saltwater recreational trips.	$ -	$ 41,239.00	$ -	$ 41,239.00	$ -	$ 46,000.00	$ -	$ 46,000.00

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6000.400500.000	Marine Research & Monitoring	The Division of Marine Resources conducts routine monitoring and research on the state's marine resources. The Marine Resources Research Institute (MRRI) provides the scientific expertise and facilities to support resource management and educational programs. MRRI scientists work closely with the Office of Fisheries Management to conduct research and monitoring programs to assess the condition of our coastal resources and provide data required to address policy and management issues related to those resources.	$ 1,253,660.06	$ 3,015,371.28	$ 4,335,234.06	$ 8,604,265.40	$ 1,783,443.00	$ 1,943,117.00	$ 4,812,890.00	$ 8,539,450.00
6000.600100.000	Earth Science	The Division of Land, Water and Conservation develops and implements programs that manage and conserve the state's land resources by providing guidance in resource development and management through planning, research, technical assistance, public education, and development of a comprehensive natural resources database.	$ 1,759,434.38	$ 77,487.52	$ 617,044.37	$ 2,453,966.27	$ 2,563,595.00	$ 128,594.00	$ 709,989.00	$ 3,402,178.00
6000.600500.000	Conservation	Land, Water and Conservation programs support the 46 Soil & Water Conservation Districts in the state and also provide Flood Mitigation Assistance to state agencies and local governments	$ 2,108,555.54	$ 68,770.22	$ 2,958,216.04	$ 5,135,541.80	$ 2,449,186.00	$ 71,638.00	$ 3,389,865.00	$ 5,910,689.00
6000.601000.000	Heritage Trust	The Heritage Land Trust program performs investigations into, acquisitions of and management activities to protect significant cultural and natural features across the state.	$ 473,184.66	$ 4,244,240.96	$ 5,694.00	$ 4,723,119.62	$ 414,032.00	$ 5,641,681.00	$ 1,243.00	$ 6,056,956.00

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6000.601500.000	Environmental Review	These funds support the Office of Environmental Programs. This office is involved in reviewing proposed environmental impacts as published in the regulatory arena and providing science-based expertise to benefit the state's natural resources and its citizens. The agency has a great responsibility in assessing and providing input on environmental impacts as a part of the public commenting forums.	$ 227,923.59	$ 561,670.99	$ -	$ 789,594.58	$ 422,432.00	$ 570,225.00	$ -	$ 992,657.00
6001.120100.000	Boat Titling & Registration	The Boat Titling function of the Administration Division provides and maintains the system for processing new titles for watercraft and outboard motors, watercraft registrations and their renewal, and transfers of watercraft and outboard motors in the state. Also, Boat Titling & Registration submits records to county auditors for personal property tax purposes. The Licensing component is responsible for the sale of licenses, tags & permits through a variety of outlets to include license agents, direct mail, internet sales, and the DNR offices.	$ 553,643.70	$ 1,821,070.91	$ -	$ 2,374,714.61	$ 877,914.00	$ 1,943,876.00	$ -	$ 2,821,790.00
9500.050000.000	State Employer Contributions	Provides for the employer's portion of payroll taxes, worker's compensation insurance, health insurance, dental insurance, life insurance, unemployment insurance and retirement plans.	$ 17,722,851.43	$ 9,767,928.69	$ 6,693,128.59	$ 34,183,908.71	$ 18,994,406.00	$ 8,497,927.00	$ 4,922,698.00	$ 32,415,031.00
9800.000000X000	Nonrecurring Items	Once time funding for equipment and potential permanent improvement projects	$ 2,977,630.94	$ -	$ -	$ 2,977,630.94	$ 13,997,498.00	$ -	$ -	$ 13,997,498.00
9900.000000.000	Capital Projects	Land acquisition, construction & maintenance projects	$ 35,023,899.00	$ 8,117,456.08	$ 1,366,028.18	$ 44,507,383.26	$ 33,407,706.00	$ 25,000,000.00	$ -	$ 33,407,706.00

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Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2026
1-30-75	State	Statute	Establishes the Department and requires the Department to be divided initially into divisions for Land Resources and Conservation Districts, Water Resources, Marine Resources, Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries, and State Natural Resources Enforcement.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
1-30-10	State	Statute	The Department is authorized as a state agency that falls within the executive branch of SC state government.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
8-21-15	State	Statute	The Department is not authorized to charge a fee for performing a duty, responsibility, or function of agency unless authorized by statute and regulation. There are exceptions in the statute. The Department is not prohibited from charging fees for services provided to other state agencies, departments, boards, committees, commissions, or political subdivisions regardless of whether the fee is set by statute.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
12-21-2420	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to receive revenue derived from fishing piers along the coast of SC for use of the Commercial Fisheries Division.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change

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12-28-2730	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to receive one percent of the proceeds from thirteen cents of the gasoline user fee imposed, pursuant to the chapter on Motor Fuels Subject to User Fees, for a special water recreational resources fund of the State. All balances in the fund must be carried forward annually so that no part of it reverts to any other fund. The fund must be apportioned based upon the number of registered boats or other watercraft in each county and expended by the Department to acquire, create, or improve water recreational resources. As used in this section, "water recreational resources" means public waters which are naturally occurring or which provide habitat for fish, aquatic animals, or waterfowl and which must provide public recreational opportunities. These funds may be used to promote activities that take place on the water for recreation provided that no more than ten percent of each annual allocation may be used for this purpose beginning July 1, 2003. Each county delegation may make recommendations to the Department for projects to acquire, create, or improve water recreational resources. The Department must give these recommendations primary consideration over any other projects. The Department is authorized to use up to one-third of the funds for law enforcement, noxious aquatic weed control, and acquisition. The Department must be reimbursed for design and engineering costs and administration of this section from the funds	Requires a service	Support for Water Recreational Resources	No Change
12-6-5060	State	Statute	The Department is required to report annually to the General Assembly the amount of revenue produced by contributions and a detailed accounting of expenditures for the Nongame Wildlife and Natural Areas Fund.	Report our agency must/may provide		No Change

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49-23-50	State	Statute	The Department is authorized to routinely monitor and record data necessary for the determination of drought conditions; make investigations it considers proper to determine whether action by the Department in discharging its duties is necessary; determine levels of drought; establish drought management areas within the state; enable drought mitigation to be accomplished within defined geographical areas; prevent overly broad response to drought; establish drought alert phases; and notify public water suppliers, special purpose districts, and municipal and county governments in the affected drought management area, persons designated on notification lists, and other appropriate agencies and individuals. The Department is authorized to publish notice of each drought alert phase at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the areas affected and provide notice to the media in each drought management area at each drought alert phase; take any other action appropriate to announce a drought alert; coordinate and implement responses to announced drought alert phases after required notification; execute the regulations promulgated by the Department reasonably necessary to collect and distribute information, convene committees, promote water conservation, govern practice and procedure before the Department, and fulfill its duties and the purposes under the South Carolina Drought Response Act.	Report our agency must/may provide	Report on drought data	No Change
49-23-100	State	Statute	The Director of the Department is authorized to institute a civil action in the circuit court in the name of the State for injunctive relief from a person in violation of the South Carolina Drought Response Act.	Requires a service	Drought response	No Change

Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2026
121-11.10	State	Regulation	During severe or extreme drought conditions, the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources may require mandatory reduction or curtailment of non-essential water use in affected drought management areas if recommended by the Drought Response Committee in accordance with R.121-11.6. Any person adversely affected by mandatory curtailment may, within ten days after such curtailment becomes effective, submit appropriate information to the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources and seek a variance from the curtailment. (3) Either the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources staff or the person requesting the variance may request a meeting to discuss any matter relevant to the request or to seek additional information. Such meeting shall be conducted as expeditiously as practicable; (4) Upon receipt of all relevant information (specified in E. (1), (2), and (3) above) from the person requesting the variance, the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources staff shall issue a determination for the request for a variance. Such determination shall be made within five days of receipt of all relevant information from the person requesting the variance or within twenty days of the declaration of the curtailment, whichever comes first. Persons not capable of immediate water use reduction or curtailment because of equipment damage or other extreme	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
121-11.11	State	Regulation	A. During any drought alert phase, the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources shall offer its services to mediate any dispute arising from competing demands for water. The mediation may be undertaken only upon the request of the parties involved and may not be binding. B. The Chairman of the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources shall appoint a three person board to mediate each dispute. The board shall meet as necessary to mediate the dispute at a location deemed most appropriate by the board for all persons involved. C. A written request shall be submitted from each grieved person to the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources. The requests will contain the following minimum information: (1) Statement of the cause for mediation; (2) Results sought by each person; (3) Historical water use by each person; (4) Description of water sources; (5) Map of general area showing water sources, water transfers, water use points, and water discharge, as appropriate. (6) Additional material deemed relative to the dispute by each person. D. The South Carolina Department of Natural Resources as appropriate may conduct investigations to resolve the dispute.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change

Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2026
121-11.12	State	Regulation	The South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, in cooperation with the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, shall prepare and distribute a model drought response ordinance or ordinances within six months of approval by the General Assembly of these regulations. The model ordinance will be distributed to all entities which must develop ordinances and plans. Proposed ordinances and plans must be submitted to the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources for consistency review within twelve months of the effective date of these regulations. Water suppliers as specified in B. above, commencing the business or activity of supplying water, after the effective date of these regulations, shall submit a local drought response ordinance or plan to the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources within six months of the commencement of the business or activity and shall adopt the ordinance or plan within twelve months of the commencement of the business or activity.	Requires a service	Create model drought ordinance	No Change
121-11.2	State	Regulation	The Department must, through regulation, establish specific numerical values for the indices that define each level of drought. The incipient drought phase shall initiate inhouse mobilization by department personnel and the Drought Response Committee. The department shall routinely monitor the climatic variables, streamflow, and water levels in potable drinking water supplies and water levels in the above and below ground water tables and lakes, and shall notify the Drought Response Committee and relevant federal, state, and local agencies that a portion of the State is experiencing an incipient drought condition. The department must increase monitoring activities to identify a change in existing conditions. The department shall continue to evaluate information from various sources. Upon confirmation of an Extreme Drought Alert Phase, the Drought Response Committee may recommend that the Governor issue a public statement that an extreme drought situation exists and that appropriate water-use and withdrawal restrictions be imposed.	Requires a service	Numerical values for drought	No Change

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121-11.5	State	Regulation	Authorizes a representative of the Department to serve on the Drought Response Committee. The department shall provide administrative support to the Committee. The Drought Response Committee for individual drought management areas shall convene upon notice by the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources or at the request of five committee members.	Board, commission, or committee on which someone from our agency must/may serve		No Change
121-11.6	State	Regulation	Members of the Drought Response Committee shall be notified at the onset of each Drought Alert Phase and provided information by the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources with respect to the Drought Alert Phase in each Drought Management Area as applicable. Upon determination that action in addition to local measures is necessary to insure adequate supplies of water in drought management areas, the Drought Response Committee shall prepare recommendations to reduce or alleviate drought impacts and submit the recommendations to the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources for implementation.	Requires a service		No Change
121-11.7	State	Regulation	The Office of the State Climatologist, South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, shall maintain a Drought Information Center whenever one or more drought management areas of the State are in a moderate, severe or extreme drought alert phase. Information about the status of drought conditions and impacts on the economy and well-being of the State will be collected and made available to State Agencies, State Officials, the news media, and other concerned interests.B. The Drought Information Center shall routinely collect, monitor, and evaluate selected climatic, water-supply and water-use data as necessary to identify at an early stage the onset of a drought or potential for drought, geographic extent of the affected area and changes in the drought levels. C. Drought indices shall be computed on a weekly basis. These computations will be compared with the various similar indices computed by other State, Federal and private agencies. D. Monitoring shall be accelerated whenever drought conditions approach or enter the moderate drought stage in one or more drought management areas. This may include acquiring additional rainfall, stream flow, water use, and ground water level data; and collecting additional information on the impact of the drought on agriculture, industry, domestic water supplies, and other users. E. During periods of moderate, severe or extreme drought,	Requires a service	Maintain drought information center	No Change

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121-11.8	State	Regulation	The incipient drought phase shall initiate inhouse mobilization by department personnel and the Drought Response Committee. The department shall routinely monitor the climatic variables, streamflow, and water levels in potable drinking water supplies and water levels in the above and below ground water tables and lakes, and shall notify the Drought Response Committee and relevant federal, state, and local agencies that a portion of the State is experiencing an incipient drought condition. During a moderate drought, statements must be released to the news media by the department, and appropriate agencies must accelerate monitoring activities. In extreme drought alert the department shall continue to evaluate information from various sources.	Requires a service	Maintain incipient drought response if necessary	No Change
121-11.9	State	Regulation	Upon the inception of a drought alert phase, the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources will disseminate public information concerning all aspects of the drought. The initial action in responding to drought is public education, providing information as to existing and potential conditions and water conservation measures necessary to meet the demand for water at each drought alert phase. B. The South Carolina Department of Natural Resources shall provide the following notice of Drought Alert Phases. (1) The South Carolina Department of Natural Resources shall notify the Drought Response Committee at the beginning of an incipient drought alert phase and each upgrading of the drought alert to a higher phase. Such notice shall be by first class mail. (2) The South Carolina Department of Natural Resources shall notify by first class mail public water systems in the affected Drought Management Areas and other appropriate agencies and individuals at the inception of a moderate drought alert phase and each upgrading of the drought alert to a higher phase. (3) The South Carolina Department of Natural Resources shall publish notice at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the areas affected at the inception of a Moderate Drought Alert Phase and each upgrading of the drought alert to a higher phase. (4) The South Carolina Department of Natural Resources will	Requires a service	Disseminate public information on drought	No Change
12-24-90	State	Statute	The Department must be credited as follows from the recording of deeds: (1) ten cents of each one dollar thirty cents into the Heritage Land Trust Fund.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change

Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2026
123-10	State	Regulation	The use of watercraft shall be restricted in certain areas of the waters of the State of S.C. when the Director determines that such restriction is necessary in the interest of public safety.	Requires a service	Retrict watercraft movement through navigational aids	No Change
123-108	State	Regulation	1. The Department shall have authority to issue a special permit to any state, county or local fair, circus or temporary or travelling amusement center or show to allow the sale of hatchery raised trout to patrons thereof whereby such fish are displayed in a tank or holding apparatus taken by rod and reel or hook and line by customers and kept by the taker. 2. The Department may specify the conditions under which the activity may be conducted including but not limited to the type of tank and method of display that may be utilized, method by which such fish may be taken, hours of operation, records that must be kept, marking or identification procedures required including wrapping and packaging of any fish so taken. The Department may grant or deny any application for such a permit, and may revoke any permit so issued upon breach of any condition or requirement established. 4. The Department shall have authority at all times to inspect the premises whereupon said activity is to be or is being conducted for inspection purposes.	Requires a service	Hatchery raised trout permit	No Change
123-127	State	Regulation	In Lake Marion, Lake Moultrie, the Diversion Canal connecting the lakes and the Tail Canal down to the Seaboard Coastal Railroad Bridge, those types of equipment and gear authorized for use in taking eels from such waters shall be used only where fishing is legal; and any eel basket, pot or dip net which is used in any manner in violation of this rule and regulation, and any device or equipment which is used in such waters for the taking of eels which is not authorized herein, shall be confiscated by the S.C. Wildlife and Marine Resources Department; and the Department shall dispose of such equipment and any catch found therein in the manner it deems appropriate.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change

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123-150	State	Regulation	It shall be unlawful for any person to take, possess, transport, export, process, sell, or offer for sale or ship, and for any common carrier knowingly to transport or receive for shipment any species or subspecies of wildlife appearing on the list of "Endangered Wildlife Species of South Carolina", except by permit for scientific and conservation purposes issued by the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources. Permits for conservation purposes shall be issued only for relocation, if warranted, and the incidental take of Red-cockaded Woodpeckers as part of the statewide Habitat Conservation Plan for Safe Harbor and for other mitigation purposes approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
123-150.1	State	Regulation	That is shall be unlawful for any person to take, possess, barter, trade, transport, export, process, sell or offer for sale or ship, and for any contract carrier knowingly to transport or receive for shipment any such species or products or parts or eggs thereof except by permit for scientific or educational purposes issued by the South Carolina Wildlife and Marine Resources Department, except that incidental catch of sea turtles while engaged in otherwise legal fishing, trawling or research activities at sea would be exempt under the taking clause of this regulation.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change

Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2026
123-151	State	Regulation	The size and number of all alligators to be taken will be specified by the Department on permits provided with harvest tags. A permit holder may only take and/or possess alligators identified by the Department and only in the manner specified by the Department. In the event that an alligator harvest tag is defective and is not usable for the purpose intended, or becomes detached from the alligator hide, the Department must be notified immediately. The Department will be responsible for the replacement of defective, but not lost, tags. Before shipping or transporting outside of the USA, carcasses or hides must have CITES tags attached. Anyone desiring to ship or transport such items from the country must contact select Department offices for CITES validation and tagging. Quality and Control Agents- Applications for selection as control agents will be reviewed by the Department. The number of appointed control agents will be based upon the need as determined by the Department. 3. Operation of Department designated alligator control agents: a. Alligators may be skinned only at designated sites and in accordance with specific instructions provided by the Department. c. Each control agent may be assisted by not more than two assistant control agents approved by the Department, provided that no such assistant shall operate or conduct any alligator trapping or transportation activity except under supervision of the control	Requires a service	Alligator harvest permit tags	No Change
123-151.1	State	Regulation	1. It is unlawful for any person to take, possess, transport, import, export, process, sell, offer for sale, ship, or receive for shipment any spotted turtle without a permit from the department. B. Spotted Turtle Permits 1. The department has the authority to grant or deny spotted turtle permits at no cost. Application must be made to the department for a spotted turtle permit. 2. The permits are valid for five (5) years from the date of issue. 3. The permits must be renewed every five years at the discretion of the department. 4. The department may set permit conditions consistent with the protection of spotted turtles.	Requires a service	Spotted turtle permits	No Change
123-151.2	State	Regulation	It is unlawful for any person to take, possess, transport, import, export, process, sell, offer for sale, ship, or receive for shipment any southern hognose snake without a permit from the department. Permits will be issued only for research and educational purposes.	Requires a service	Snake permits	No Change

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123-160	State	Regulation	It shall be unlawful for any person to take, possess, transport, export, process, sell or offer for sale or ship, and for any contract carrier knowingly to transport or receive for shipment any such species or products or parts thereof except by permit for scientific, educational or falconry purposes issued by the South Carolina Wildlife and Marine Resources Department.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
123-170	State	Regulation	Practicing falconry (1) A permit is required before any person may take, transport, or possess wild-taken or captive-bred raptors for falconry purposes. (2) Birds held under permits must be used primarily for falconry. (3) A person's raptor facilities must pass inspection by the Department before a permit may be granted.Proof that the applicant has passed the falconry test administered by the Department, or proof that a falconry permit has previously been held at the level sought. The Department must document the following before approving any requests to possess an eagle for use in falconry: (i) Experience in handling large raptors, including information about the species previously handled and the type and duration of the activity. (ii) At least two letters of reference from people with experience handling and/or flying large raptors such as eagles, ferruginous hawks, goshawks (Accipiter gentilis), or great horned owls (Bubo virginianus) must be provided. Each must contain a concise history of the author's experience with large raptors, which can include, but is not limited to, handling of raptors held by zoos, rehabilitating large raptors, or scientific studies involving large raptors. Each letter must also assess the person's ability to care for eagles and fly them in falconry.	Requires a service	Falconry permit	No Change

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123-203	State	Regulation	The Department may post or place signs declaring any area closed to hiking. The numbers of motorized vehicles, nonmotorized vehicles, horses, or boats allowed on any area at one time may be limited by the Department through a permitting system. Camping is allowed only within areas designated as campsites by the Department. The Department will designate campsites by placement of signs or by other means such as maps or brochures. The Department may restrict the number of horses and horse trailers and may require permits on specific areas. Restrictions shall be posted at the offices and/or entrances to Department lands or in published brochures.K. Gathering, damaging, or destroying rocks, minerals, fossils, artifacts, geological formations or ecofacts. (1) The Department may authorize the collection of certain material upon issuance of a permit . L. Gathering, damaging, or destroying plants, fallen vegetation, animals and fungi. (1) The Department may authorize the collection of certain material upon issuance of a permit. (1) Open fires may only be started at campsites designated by the Department. (1) The Department may restrict the hours of operation on any Department land by publication in Department brochures and pamphlets or by posting on site specific hours of	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
123-205	State	Regulation	A special event permit is required for all events occurring on Department land.	Requires a service	Special event permit on department land	No Change
123-206	State	Regulation	The Department may issue permits to collect plants, animals, or minerals or to undertake research, survey, or archeological activities on Department land. Permits may be issued only for activities relating to educational or scientific purposes.	Requires a service	Collection permits	No Change

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123-33	State	Regulation	Those types of equipment and gear authorized for use in taking eels from such waters shall be used only where fishing is legal; and any eel basket or pot, fyke net or dip net which is used in any manner in violation of this rule and regulation and any device or equipment which is used in such waters for the taking of eels which is not authorized herein, shall be confiscated by the South Carolina Wildlife and Marine Resources Department; and the Department shall dispose of such equipment and any catch found therein in the manner it deems appropriate.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
123-34	State	Regulation	The Department may issue Shellfish permits, and the regulation lists what the Department may consider. B. Review and Approval of Shellfish Permit Applications (1) Applications for shellfish permits shall be reviewed by a committee of Departmental personnel knowledgeable with the shellfish fishery appointed by the Director, Division of Marine Resources. The Committee will consider each applicant's qualifications and conduct personal interviews if advisable. The Committee will select qualified applicants to the Director's office for final approval. The Committee will also consider contested permit applications, the allocation of shellfish grounds for public or private use, permit revisions, variances, or revocations, and make recommendations to the Director's office for final approval.	Requires a service	Shellfish permits	No Change

Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2026
123-40	State	Regulation	No hunting is allowed in research and teaching areas of Keowee WMA posted with white signs except those special hunts for youth or mobility-impaired as conducted by the Department. All harvested deer and turkeys must be checked in at the Belfast Check Station. At Bonneau Ferry WMA for deer and small game, regulations for the adult/youth and general use sides of the property will alternate each year as prescribed by the Department. 2.9 Notwithstanding any other provision of these regulations, the Department may permit special hunts on any day during the regular hunting season. 2.10 No person may release or attempt to release any animal onto WMA lands without approval from the Department. 5.4 The Department may permit deer hunting with dogs on WMA lands not located in Game Zones 1 and 2. 10.2 The Department may designate sections of Wildlife Management Areas and other lands and waters under the control of the Department as Designated Waterfowl Management Areas or Designated Dove Management Areas. All laws and regulations governing Wildlife Management Areas apply to these special areas. In addition, the Department may set special shooting hours, bag limits, and methods of hunting and taking waterfowl and doves on those areas. 10.16 Designated Dove Management Areas include all dove management areas as published by the Department in the annual listing of WMA public	Requires a manner of delivery		Amended
123-46	State	Regulation	1. Any person suffering excessive damage to crops and property caused by deer may apply to the Director of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries for a deer depredation permit as prescribed in Section 50-11-330, 1976 South Carolina Code of Laws. 2. Applications for deer depredation permits shall be made to the Director in writing signed by the applicant 3. It is the policy of the Department to restrict the persons allowed to take deer under a deer depredation permit to the permittee, permittee's employees, or permittee's immediate family. And if the permittee desires any other person to take deer under authorization of said permit an explanation for same should be attached to the application. 4. The Director shall give immediate consideration to applications for deer depredation permits and within fourteen (14) days of receipt of same shall either issue the permit or deny the application. Immediate notification of the denial may be given orally provided the Director give written notification of the denial to the applicant within twenty-one (21) days of receipt of the application together with the Director's reason for denial. 5. Deer depredation permits will be issued for each specific parcel of property denoting the names of the individuals designated to take deer thereunder and the hours of the day in which deer may be taken. 6. The applicant or landowner shall allow a Department	Requires a service	Deer depredation permit	No Change

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123-53	State	Regulation	All persons drawn for the bear hunt must submit a harvest report and return unused tags to the Department no later than 7 days after the close of the season, regardless of whether or not a bear was harvested.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
123-9	State	Regulation	SCWMRD (Now DNR) must issue a decal for watercraft and outboard motors.	Requires a service	Must issue a decal	Amended
123-96	State	Regulation	Requests for field trial permits must be submitted to the Department at least fourteen (14) days prior to the proposed trial date. Requests shall include payment of five dollars ($5.00) per trial, the time and location of the proposed trial. 4. Field trial permittees may be required to maintain records and file reports with the Department. 5. Field trial permits may be issued by the Department for private lands outside of the regular season.8. The Department may restrict or deny permits for field trials at its discretion.	Requires a service	Permit for field trials	Amended
50-11-715	State	Statute	Allows night hunting coyotes, armadillo and feral hog if the property is registered with the department.	Requires a service	Register properties for night hunting of allowed species	No Change

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10-9-320	State	Statute	The Department is authorized to be the exclusive agent to administer competitive bidding for leases, administer leases, receive and compile comments from other state agencies concerning the desirability of leasing state lands proposed for leasing, and such other activities that pertain to geothermal resource leases.	Requires a service	Leases	No Change
11-37-200	State	Statute	The Department director, or designee, is required to serve on the Water Resources Coordinating Council and adhere to the duties of the Council.	Board, commission, or committee on which someone from our agency must/may serve		No Change
12-36-1710	State	Statute	The Department of Natural Resources may not license any boat or register any motor without first procuring from the Department of Revenue information showing that the excise tax has been collected.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
13-11-20	State	Statute	The Department is authorized to have one member appointed by the Governor, upon nomination, serve on the New Horizons Development Authority.	Board, commission, or committee on which someone from our agency must/may serve		No Change
14 USCS 141	Federal	Statute	Requires the coast guard to cooperate with DNR regarding law enforcement on water patrol.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change

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14-1-212	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to collect 1.55% of court fines for use for statewide police responsibilities.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
15-9-415	State	Statute	Authorizes the Director of the Department to receive service of process as agent for non-resident operator of a vessel in the waters of the state, and allows him to receive a $4 fee. The Director must keep record of all processes which shall show the day and hour of service upon him. When the certified return receipt shall be returned to the director, he shall deliver it to the plaintiff on request and keep a record showing the date of its receipt by him and its delivery to the plaintiff.	Requires a service	Service of process for boat accidents for out of state boaters	No Change
16 USC 1536	Federal	Statute	Requires the US Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Marine Fisheries Service, and NOAA to cooperate with SC DNR in listing, creating management plans and assisting in the recovery of Endangered Species.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
16 USC777-777k	Federal	Statute	MRD Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act	Funding agency deliverable(s)		No Change
16 USCS 1852	Federal	Statute	Serves on the South Atlantic Marine Fisheries Council as the SC representative.	Board, commission, or committee on which someone from our agency must/may serve		No Change

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16 USCS 3744	Federal	Statute	DNR is a state agency available for federal funds pursuant to the Wildlife Partnership Program.	Requires a service		No Change
16 USCS 3861	Federal	Statute	Requires the DNR representative to serve on the state technical committee for the Erodible Land and Wetland Conservation and Reserve Program.	Board, commission, or committee on which someone from our agency must/may serve		No Change
16 USCS 4403	Federal	Statute	All state agency directors for fish and wildlife agencies could be appointed to the North American Wetlands Conservation Council.	Board, commission, or committee on which someone from our agency must/may serve		No Change
16 USCS 5104	Federal	Statute	Requires the DNR to implement the Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Management Plan for interjurisdictional fisheries.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
16 USCS 551	Federal	Statute	Requires the federal government to cooperate with state agencies regarding law enforcement on lands within the National Forest system.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change

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16 USCS 668	Federal	Statute	Requires federal agencies to consult with and enter into agreements with DNR regarding management and acquisition of National Wildlife Refuges.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
16 USCS 669	Federal	Statute	Requires the federal government to cooperate with DNR in wildlife restoration projects.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
16 USCS 777	Federal	Statute	Requires the federal government to cooperate with DNR in fish restoration projects.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
16 USCS 803	Federal	Statute	DNR acts as a state agency receiving notice and offering recommendations to the federal government regarding Federal Hydroelectric Projects permits and the impact on waterways, fish and wildlife.	Requires a service	FERC permit advice	No Change
17-22-350	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to collect .28% for criminal penalties.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
2 CFR 200 Subpart A-F and Compliance Supplements	Federal	Statute	Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards. Describes responsibilities and requirements for all entities handling federal awards.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change

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23-23-30	State	Statute	The Director of the Department is authorized to serve as a member of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Training Council.	Board, commission, or committee on which someone from our agency must/may serve		No Change
23-25-20	State	Statute	The Director of the Department is authorized to appoint a representative of the Natural Resources Enforcement Division to serve as a member of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Officers Hall of Fame Committee.	Board, commission, or committee on which someone from our agency must/may serve		No Change
23-25-30	State	Statute	The Director of the Department is authorized to appoint a representative of the Natural Resources Enforcement Division to serve as a member of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Officers Hall of Fame Committee.	Board, commission, or committee on which someone from our agency must/may serve		No Change
29-15-10(c)	State	Statute	The Department is authorized to receive applications for lienholders for repair or storage costs.	Requires a service	Receive applications for liens for storage	No Change
33 USC Section 1342 Reg. 124.10	Federal	Statute	DNR is a commenter for National Pollution Discharge Elimination Systems for the Clean Water Act	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change

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33 USC Section 1344	Federal	Statute	DNR comments on 404 Clean Water Act permits	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
3-5-100	State	Statute	The Department is authorized to substitute for the leased areas lying within the rights-of-way and spoil disposal areas other equal areas lying without the rights-of-way and spoil disposal areas that also are suitable for the cultivation and gathering of oysters, if any of the lands or property, the use of which is acquired for the rights-of-way and spoil disposal areas has been leased by the Department to any person for the cultivation and gathering of oysters.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
3-5-170	State	Statute	The Department is authorized to substitute for such leased areas other equal areas suitable for the cultivation and gathering of oysters in a location not subject to damage by dredging operation, should any person cultivating oysters upon an area leased from the State outside of the limits to be acquired for said waterway project from Winyah Bay to the state boundary line in the Savannah River elect, in lieu of claiming damages which might be done to such oysters by dredging operations, to transfer such cultivated oysters to a different leased area and the person whose dredging operations in the construction of said intracoastal waterway either shall have damaged or might damage such oysters agrees to pay the expenses of such removal.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
40-23-10	State	Statute	The Department is required to have a representative from the Land, Water, and Conservation Division serve on the Environmental Certification Board.	Board, commission, or committee on which someone from our agency must/may serve		No Change

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42 USC 5122-5207	Federal	Statute	Stafford Act P.L. 93-288;	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
42 USCS 9601	Federal	Statute	SC DNR serves as one of the governor's appointees regarding civil claims under the CERCLA statute.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
44-55-45	State	Statute	The Director is authorized to appoint two Department employees to serve on an Advisory Committee to the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control regarding the Safe Drinking Water Act and regulatory standards related to wells.	Board, commission, or committee on which someone from our agency must/may serve		No Change
44-96-170	State	Statute	A Department appointee is required to assist in awarding waste tire grants by serving on the Waste Tire Committee for a term of three years.	Board, commission, or committee on which someone from our agency must/may serve		No Change
46-13-150	State	Statute	The Department is required to have one representative serve as a member of the Pesticide Advisory Committee for a period of four years, and the Director is authorized to recommend the member from the Department.	Board, commission, or committee on which someone from our agency must/may serve		No Change

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47-3-310	State	Statute	The specially trained enforcement officers of the Natural Resources Enforcement Division of the Department are authorized, on game management areas, state-owned property and property of private landowners and leaseholders, at the request of such landowners and leaseholders, to enter on such areas and property for the purpose of investigating dogs running at large on the property. If the dogs are determined to be feral dogs (a dog which has reverted to a wild state) and are a threat to the lives or health of livestock, wildlife or humans, the enforcement officers are authorized to remove the feral dog from the property or dispose of it in the most humane manner as determined by the Department.	Requires a service	Enforcement of game laws	No Change
47-3-320	State	Statute	The Department is required to train two enforcement officers from each of the state's twenty-eight law enforcement units for the identification, capture and humane disposal of feral dogs and these officers shall have the responsibility of answering all complaints concerning feral dogs within the geographical boundaries of their respective law enforcement units. Such enforcement officers shall be held harmless of any personal liability that may occur during the lawful execution of their duties under this act except in case of gross negligence.	Requires a service	Enforcement of game laws	No Change
47-3-420	State	Statute	The Department is authorized to euthanize animals quarantined in animal shelters via approved method, but only upon obtaining training and certification for this purpose in a euthanasia training class taught by a licensed South Carolina veterinarian, which must include training in tranquilizing animals. A person certified must continue to maintain his proficiency by successfully completing a training course taught by a licensed South Carolina veterinarian every five years. The Department is authorized to obtain a barbituric acid derivative or tranquilizing agent by direct licensing. The Department must apply for a Controlled Substance Registration Certificate from the federal Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and a State Controlled Substances Registration from the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC). If the Department is issued a certificate by the DEA and a registration by DHEC is acquired the agency Director or his designee, and the Department's applicant are responsible, for maintaining their respective records regarding the inventory, storage, and administration of controlled substances. An animal shelter, governmental animal control agency and its certified	Requires a service	Euthanize animals if necessary	No Change

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47-3-510	State	Statute	The Department is authorized to register dogs, charge a fee not to exceed $5 a dog or $20 a kennel, and keep records of the owners of registered dogs.	Requires a service	Register dogs	No Change
47-3-550	State	Statute	The Department is authorized to promulgate regulations for the registration of dogs and other domestic pets.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
47-4-65	State	Statute				Amended
47-5-30	State	Statute	The Department is required, in an effort to combat diseases communicable from animal to man, to cooperate with the public health veterinarian, the extension service of Clemson University, and any other state or federal agencies engaged in similar efforts to combat diseases communicable from animal to man.	Requires a service	Contain communicable animal diseases	No Change
48-11-10	State	Statute	Establishes the creation of Watershed Conservation Districts and defines the assistance the Department shall provide to the Soil and Water Conservation Districts and the Watershed Districts.	Board, commission, or committee on which someone from our agency must/may serve		No Change

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48-11-100	State	Statute	The Department shall receive notification if the selection procedure for watershed conservation district directors has changed from election to appointment. For each calendar year the directors annually shall elect from among their number a chairman, secretary, and treasurer and so notify the soil and water conservation district and the department by March thirty-first each year. The watershed conservation district board shall submit written notification to the department within one hundred twenty days following the end of the district's fiscal year that the audit has been made, the date of the audit, and the name of the firm that or individual who made the audit.	Board, commission, or committee on which someone from our agency must/may serve		No Change
48-11-15	State	Statute	The Department is required to assist boards of commissioners of soil and water conservation districts and boards of directors of watershed conservation districts with the organization and function of watershed conservation districts. For the purpose of the Watershed Conservation Districts, the responsibility of the Department is limited to this activity.	Board, commission, or committee on which someone from our agency must/may serve		No Change
48-11-185	State	Statute	The board of commissioners shall submit to the Department a copy of the notification from the clerks of court regarding consolidation of watershed conservation districts.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
48-11-190	State	Statute	The board of commissioners shall submit to the Department a copy of the notification from the clerks of court for the discontinuance of a watershed conservation district.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change

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48-11-210	State	Statute	The Department has authority to assist in the revision of organization and function of watershed conservation districts to comply with a reorganization chapter. The Department shall assist each of the boards of commissioners of the affected soil and water conservation districts with this responsibility. The Department shall initiate this assistance by providing written directions and guidance to each of the affected soil and water conservation districts within ninety days of the effective date of this chapter, as amended. The Department may adopt policy and has broad authority to carry out this section.	Board, commission, or committee on which someone from our agency must/may serve		No Change
48-11-90	State	Statute	The Department shall receive notification from the soil and water conservation board that a watershed district has been created.	Board, commission, or committee on which someone from our agency must/may serve		No Change
48-1-83	State	Statute	The Department in consultation with DHEC and the EPA are required to provide a general methodology to be used for consideration of a site-specific effluent limit related to dissolved oxygen and select and convene a science peer review committee to review the design of the study.	Board, commission, or committee on which someone from our agency must/may serve		No Change
48-1-85	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to accept and approve applications for houseboats with marine toilets and issue titles.	Requires a service	Register houseboats	No Change

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48-22-10	State	Statute	Establishes the S.C. Geological Survey Unit under DNR. The Department Director is authorized to appoint the State Geologist. The State Geologist must have graduated from an accredited college or university with a full curriculum in geology and had at least five years of practical work experience, academic, governmental, or industrial, in geology.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
48-22-20	State	Statute	Establishes the powers, duties, and property devolved on the Department from the South Carolina Geological Survey of the Division of Research and Statistical Services of the Budget and Control Board. All equipment and personal services monies, including all employee contributions and other fringe benefits used by the Geological Survey within the Division of Research and Statistical Services of the Budget and Control Board before this section takes effect are transferred to the Department of Natural Resources. The South Carolina Geodetic Survey must remain with the Division of Research and Statistical Services as the South Carolina Geodetic Survey. All property, equipment, and personal services monies, including all employee contributions and other fringe benefits used by the Geodetic Survey, must remain with the Division of Research and Statistical Services.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
48-22-30	State	Statute	The State Geologist is authorized to: (1) travel throughout the State so as to make himself familiar with the geology and mineral resources of each section; (2) undertake field and laboratory work his time permits; (3) perform other duties that properly pertain to his office. (B) The Department may employ geologists, technicians, and other personnel necessary to conduct the objectives of the unit.	Requires a service	Assist with geological and mineral resources in the state	No Change

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48-22-40	State	Statute	Establishes the powers and duties of the S.C. Geological Survey Unit within the Department. The unit: 1) shall conduct field and laboratory studies in geologic reconnaissance, mapping, prospecting for mineral resources, and related gathering of surface and subsurface data. Investigative areas include offshore and onshore lands in this State; (2) shall provide geologic advice and assistance to other state and local governmental agencies engaged in environmental protection or in industrial or economic development projects. In addition, the unit must be involved actively in geologic aspects of regional planning and effective land use in the State; (3) shall encourage economic development in the State by disseminating published geologic information as bulletins, maps, economic reports, and related series and open-file reports to appropriate governmental agencies and private industry. The unit is encouraged further to initiate and maintain appropriate industrial contacts to promote the extraction and conservation of South Carolina's earth raw materials and their manufacture to the economic improvement of the State; (4) shall provide unsolicited advice, when appropriate, to the Mining Council and its associated state regulatory agency, on geologic and related mining matters in keeping with the intent of the South Carolina Mining Act; (5) shall operate and maintain a central, statewide repository for rock cores, well cuttings and related subsurface samples, and all associated	Report our agency must/may provide	Creates studies for geological surveys in the state.	No Change
48-39-140	State	Statute	DNR is a commenter on development plans submitted to DHEC	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
48-39-170	State	Statute	The enforcement officers of the Department are authorized to serve warrants, assess civil penalties, issues orders, and bring civil enforcement actions for violations of the Coastal Tidelands and Wetlands provisions.	Requires a service	Enforce Tidelands and Wetlands provision	No Change
48-39-50	State	Statute	The Department is required to assist DHEC in monitoring the waters of the state for oil spills.	Requires a service	Assist DHEC with oil spills	No Change

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48-39-60	State	Statute	Requires that the Department, upon request from DHEC, provide additional staff to assist DHEC's Office of Ocean and Coastal Resources Management.	Requires a service	Assists OCRM if required	No Change
48-39-70	State	Statute	Establishes that DNR is to assist DHEC in administering and enforcing laws related to the Office of Ocean and Coastal Resources Management.	Requires a service	Assists OCRM if required	No Change
48-4-10	State	Statute	The Department is authorized to administer and enforce the laws of the State relating to Wildlife, Marine Resources, Natural Resources and other laws assigned to it. Department must be comprised of the following divisions: Natural Resources Enforcement Division, a Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division, a Marine Resources Division, a Water Division, and a Land Resources and Conservation Districts Division. The Department is authorized to accept all functions, powers, and duties provided by law to the South Carolina Wildlife and Marine Resources Department, the Geological Survey Division of the Budget and Control Board, to include the State Geologist, and the South Carolina Migratory Waterfowl Committee. The Department is authorized to hold all aforementioned Divisions accountable to it.	Requires a service	Enforce laws	No Change

Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2026
48-4-30	State	Statute	The Department is authorized to be governed by a board consisting of nonsalaried board members to be appointed and constituted in a manner provided by law. The Governor shall appoint one member to serve as chairman, upon the advice and consent of the Senate. The appointment to chairman is subject to the advice and consent of the Senate, even if the person appointed to serve as chairman is already a current member of the board. All board members must be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. One member must be appointed from each congressional district of the State. The board is also authorized to include an at-large board member serving on the board on March 1, 2012. The at-large board member may continue to serve on the board until that board member's term expires, he is removed from the board as provided by law, or he resigns from the board. Board members must possess sound moral character, superior knowledge in the fields of wildlife, marine, and natural resource management, and proven administrative ability. Each board member, within thirty days after notice of appointment and before taking office, shall take and file with the Secretary of State the oath of office prescribed by the State Constitution.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
48-43-570	State	Statute	The Department is required to cooperate with and lend assistance to DHEC by assigning, upon request, personnel, equipment and material to be utilized in any project or activity related to the containment, collection, dispersal or removal of oil discharged upon the land or into the waters of this State. The Department is authorized to confer and establish plans and procedures for the assignment and utilization of personnel, equipment and material to be used in carrying out the purposes of pollution control. If the Department is participating in the containment, collection, dispersal or removal of an oil discharge or in restoration necessitated by such discharge, it is authorized to keep a record of all expenses incurred in carrying out any such project or activity including the actual services performed by Department personnel and the use of Department equipment and material. A copy of all records shall be delivered to the DHEC upon completion of the project or activity.	Requires a service	Assist DHEC with oil spills	No Change

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48-4-40	State	Statute	The Board of the Department is authorized to receive reimbursement for their expenses incurred while engaged in the work of the Board as provided by law for state boards and commissions.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
48-4-50	State	Statute	The Board of the Department is authorized to be vested with the duty and authority to set the policies for the Department subject only to the laws of this State and the United States. The Board is not authorized and has no duty concerning the management of, control over, or administration of the day to day affairs of the Department.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
48-45-40	State	Statute	The Department is required to serve on the South Carolina Sea Grant Consortium and is designated as charter member.	Board, commission, or committee on which someone from our agency must/may serve		No Change
48-45-80	State	Statute	The Department board is required to appoint one member, upon the recommendation of a majority of the members of their respective committees and commissions, to serve on the Advisory Committee to the Sea Grant Consortium Director.	Board, commission, or committee on which someone from our agency must/may serve		No Change

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48-4-60	State	Statute	Establishes the authority of the Director. The Director is appointed by the Board with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Director is the administrative head of the Department. The Director must carry out the policies of the Board and administer the affairs of the Department. The Director may exercise all powers belonging to the Board within the guidelines and policies established by the Board. The Director shall manage the administration and organization of the Department and may appoint such assistants or deputies the Director considers necessary. The Director may hire these employees as the Director considers necessary for the proper administration of the affairs of the Department. The Director must prescribe the duties, powers, and functions of all assistants, deputies, and employees of the Department.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
48-4-70	State	Statute	The Board of the Department is required to: (1) hold meetings, as considered necessary by the chairman, with a majority of the board members constituting a quorum. The Board may hold meetings, transact business, or conduct investigations at any place necessary; however, its primary office is in Columbia; (2) formulate and recommend legislation to enhance uniformity, enforcement, and administration of the wildlife, marine, and natural resource laws; (3) make an annual report to the General Assembly on all matters relating to its action; (4) require those of its officers, agents, and employees it designates to give bond for the faithful performance of their duties in the sum and with the sureties it determines, and all premiums on the bonds must be paid by the Board; (5) pay travel expenses; and purchase or lease all necessary facilities, equipment, books, periodicals, and supplies for the performance of its duties; and (6) exercise and perform other powers and duties as granted to it or imposed upon it by law.	Board, commission, or committee on which someone from our agency must/may serve		No Change

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48-4-80	State	Statute	The Board of the Department is authorized to: (1) Make rules and promulgate regulations, not inconsistent with law, to aid in the performance of its duties. The Board may prescribe the extent, if any, to which these rules and regulations must be applied without retroactive effect. (2) Exercise all authority granted to it under the laws and regulations relating to wildlife, marine and natural resources. (3) Conduct such hearings as may be required by law.	Board, commission, or committee on which someone from our agency must/may serve		No Change
48-54-10	State	Statute	The Department is required to staff the Take Palmetto Pride in Where You Live Commission and the Director of the Department, or his designee, is authorized to serve as chairperson of the committee.	Requires a service	Must staff and assist the Take Palmetto Pride Where You Live Commission	No Change
48-55-10	State	Statute	The Director of the Department is authorized to appoint a member of the Water Resources Division of the Department, the Wildlife and Freshwater Fish Division of the Department, the Land Resources and Conservation Districts Division of the Department, and Marine Resources Division of the Department to serve on the selection committee that chooses the SC Environmental Awareness Award.	Board, commission, or committee on which someone from our agency must/may serve		No Change
48-59-30	State	Statute	Authorizes DNR as an eligible recipient for the Conservation Bank Trust Fund.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change

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48-59-40	State	Statute	The Chairman of the Board of the Department is required to serve ex officio and without voting privileges on the board of the South Carolina Conservation Bank.	Board, commission, or committee on which someone from our agency must/may serve		No Change
48-9-10	State	Statute	Establishes the creation of Soil and Water Conservation Districts and defines the duties and powers of the Department to assist Commissioners of the Districts.	Board, commission, or committee on which someone from our agency must/may serve		No Change
48-9-1010	State	Statute	The Department is authorized to accept a petition for discontinuance of a soil and water conservation district. At any time after five years after the organization of a district under the provisions of this chapter any twenty-five owners of land lying within the boundaries of such district may file a petition with the Department praying that the operations of the district be terminated and the existence of the district discontinued. The Department may conduct such public meetings and public hearings upon the petition as may be necessary to assist it in the consideration thereof.	Requires a service	Assist with soil and water districts	No Change
48-9-1020	State	Statute	Within sixty days after such a petition has been received by the Department it shall give due notice of the holding of a referendum and shall supervise such referendum and issue appropriate regulations governing the conduct thereof. The question shall be submitted by ballots upon which the words "For terminating the existence of the (name of the soil and water conservation district to be here inserted)" and "Against terminating the existence of the (name of the soil and water conservation district to be here inserted)" shall appear with a square before each proposition and a direction to insert an X mark in the square before one or the other of the propositions as the voter may favor or oppose discontinuance of such district.	Requires a service	Assist with soil and water districts	No Change

Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2026
48-9-1030	State	Statute	The Department shall publish the result of such referendum and shall thereafter consider and determine whether the continued operation of the district within the defined boundaries is administratively practicable and feasible. If the Department shall determine that the continued operation of such district is administratively practicable and feasible it shall record such determination and deny the petition. If the Department shall determine that the continued operation of such district is not administratively practicable and feasible it shall record such determination and shall certify such determination to the commissioners of the district. In making such determination the Department shall give due regard and weight to the attitude of the owners and occupiers of lands lying within the district, the number of landowners eligible to vote in such referendum who shall have voted, the proportion of the votes cast in such referendum in favor of the discontinuance of the district to the total number of votes cast, the approximate wealth and income of the landowners and occupiers of the district, the probable expense of carrying on erosion-control operations within the district and such economic and social factors as may be relevant to such determination, having due regard to the legislative findings set forth in Section 48-9-20. But the Department shall not have authority to determine that the continued operation of the district is administratively	Requires a service	Assist with soil and water districts	No Change
48-9-1050	State	Statute	If a soil and water conservation district is dissolved, the Department is substituted for the district or commissioners as a party to their contracts. The Department shall be entitled to all benefits and subject to all liabilities under such contracts and shall have the same right and liability to perform, to require performance, to sue and be sued thereon and to modify or terminate such contracts by mutual consent or otherwise as the commissioners of the district would have had. Such dissolution shall not affect the lien of any judgment entered under the provisions of Section 48-9-1630 nor the pendency of any action instituted under the provisions of Section 48-9-1610 and the Department shall succeed to all the rights and obligations of the district or commissioners as to such liens and actions.	Requires a service	Assist with soil and water districts	No Change

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48-9-1060	State	Statute	The Department shall not be required to entertain petitions for the discontinuance of any district nor conduct referenda upon such petitions nor make determinations pursuant to such petitions in accordance with the provisions of this article more often than once in five years.	Requires a service		No Change
48-9-1230	State	Statute	The Board of the Department shall have authority to in the case of a vacancy in the unexpired term of an elected commissioner a successor may be appoint upon the unanimous recommendation of the remaining commissioners. Any commissioner may be removed by the Board upon notice and hearing for neglect of duty or malfeasance in office, but for no other reason.	Board, commission, or committee on which someone from our agency must/may serve		No Change
48-9-1320	State	Statute	The commissioners shall furnish to the Department, upon request, copies of such ordinances, rules, regulations, orders, contracts, forms and other documents as they shall adopt or employ and such other information concerning their activities as it may require in the performance of its duties under this chapter.	Requires a service		No Change
48-9-260	State	Statute	The Department is authorized to employ an administrative officer and such technical experts and other agents and employees, permanent and temporary, for the State Land Resources Conservation Commission. The Department is also authorized to call upon the Attorney General for legal services or employ its own counsel and legal staff.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change

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48-9-270	State	Statute	The Department is required to adopt a seal which shall be judicially noticed and may perform such acts, hold such public hearings and promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary for the execution of its functions of the State Land Resources Conservation Commission.	Requires a service		No Change
48-9-280	State	Statute	The Department is authorized provide for the execution of surety bonds for all employees and officers who shall be entrusted with funds or property, shall provide for the keeping of a full and accurate record of all its proceedings and activities and of all resolutions, regulations and orders issued or adopted and shall provide for an annual audit of the accounts of receipts and disbursements.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
48-9-290 (1)-(7)	State	Statute	The Department is authorized to carry out the following duties and powers (1) To offer such assistance as may be appropriate to the commissioners of soil and water conservation districts, organized as provided in this chapter, in the carrying out of any of their powers and programs; (2) To keep the commissioners of each of the several districts organized under the provisions of this chapter informed of the activities and experience of all other districts organized under this chapter and to facilitate an interchange of advice and experience between such districts and cooperation between them; (3) To coordinate the programs of the several soil and water conservation districts organized under this chapter so far as this may be done by advice and consultation; (4) To secure the cooperation and assistance of the United States and any of its agencies and of agencies and counties of this State, in the work of such districts; (5) To disseminate information throughout the State concerning the activities and programs of the soil and water conservation districts organized hereunder and to encourage the information of such districts in areas where their organization is desirable; (6) To receive gifts, appropriations, materials, equipment, lands and facilities and to manage, operate and disburse them for the benefit of the soil and water conservation districts; (7) To coordinate the development of comprehensive conservation plans for environmental improvement on all lands	Requires a service	Assistance to soil and water conservation groups	No Change

Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2026
48-9-290 (8)-(14)	State	Statute	The Department is authorized (8) To coordinate the development of a statewide landscape inventory and formulate guidelines for assisting local conservation districts, municipalities, counties, and other groups in implementing landscape and beautification programs; (9) To coordinate the development of a comprehensive plan for implementation of the standard soil survey information and to prepare guidelines for local conservation districts, counties, municipalities and other agencies of State and local government in the use of soil survey data for land use planning, development and conservation; (10) To coordinate the development of a statewide flood plain lands area inventory and to formulate guidelines for the conservation, protection and use of flood plain lands, excluding tidelands and marshlands; (11) To coordinate and assist local conservation districts, counties, and municipalities in developing policies and procedures for an adequate erosion and sediment control program; and engage in an educational informational program to acquaint municipalities, conservation districts, counties, and developers with sedimentation control management measures applicable to their activities, and familiarize these people with the program of the district; (12) To coordinate the development of a statewide irrigable land inventory and to formulate guidelines for the conservation, protection and use of such lands;	Requires a service	Assistance to soil and water conservation groups	No Change
48-9-300	State	Statute	The Department is authorized to delegate to one or more agents or employees such powers and duties as it may deem proper and it may furnish information as well as call upon any or all State or local agencies for cooperation in carrying out the provisions of the State Land Resources Conservation Commission.	Requires a service		No Change
48-9-310	State	Statute	The Department may require the commissioners of the respective soil and water conservation districts to submit to it such statements, estimates, budgets and other information as it may deem necessary.	Report our agency must/may provide		No Change

Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2026
48-9-320	State	Statute	The Department is authorized to allocate appropriations amongst the soil and water conservation districts. Unless otherwise provided by law all moneys which may from time to time be appropriated out of the State Treasury for the use of soil and water conservation districts shall be available to pay the administrative and other expenses of such districts and shall be allocated by the Department among the districts already organized and to be organized during the fiscal year for which such appropriation is made. Such allocation shall be fair, reasonable and in the public interest, giving due consideration to the greater relative expense of carrying on operations within the particular districts because of such factors as unusual topography, unusual severity of erosion, special difficulty of carrying on operations, special volume of work to be done and the special importance of instituting erosion control and soil and water conservation operations immediately. In making allocations of such moneys, the Department shall reserve an amount estimated by it to be adequate to enable it to make subsequent allocations in accordance with the provisions of this section from time to time among districts which may be organized within the current fiscal year after the initial allocations are made. All appropriations made for the purpose of this chapter shall be disbursed by the State Treasurer on warrants approved and signed by the Department.	Requires a service	Distribute funding to another entity	No Change
48-9-45	State	Statute	The Director is authorized to be in charge of the Land Resources and Conservation Districts Division.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
48-9-510	State	Statute	The Department may accept petitions from any twenty-five owners lying within the limits of territory proposed to be organized into a soil and water conservation district.	Requires a service	Accept applications for soil and water districts	No Change
48-9-530	State	Statute	The Department may consolidate petitions for soil and water conservation districts.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change

Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2026
48-9-540	State	Statute	The Department must, within thirty days after such a petition has been filed with the Department, cause due notice to be given of a proposed hearing upon the question of the desirability and necessity, in the interest of the public health, safety and welfare, of the creation of such district, upon the question of the appropriate boundaries to be assigned to such district, upon the propriety of the petition and other proceedings taken under this chapter and upon all questions relevant to such inquiries. All owners and occupiers of land within the limits of the territory described in the petition and of the lands within the limits of the territory considered for addition to such described territory and all other interested parties shall have the right to attend such hearings and to be heard. If it shall appear upon the hearing that it may be desirable to include within the proposed district territory outside of the area within which due notice of the hearing has been given, the hearing shall be adjourned and due notice of a further shall be given throughout the entire area considered for inclusion in the district and such further hearing held.	Requires a service	Hearings for soil and water districts	No Change
48-9-550	State	Statute	If the Department shall determine after such hearing, after due consideration of the facts presented at such hearing and such other relevant facts and information as may be available, that there is no need for a soil and water conservation district to function in the territory considered at the hearing, it shall make and record such determination and shall deny the petition. After six months shall have expired from the date of the denial of any such petition, subsequent petitions covering the same or substantially the same territory may be filed as provided in Section 48-9-510 and new hearings held and determinations made thereon.	Requires a service	Hearings for soil and water districts	No Change

Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2026
48-9-560	State	Statute	After such hearing, if the Department shall determine, upon the facts presented at such hearing and upon such other relevant facts and information as may be available, that there is need, in the interest of the public health, safety and welfare, for a soil and water conservation district to function in the territory considered at the hearing, it shall make and record such determination and shall define, by metes and bounds or by legal subdivisions, the boundaries of such district. In making such determination and in defining such boundaries the Department shall give due weight and consideration to the topography of the area considered and of the State, the composition of soils therein, the distribution of erosion, the prevailing land-use practices, the desirability and necessity of including within the boundaries the particular lands under consideration and the benefits such lands may receive from being included within such boundaries, the relation of the proposed area to existing watersheds and agricultural regions and to other soil and water conservation districts already organized or proposed for organization under the provisions of this chapter and such other physical, geographical and economic factors as are relevant, having due regard to the legislative determinations set forth in Section 48-9-20.	Requires a service	Hearings for soil and water districts	No Change
48-9-570	State	Statute	The Department is authorized to determine the boundaries of the soil and water conservation districts.	Requires a service	Boundaries for soil and water districts	No Change

Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2026
48-9-580	State	Statute	After the Department has made and recorded a determination that there is need, in the interest of the public health, safety and welfare, for the organization of a district in a particular territory and has defined the boundaries thereof, it shall, within a reasonable time after entry of the finding that there is need for the organization of the proposed district and the determination of the boundaries thereof hold a referendum within the proposed district upon the proposition of the creation of the district and cause due notice of such referendum to be given. The question shall be submitted by ballots upon which the words "For creation of a soil and water conservation district of the lands below described and lying in the county(ies) of (and)" and "Against creation of a soil and water conservation district of the lands below described and lying in the county(ies) of (and)" shall appear with a square before each proposition and a direction to insert an X mark in the square before one or the other of said propositions as the voter may favor or oppose creation of such district. The ballot shall set forth the boundaries of such proposed district as determined by the Department. All owners of lands lying within the boundaries of the territory, as determined by the Department, shall be eligible to vote in such referendum. Only such landowners shall be eligible to vote.	Requires a service	Assist with ballots for soil and water districts	No Change
48-9-590	State	Statute	The Department shall pay all expenses for the issuance of such notices and the conduct of such hearings and referenda and shall supervise the conduct of such hearings and referenda. It shall issue appropriate regulations governing the conduct of such hearings and referenda and providing for the registration prior to the date of the referendum of all eligible voters or prescribing some other appropriate procedure for the determination of those eligible as voters in such referendum.	Requires a service	Assist with soil and water districts	No Change

Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2026
48-9-600	State	Statute	The Department shall publish the result of such referendum and shall thereafter consider and determine whether the operation of the district within the defined boundaries is administratively practicable and feasible. If the Department shall determine that the operation of such district is not administratively practicable and feasible it shall record such determination and deny the petition. If the Department shall determine that the operation of such district is administratively practicable and feasible it shall record such determination and shall proceed with the organization of the district in the manner provided in Sections 48-9-610 to 48-9-630. In making such determination the Department shall give due regard and weight to the attitudes of the owners and occupiers of lands lying within the defined boundaries, the number of landowners eligible to vote in such referendum who shall have voted, the proportion of the votes cast in such referendum in favor of the creation of the district to the total number of votes cast, the approximate wealth and income of the landowners and occupiers of the proposed district, the probable expense of carrying on erosion-control operations within such district and such other economic and social factors as may be relevant to such determination, having due regard to the legislative determinations set forth in Section 48-9-20. The Department shall not have authority to determine that the operation of the proposed district	Requires a service	Assist with soil and water districts	No Change
48-9-610	State	Statute	If the Department shall determine that the operation of the proposed district within the defined boundaries is administratively practicable and feasible it shall appoint two commissioners to act with the three commissioners elected as provided in Article 11 of this chapter as the governing body of the district.	Board, commission, or committee on which someone from our agency must/may serve		No Change

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48-9-620	State	Statute	The Department is authorized to provide a statement to accompany a soil and water commissioner application which shall certify (and such statement need contain no detail other than the mere recitals) that a petition was filed, notice issued and hearing held as provided in Sections 48-9-510 and 48-9-540; that the Department did duly determine that there is need, in the interest of the public health, safety and welfare, for a soil and water conservation district to function in the proposed territory and did define the boundaries thereof; that notice was given and a referendum held on the question of the creation of such district and that the result of such referendum showed a majority of the votes cast in such referendum to be in favor of the creation of the district; and that thereafter the Department did duly determine that the operation of the proposed district is administratively practicable and feasible. Such statement shall set forth the boundaries of the district as defined by the Department.	Requires a service	Assist with soil and water districts	No Change
48-9-630	State	Statute	If the Secretary of State shall find that the name proposed for the district is identical with that of any other soil and water conservation district of this State or so nearly similar as to lead to confusion and uncertainty, he shall certify such fact to the Department, which shall thereupon submit to the Secretary of State a new name for the district, which shall not be subject to such defects.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
48-9-810	State	Statute	The Department is authorized to receive petitions for including additional territory within an existing district and the proceedings provided for in Article 5 of this chapter in the case of petitions to organize a district shall be observed in the case of petitions for such inclusion. The Department shall prescribe the form for such petition, which shall be as nearly as may be in the form prescribed in Article 5 of this chapter for petitions to organize a district.	Requires a service	Assist with soil and water districts	No Change

Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2026
48-9-820	State	Statute	The Department may accept a petition for subdivision of a district. A petition signed by a majority of the members of the governing body of the soil and water conservation district or a petition signed by twenty-five landowners of the county or counties wishing to withdraw and constitute themselves a separate district may be filed with the Department asking that the subdivision be made and constitute a district. Such petition shall (a) set forth the name of the district, (b) describe the existing boundary lines of the district and boundary lines of the proposed district (subdivision) and (c) request that the department hold a public hearing upon the question of the proposed subdivision and that the Department duly define the boundary lines as set out in the petition.	Requires a service	Assist with soil and water districts	No Change
48-9-830	State	Statute	Within thirty days after such a petition has been filed with the Department, it shall cause due notice to be given of a proposed hearing upon the question of the proposed subdivision.	Requires a service	Assist with soil and water districts	No Change
48-9-840	State	Statute	After such hearing the Department shall determine, upon the facts presented at such hearing and upon such other relevant facts and information as may be available, whether there is need in the interest of the public health, safety and welfare for the proposed subdivision and whether the operation of the districts within the proposed boundaries will be administratively practicable and feasible. In making such determination, the Department shall give due weight and consideration to the legislative determinations set forth in Section 48-9-20 and to the standards provided in Sections 48-9-560 and 48-9-600 for the guidance of the department in making its determinations in connection with the organization of districts. If the Department determines that the proposed subdivision is not necessary in the interest of the public health, safety and welfare, or that the operation of the districts within the proposed boundaries would not be administratively practicable or feasible, it shall record such determination and deny the petition. If the Department shall determine in favor of the proposed subdivision, it shall record such determination and define the boundary lines between the districts and shall notify the chairman of the governing body of the district to be divided of its determination.	Requires a service	Assist with soil and water districts	No Change

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48-9-850	State	Statute	The Department shall then proceed in accordance with Sections 48-9-610 to 48-9-630 to organize the subdivision into a district and to inform the Secretary of State of the change in the boundaries of the remaining district and to complete the organization of the governing body of the remaining district.	Requires a service	Assist with soil and water districts	No Change
49-23-20	State	Statute	(i) The Department must, through regulation, establish specific numerical values for the indices that define each level of drought. (j) The incipient drought phase shall initiate inhouse mobilization by Department personnel and the Drought Response Committee. The Department shall routinely monitor the climatic variables, streamflow, and water levels in potable drinking water supplies and water levels in the above and below ground water tables and lakes, and shall notify the Drought Response Committee and relevant federal, state, and local agencies that a portion of the State is experiencing an incipient drought condition. The Department must increase monitoring activities to identify a change in existing conditions. (k) Statements must be released to the news media by the Department, and appropriate agencies must accelerate monitoring activities for a moderate drought. (l) A drought of this severity normally requires an official declaration by the Department and water withdrawals and use restrictions.	Requires a service	Advice on drought	No Change
49-23-30	State	Statute	Requires DNR to formulate, coordinate, and execute a drought mitigation plan. The plan must be developed consistent with the South Carolina Water Resources Planning and Coordination Act. In carrying out these responsibilities, the Department is authorized to seek and utilize to the extent possible the input, resources, and expertise of other agencies in assisting in drought mitigation planning and response.	Report our agency must/may provide	Drought mitigation plan must be produced	No Change
49-23-60	State	Statute	Authorized the Department to coordinate drought response after consultation with the Drought Response Committee. The Department shall provide administrative support. The Department is also authorized to consult and cooperate with federal agencies and agencies of the states of Georgia and North Carolina in carrying out its responsibilities under the South Carolina Drought Response Act.	Requires a service	Coordinate drought response	No Change

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49-23-70	State	Statute	(A)Upon the inception of a drought alert phase, the Department is responsible for disseminating public information concerning all aspects of the drought. The initial action in responding to drought must be public education, providing information as to existing and potential conditions and water conservation measures necessary to meet the demand presented at each drought alert phase. (B) The Department shall provide available information on water demands and use to any significant water user, public or private, in order to promote voluntary water conservation. (C) The Department may promulgate regulations to specify categories of nonessential water use and other terms necessary to implement this section. The Department by regulation may provide for the mandatory curtailment of nonessential water uses during periods of severe or extreme drought in drought management areas. Following the determination, the Department shall issue a declaration specifying the drought management areas affected and identifying the categories of nonessential water use to be curtailed. The declaration must be widely distributed to news media and must be published at least once a week in a newspaper of general circulation in each county affected. Any person adversely affected by mitigation or mandatory curtailment may, within ten days after	Requires a service	Disseminate public information on drought	No Change
49-23-90	State	Statute	The Department is authorized to prepare and distribute a model drought response ordinance or plan, accept for review proposed ordinances or plans or a changes to an ordinance or plan in order to determine that it complies with the State Drought Response Plan.	Requires a service	Assist local governments on drought ordinances	No Change
49-25-10	State	Statute	Establishes the S.C. State Climatology Office within the Department.	Requires a service		No Change

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49-25-20	State	Statute	Authorizes the Director to appoint the State Climatologist who shall serve as director of the S.C. State Climatology Office within the Department.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
49-25-30	State	Statute	The State Climatology office is authorized to have the following powers and duties: (1) to serve as a climatological focal point for state government and its agencies; (2) to provide climatological support to the Department and other state agencies as required, including collection and analysis of climatic data, such as drought, flood, rainfall, storms, and other climatic information that affect water management in South Carolina; (3) to acquire, archive, process, and disseminate all climatic and weather information which is or may be of value to policy and decision makers in the State; (4) to act as the representative of the State in all climatological and meteorological matters within and outside the State; (5) to prepare, publish, and disseminate regular climatic information for those individuals, agencies, and organizations whose activities are related to the welfare of the State and are affected by climate and weather, and to serve as a source of climatic information for the citizens of South Carolina; (6) to conduct and report on studies of climate and weather phenomena of significant socioeconomic importance to the State; and (7) to evaluate the significance of natural, man-made, deliberate, and inadvertent changes or modifications in the climate and weather	Requires a service	Serves as climatological resource to state agencies and public	No Change
49-25-40	State	Statute	The Climate Office is authorized to certify copies as being authentic reproductions of weather records held in the State and shall present a report each year to the Board of the Department concerning the activities of the climatic program and other information which the Board may consider necessary.	Requires a service	Certifies climatological data for public	No Change

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49-27-70	State	Statute	The Department is required to accept filing of an ordinance creating the Lake Wylie Marine Commission. When the Director receives ordinances that are in substance identical from all three counties concerned, he, in accordance with procedures agreed upon, shall, within ten days, certify this fact and distribute a certified single ordinance text to the following : (1) the Secretary of State of North Carolina and the Secretary of State of South Carolina; (2) the clerk to the governing board of each of the three counties; (3) the clerk of superior court of Mecklenburg and Gaston Counties and the clerk of court of York County. Upon request, the Director also shall send a certified single copy of any and all applicable joint ordinances to the chairman of the commission; (4) a newspaper of general circulation in the three counties.	Requires a service	Must accept ordinance creating Lake Wylie Commission	No Change
49-29-110	State	Statute	Establishes the Scenic Rivers Trust Fund which the Department is authorized to administer for the purpose of acquiring fee simple or lesser interest in land adjacent to scenic rivers and river segments, legal fees, appraisals, surveys, or other costs involved in the acquisition of those interests. The fund also may be utilized for educational or planning projects associated with the administration and management of the State Scenic Rivers Program. Unexpended balances, including interest derived from the fund, must be carried forward each year and used for the purposes provided in the South Carolina Scenic Rivers Act. No fund money may be expended to acquire an interest in land by eminent domain nor may the funds be expended to acquire interest in land without a recommendation from the Board and the approval of the State Fiscal Accountability Authority or Department of Administration, as applicable. The Board is authorized to report by letter to the presiding officers of the General Assembly and chairmen of the House and Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committees each year all funds expended pursuant to this chapter for the previous year, including the amount of funds expended and the uses to which the expenditures were applied. The fund is eligible to receive appropriations of state general funds, federal funds, donations, gifts, bond issue receipts, securities, and other monetary instruments of value. A reimbursement for monies expended from	Distribute funding to another entity		No Change

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49-29-160	State	Statute	The Department is required to formulate comprehensive water and related land use plans for the three classes of scenic rivers. Each plan must address access of electricity, natural gas, and communication lines or other facilities for permitted uses for each class of river facilities. Each plan must also address criteria for permitting the crossing of each class of scenic river by sellers of electric energy, natural gas, or communication services. In developing these criteria, the Department must consider the state of available technology, the economics of the various alternatives, and that electric, natural gas, and communication suppliers are required to deliver their services. The Department must recognize that emergency situations will arise that require immediate action and must make provision in the management plan to allow this action.	Report our agency must/may provide		No Change
49-29-170	State	Statute	Sellers of electric energy, natural gas, or communication services may cross on, over, or under lands designated as part of the Scenic River System provided that the Department certifies that such crossing is consistent with the management plan for those lands. A certificate of consistency shall be issued by the Department upon a finding: (1) that the crossing is necessary to provide electric, natural gas, or communication service; and either (a) that the crossing is consistent with the management plan; or (b) that the extent of deviation from the management plan for the construction, operation, and maintenance of the facility across the scenic river is justified, considering the state of available technology and the nature and economics of the various alternatives, and that the entity responsible for the encroachment will make reasonable mitigation for the impacts caused by the construction, operation, and maintenance of the facility. The Department shall issue a certification of consistency or nonconsistency within thirty days from the receipt of an application. A time extension may be granted upon a mutual agreement of both parties. Certification does not preclude the necessity to obtain other required state and federal authorizations.	Requires a service	Must certify utility easement works with scenic river management plan	No Change

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49-29-180	State	Statute	The Department is authorized to administer and promulgate regulations to carry out the provisions of the Scenic Rivers Act. In addition, the Department is authorized to promulgate further regulations based on the individual attributes of each designated scenic river area if regulations do not defeat, conflict with, or minimize the provisions of the general regulations for each class of scenic river.	Requires a service		No Change
49-29-190	State	Statute	The Department is authorized to enter into agreements with local, state, and federal agencies, and private landowners, for the mutual management of a scenic river.	Requires a service	Scenic Rivers program	No Change
49-29-200	State	Statute	The Natural Resources Enforcement Division of the Department and the State Forestry Commission, as well as local sheriffs, constables, and special officers, shall cooperate with the Department in the inspection and enforcement of the provisions of the Scenic Rivers Act.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
49-29-50	State	Statute	(A) The Department is authorized to inventory and study all South Carolina rivers and identify the rivers or river segments which possess unique or outstanding scenic, recreational, geological, botanical, fish, wildlife, historic, or cultural values in accordance with Section 49-29-70. (B) Rivers or river segments identified in the inventory as possessing unique or outstanding scenic, recreational, geologic, botanical, fish, wildlife, historic, or cultural values are eligible for the State Scenic Rivers Program and may be designated as an eligible state scenic river by the Department. Rivers or river segments so designated are subject to the completion of a management plan and the acquisition of management rights on adjacent riparian lands. (C) Proposals for including additional rivers or river segments may be made by state agencies, local governments, and other governmental or citizen's groups and submitted to the Department for evaluation and study	Requires a service	Must establish scenic rivers	No Change

Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2026
49-29-60	State	Statute	The Department is required to hold a public meeting in the vicinity of the river or river segment proposed for addition to the State Scenic Rivers Program. This public meeting must be conducted before any action by the Department to designate the river or river segment as an eligible state scenic river. The purpose of this meeting is to solicit comments from the public concerning the proposed designation of a river or river segment. Notice of this meeting must be published at least thirty days before the meeting in the State Register and in a newspaper having general circulation in each county containing or bordering the river or river segment under study and in a newspaper having general circulation in the State. Landowners along the proposed river or river segment also must be notified by letter.	Requires a service	Scenic rivers program	No Change
49-29-70	State	Statute	The Department is required to establish and publish minimum criteria for assessing a river's eligibility and classification under the State Scenic Rivers Program.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
49-29-80	State	Statute	The Department is required to establish an advisory council for every designated scenic river, after eligibility procedures for a river or river segment are completed by the Department, and the General Assembly ratifies such designation.	Board, commission, or committee on which someone from our agency must/may serve		No Change

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49-29-90	State	Statute	Following action by the Department declaring a river or river segment eligible as a state scenic river, the Department shall publish a notice of the eligibility in the State Register and provide written notice to the Department of Administration, the Department of Revenue, and the affected units of local government. Notice of eligibility also must be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the State to apprise interested parties of the opportunities under Section 49-29-100. The notice must describe the boundaries of the river or river segment. Following notice of eligibility, the Department shall submit the same to the General Assembly for review.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
49-30-40	State	Statute	Establishes the Department as the administrator of the Public Waters Nuisance Abatement Fund which is created solely to pay for costs incurred by the State associated with removing unpermitted structures pursuant to the Public Waters Nuisance Abatement Act. The fund may receive appropriations from the general fund, federal funds, donations, gifts, the proceeds of permit fees, and other monetary instruments of value. The proceeds contained in the fund may be carried forward from year to year and do not revert to the general fund of the State. Proceeds from the fund may not be used to pay for costs associated with the removal of an unpermitted structure from licensed lakes.	Distribute funding to another entity		No Change
49-30-80	State	Statute	Requires the Department to contract to remove unpermitted structures that are in public waters, as required by courts, to the extent that the fund contains sufficient funds to cover the cost of removal.	Requires a service	Must remove unpermitted marine structures If funding available	No Change

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49-3-30	State	Statute	Transfers the former Water Resources Commission to the Water Resources Division of DNR, and makes it directly accountable and subject to DNR. The regulatory functions of the former Water Resources Commission are transferred to DHEC.	Requires a service		No Change
49-33-30	State	Statute	Requires the Department Director, or his designee, to serve ex-officio as a non-voting member of the Lake Paul Wallace Authority.	Board, commission, or committee on which someone from our agency must/may serve		No Change
49-3-40	State	Statute	(a) The department shall advise and assist the Governor and the General Assembly in: (1) formulating and establishing a comprehensive water resources policy for the State, including coordination of policies and activities among the state departments and agencies; (2) developing and establishing policies and proposals designed to meet and resolve special problems of water resource use and control within or affecting the State, including consideration of the requirements and problems of urban and rural areas; (3) reviewing the actions and policies of state agencies with water resource responsibilities to determine the consistency of such actions and policies with the comprehensive water policy of the State and to recommend appropriate action where deemed necessary; (4) reviewing any project, plan or program of federal aid affecting the use or control of any waters within the State and to recommend appropriate action where deemed necessary; (5) developing policies and recommendations to assure that the long range interests of all groups, urban, suburban, and rural, are provided for in the state's representation on interstate water agencies; (6) recommending to the General Assembly any changes of law required to implement the policy declared in this chapter; and (7) such other water resources planning, policy formulation and coordinating functions as the Governor and the General Assembly may designate. (b) The department is authorized to	Requires a service	Out of season harvest for shellfish	No Change

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49-3-50	State	Statute	DNR is authorized to take into consideration in exercising its responsibilities under the Water Resources Planning and Coordination Act: (a) Adequate supplies of surface and groundwaters of suitable quality for all uses.(b) Water of suitable quality for all purposes. (c) Water availability for recreational and commercial needs. (d) Hydroelectric power. (e) Flood damage control or prevention measures including zoning to protect people, property, and productive lands from flood losses. (f) Land stabilization measures.(g) Drainage measures, including salinity control. (h) Watershed protection and management measures.(j) measures to study saltwater intrusion into groundwater and surface water (i) Outdoor recreational and fish and wildlife opportunities. (j) Any other means by which development of water and related land resources can contribute to economic growth and development, the long-term preservation of water resources, and the general well-being of all the people of the State.	Requires a service	State Water Plan	No Change
49-4-170	State	Statute	Establishes that DNR, along with DHEC, can negotiate agreements, compacts or accords with other States, agencies or the U.S. related to water flow.	Requires a service	Can contract with other states for stream flow agreements	No Change
49-4-80	State	Statute	The Department, in consultation with DHEC, is authorized to perform stream flow monitoring for surface water withdrawal permits. DHEC must consult with the Department to determine which, if any, existing stream flow measuring devices should be utilized to quantify the stream flow at the point of the proposed withdrawal. If no existing measuring device is suitable, the Department is authorized to recommend the location of a new measuring device. DHEC must also consult with the Department to quantify the stream flow measured at the specified measuring device that will require a reduction in the applicant's water withdrawal because of inadequate stream flow at the point of withdrawal.	Requires a service	stream Flow monitoring	No Change

Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2026
49-6-10	State	Statute	The Department is authorized as the state agency to administer the Aquatic Plant Management Program and to apply for and receive grants and loans from the federal government or such other public and private sources as may be available for the Aquatic Plant Management Program and to coordinate the expenditure of such funds. The Department is to carry out the purpose of the Aquatic Plant Management Program which is to prevent, identify, investigate, manage, and monitor aquatic plant problems in public waters of South Carolina.	Requires a service	Must run the Aquatic Plant Management program	No Change
49-6-20	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to administer the South Carolina Aquatic Plant Management Trust Fund for the purpose of receiving and expending funds for the prevention, management, and research of aquatic plant problems in public waters of South Carolina. Unexpended balances, including interest derived from the fund, must be carried forward each year and used for the purposes specified above. The fund is eligible to receive appropriations of state general funds, federal funds, local government funds, and funds from private entities including donations, grants, loans, gifts, bond issues, receipts, securities, and other monetary instruments of value. All reimbursements for monies expended from this fund must be deposited in this fund.	Requires a service	Administer the Aquatic Plant Management Trust Fund	No Change
49-6-30	State	Statute	Establishes the South Carolina Aquatic Plant Management Council within the Department and authorizes one representative from the Water Resources Division of the Department, the Wildlife and Freshwater Fish Division of the Department, the Land Resources and Conservation Districts Division of the Department, to serve on the Council. The representative of the Water Resources Division of the Department of Natural Resources shall serve as chairman of the council and shall be a voting member of the council.	Board, commission, or committee on which someone from our agency must/may serve		No Change

Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2026
49-6-40	State	Statute	The Department is authorized to, with the advice and assistance of the council, to develop an Aquatic Plant Management Plan for the State of South Carolina. The plan shall describe the procedures for problem site identification and analysis, selection of control methods, operational program development, and implementation of operational strategies. The plan shall also identify problem areas, prescribe management practices, and set management priorities. The plan shall be updated and amended at appropriate intervals as necessary; provided, however, problem site identification and allocation of funding shall be conducted annually. In addition, the Department shall establish procedures for public input into the plan and its amendments and priorities. The public review procedures shall be an integral part of the plan development process. When deemed appropriate, the Department may seek the advice and counsel of persons and organizations from the private, public, or academic sectors. The Department shall have final approval authority over those sections which do not receive two-thirds approval of the council.	Requires a service	Aquatic Weed plan	No Change
50 CFR 80	Federal	Statute	Program eligibility and requirements for fish and wildlife agencies to participate in Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration programs.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
50-1-110	State	Statute	The Department is authorized to dispose of wildlife unlawfully and lawfully taken, shipped, or received for shipment, or found in the possession or under control of a person, which comes into the possession of the Department.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change

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50-11-105	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to carry out operations related to wildlife disease control, regulations of shipments and euthanasia. The Department in accordance with the APA and to ensure the continued health and safety of wildlife is authorized to promulgate and enforce reasonable regulations to control or prohibit the shipment within, export from, or import into this state, disease control and euthanasia.	Requires a manner of delivery		Amended
50-11-1050	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to issue special permits for taking destructive wildlife, for scientific or other purposes.	Requires a service	Permits for destructive wildlife	No Change
50-11-1090	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to, during any season of the year, permit the taking of any game animal and prescribe the method by which they may be taken when they cause damage to crops or property or when they pose a significant human health risk.	Requires a service	Permits for destructive wildlife	No Change
50-11-1105	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to declare a closed season when game cannot protect themselves and allows the Department to provide procedures and declare penalties. The Department is required to give notice of the closed season.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change

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50-11-1110	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to close or shorten the open season upon request of county legislative delegation and allows the Department to provide procedures and declare penalties. The Department is required to give notice.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-11-1120	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to declare open season on foxes upon request of county legislative delegation.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
50-11-1150	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to trap predatory animals.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-11-1170	State	Statute	Requires the Department to cooperate with the employees of the United States and its agencies in trapping programs and provides that the Department may accept aid and advice from federal employees.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change

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50-11-1180	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to issue permits to collect protected wildlife for scientific and propagating purposes and to issue penalties. The Department may accept a $10 fee for the application. If renewed, there is a $10 fee.	Requires a service	Permit to collect protected wildlife	No Change
50-11-1200	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to license and regulate shooting preserves which are privately owned and operated.	Requires a service	License shooting preserves	No Change
50-11-1210	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to charge a fee of $200 for the first 100 acres of shooting preserve area, plus $50 for each additional 100 acres.	Requires a service	License shooting preserves	No Change
50-11-1250	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to designate additional legal shooting preserve species by regulation.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-11-1300	State	Statute	The Department is required not to furnish game for the stocking of any preserve provided for by Article 7.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change

Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2026
50-11-1370	State	Statute	The Department is authorized to issue a commercial quail breeders license for $5, and each license must be numbered by the Department.	Requires a service	Commercial quail breeder license	No Change
50-11-1390	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to revoke a breeder license and refuse to issue a breeder license for violation or failure to cooperate with the Department in a desirable manner.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
50-11-1420	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to accept invoices showing the number of quail shipped or sold and to whom it was shipped or sold for pen-raised quail sold or shipped in this state.	Requires a service		No Change
50-11-1750	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to regulate the shipping of game birds and animals.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-11-180	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to deny or revoke a permit for trapping or snaring quail, in its discretion.	Requires a service	Permit for trapping quail	No Change

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50-11-1920	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to promulgate regulations to enforce the provisions pertaining to the sale of exotic farm-raised venison. Allows the Department to issue a permit at no cost to a food service establishment and requires permitees to maintain adequate records for inspection by the Department.	Requires a service	Permit venison for food establishment	No Change
50-11-20	State	Statute	Establishes the Migratory Waterfowl Committee within the Department, which manages the stamp program and the funds related to the program.	Board, commission, or committee on which someone from our agency must/may serve		No Change
50-11-2100	State	Statute	Requires the Department to promulgate regulations to permit and regulate field trials during the year including the closed season.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
50-11-2200	State	Statute	Establishes the Department's authority to establish, operate and maintain Wildlife Management Areas. The Department shall acquire sufficient wildlife habitat through lease or purchase or otherwise to establish wildlife management areas for the protection, propagation, and promotion of fish and wildlife and for public hunting, fishing, and other natural resource dependent recreational use. The Department may not have under lease at any one time more than one million six hundred thousand acres in the wildlife management area program. The Department may not pay more than fair market value for the lease of lands in the area. The Department may not lease land for the program which, during the preceding twenty-four months, was held under a private hunting lease.	Requires a service	Provide Wildlife Management Areas	No Change

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50-11-2300	State	Statute	Creates the Operation Game Theft Program which is operated in the Department.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-11-2310	State	Statute	Authorizes the Board of the Department to issue rewards for providing information leading to the arrest of any persons for violations of natural resources laws.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-11-2320	State	Statute	Authorizes the Operation Game Theft program funds be expended in accordance with the laws of the state and requires certain funds be used first.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-11-2450	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to require annual reports for commercial fur licenses and deny licenses for failure to report.	Requires a service		No Change
50-11-2470	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to issue a fur buyer's license at a cost of $100 for residents and $200 for non-residents.	Requires a service	Fur buyer license	No Change

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50-11-2475	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to issue a fur processor's license at a cost of $200.	Requires a service	Fur Processor License	No Change
50-11-2490	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to confiscate any fur, pelt, or hide not properly tagged or logged and declared contraband. All fur buyers and processers other than retailers must provide the Department with a daily register on forms provided by the Department with the name and address of each person from whom any furs are purchased, the number of the seller's commercial fur license, and the number and types of furs, pelts, or hides purchased. Not later than the tenth day of each month, all buyers and processors shall furnish the Department all of the daily register sheets for the previous month.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-11-2510	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to issue CITES tags and to charge a processing fee of three dollars for each order. Authorizes the Department to limit the number of tags issued for each species and the area in which they may be used.	Requires a service	Must issue CITES tag	No Change
50-11-2520	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to inspect business premises and records of licensees that are licensed under the article and revoke licenses for failure to comply.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-11-2530	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to confiscate illegal traps, devices, furs, pelts, and hides, sell confiscated items and upon conviction of the owner, dispose of the items and use the proceeds for propagation and protection of game.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change

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50-11-2570	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to issue special permits to capture destructive wildlife. Also requires a person taking a furbearing animal in accordance with a depredation permit must report the number and type of animal taken to the department on forms prescribed by the department within twenty-one days of the expiration of the permit.	Requires a service	Permit for destructive wildlife	No Change
50-11-2610	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to issue fox and coyote enclosure permits. There is no charge for the permits.	Requires a service	Fox and coyote enclosure permits	No Change
50-11-2620	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to require the owner and enclosure operator to record all fox and coyote purchases, transfers, and releases into the hunting enclosures daily on a form provided by the Department. These forms must be retained and made available for reasonable inquiry by Department employees. No later than April fifteenth the owner and enclosure operator shall furnish the Department all of the daily register forms for the permit period.	Requires a service		No Change
50-11-2630	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to require a trapper to record all daily sales, purchases, transfers or exchanges on the Furbearer Harvest Record forms provided by the Department. These forms must be retained and made available for reasonable inquiry by Department employees. No later than April fifteenth the trapper shall furnish the Department all of the daily forms for the permit period.	Requires a service		No Change

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50-11-2640	State	Statute	Requires an exhibition permit from the Department for someone to bring, import, or cause to have imported a live coyote or fox into this state.	Requires a service	Importation permit	No Change
50-11-310	State	Statute	The Department is authorized to promulgate regulations in accordance with the APA to establish the seasons for the hunting and taking of deer, methods for the hunting and taking of deer, and other restrictions for the hunting and taking of deer on wildlife management areas, heritage trust lands, and properties owned or leased by the Department.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-11-34	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to delineate the boundaries of the coves on Lake Marion to which a prohibition applies and shall place appropriate markers within these boundaries identifying the area as closed to migratory waterfowl hunting.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-11-390	State	Statute	Establishes the Department's authority over game zones. Also authorizes the Department to issue individual tags for antlerless deer and allows the Department to suspend the taking of antlerless deer or revoke a quota permit or tag when conditions warrant.	Requires a service	Deer tags	No Change

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50-11-430	State	Statute	Department is authorized to establish a Bear Management program and establish conditions for taking, including methods, areas, times, seasons and other conditions to control the harvest of bear. The open season for hunting and taking bear in Game Zone 1 for still gun hunts is October 17 through October 23; for party dog hunts is October 24 through October 30. A party dog hunt in Game Zone 1 may not exceed twenty-five participants per party and shall register with the department by September first.In Game Zones 2, 3, and 4 where the department declares an open season, the department shall determine an appropriate quota of tags to be issued in each game zone, or county within a game zone, and shall further promulgate regulations necessary to properly control the harvest of bear. The department may close an open season at any time, provided that the department gives at least twenty-four hours' notice to the public of the closure. (C) In Game Zones 2, 3, and 4 where the department declares an open season for hunting and taking bears on wildlife management areas, and all other areas under the ownership, control, or lease of the department, the season will be set by the department. The department may close an open season at any time, provided that the department gives at least twenty-four hours' notice to the public of the closure. (D) In order to properly implement the provisions of subsections (B) and (C), any bear taken must be tagged with a valid bear tag and	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-11-450	State	Statute				No Change
50-11-520	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to make a special study, in a game zone of this State, and after such a study declare other open or closed seasons of such duration as it considers advisable for the taking of turkeys. The Department may declare an open season in any of the game zones and on WMA lands by promulgating regulations in accordance with the APA to establish the dates, places, and bag limits and may set the season and other conditions for hunting and taking wild turkeys on WMA lands.	Requires a service		No Change

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50-11-525	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to promulgate regulations for wildlife management areas, heritage trust lands, and other properties owned or leased by the Department to establish seasons, dates, areas, bag limits, and other restrictions for hunting and taking of wild turkey.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-11-530	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to promulgate emergency regulations for harvesting of wild turkey in game zones.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-1-160	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to release confiscated property to an innocent owner or lienholder or dispose of the property.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
50-11-740	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to sell any confiscated device at public auction for cash to the highest bidder and pay over the net proceeds, after payment of any proper costs and expenses of the seizure, advertisement, and sale, including any proper expense incurred for the storage of the confiscated device, to the State Treasurer for deposit in the County Game and Fish Fund.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-11-745	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to release confiscated property to an innocent owner or lienholder or dispose of the property.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change

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50-11-760	State	Statute	Requires the Department to suspend the hunting privileges of a person convicted of hunting from a public road or railroad right of way for one year from the date of conviction.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-11-810	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to regulate the taking of exotic game birds, provide methods and regulate areas.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-11-840	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to issue a permit for the removal of an active nest or eggs that constitute a public safety threat or when birds are causing damage to property.	Requires a service	Permit for removal of eggs or nests	No Change
50-11-854	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to establish seasons and bag limits for the hunting and taking of crows consistent with the federal regulation governing those activities.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-11-860	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to designate and establish sanctuaries for wildlife and enter into agreements with landowners for this purpose.	Requires a service	Sanctuary agreements	No Change
50-11-880	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to take species from in or around a wildlife sanctuary if it constitutes a threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the public or to itself, or other species in, on, or around the sanctuary. The wildlife must be taken by Department personnel or other persons acting under their supervision and the authorization for the taking limits the number of animals taken and the days, times, and methods to be used.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change

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50-1-190	State	Statute	The Department is authorized to enter into a cooperative agreement with the US Government, or with the proper authorities thereof, for the protection and management of the wildlife resources of the national forest lands within the State and for the restocking of such lands with desirable species of game, birds and other animals and fish.	Requires a service	May enter into agreement regarding	No Change
50-11-96	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to issue a permit authorizing the use of a fertility control agent or chemical into wildlife for certain purposes. The Department is also authorized to promulgate regulations to implement and regulate this section.	Requires a service	Permit use of fertility agent	No Change
50-11-980	State	Statute	Requires the Department to post the general outline of sanctuaries and during the nesting season conspicuously post bird nesting areas.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-1-200	State	Statute	Defines powers of the Department over national forest lands. Authorizes the Department to close hunting and fishing within such lands under contract with the federal government as determined necessary by the Department.	Requires a service		No Change
50-12-20	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to execute and carry out the provisions of the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change

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50-12-30	State	Statute	Requires the Director of the Department to appoint the Compact Administrator for SC and requires that the Department promulgate regulations, and must deny, suspend, or revoke the license, privilege, or right of any person to hunt, fish, trap, possess, or transport wildlife in this State to the extent that the license, privilege, or right has been denied, suspended, or revoked by another compact member under the provisions of this chapter.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-1-250	State	Statute	The Department is authorized to contract with owners of land contiguous to the Catawba River and its tributaries for rights of ingress and egress to such waters over and upon such lands for the use of the public who wish to go lawfully upon said stream and waters.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
50-1-260	State	Statute	The Department is required to attach a notice to each unit of impounded property stating the prohibition and the penalties for violations.	Requires a service		No Change
50-1-270	State	Statute	Department is authorized as the agency primarily responsible for enforcement and implementation of liability for gross destruction or injury to wildlife, aquatic life, endangered or threatened species, or state lands or waters.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
50-1-280	State	Statute	Department is authorized to expend moneys held in the Non-Game Wildlife and Natural Areas Fund in furtherance of its non-game and endangered species programs, Heritage Trust Programs and related educational projects and programs.	Requires a service		No Change

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50-1-310	State	Statute	Establishes the Department as the Trustees of the Mitigation Trust Fund.	Distribute funding to another entity		No Change
50-13-1210	State	Statute	Authorizes any law enforcement officer to destroy or take down such permanent obstruction to migration of fish, or so much of it as is necessary, to again permit the free migration of fish.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-13-1415	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to permit and regulate the importation, possession or restrictions on placing noxious weeds in the waters of the state. The Department, by regulation, is specifically authorized to prohibit additional species of plants from being imported, possessed, or sold in this State when, in the discretion of the Department, such species of plants are potentially dangerous.	Requires a service	Permit noxious weeds	No Change
50-13-1630	State	Statute	Establishes the Department's authority to issue permits and regulate the importation of non-indigenous fish. The Department may issue special import permits to qualified persons for research and education only. (C)(1) The Department may issue permits for stocking sterile white amur or grass carp hybrids in the waters of this State. The permits must certify that the permittee's white amur or grass carp hybrids have been tested and determined to be sterile. The Department may charge a fee of one dollar for each white amur or grass carp hybrid that measures five inches or longer or twenty-five cents for each white amur or grass carp hybrid that measures less than five inches. The fee collected for sterility testing must be retained by the Department and used to offset the costs of the testing. (2) The Department is authorized to promulgate regulations to establish a fee schedule to replace the fee schedule contained in item (1) of this subsection. Upon these regulations taking effect, the fee schedule contained in item (1) of this subsection no longer applies. (D) The Department may issue permits for the importation, breeding, and possession of nonsterile white amur or grass carp hybrids. The permits must be issued pursuant to the provisions of the Aquaculture Enabling Act in Article 2, Chapter 18 of this title. Provided, however, that no white amur or grass carp hybrids imported, bred, or possessed pursuant to this subsection may be stocked in the waters of this	Requires a service	Permit non-indigenous fish	No Change

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50-13-1910	State	Statute	Established that South Carolina hereby assents to the provisions of the act of Congress entitled “An Act to Provide that the United States Shall Aid the States in Fish Restoration and Management Projects, and for Other Purposes." The Department shall perform acts as necessary to the conduct and establishment of cooperative fish restoration projects, as defined in this act of Congress, in compliance with the act and rules and regulations promulgated by the Secretary of the Interior. The amounts necessary for this State to provide, in order to receive the benefits of the act, must be paid from the fees collected by the Department from the sale of resident fishing licenses and a separate fund for this purpose must be set up.	Requires a service		No Change
50-13-1920	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to acquire land for and to operate fish hatcheries and fish nurseries. The DNR Board may exercise the power of eminent domain if necessary to accomplish this.	Requires a service		No Change
50-13-1935	State	Statute	Requires the Department to charge a fee for stocking fish in private water bodies and nonnavigable waters sufficient to cover all costs of producing and stocking the fish.	Requires a service	May stock waters	No Change
50-13-1936	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to accept and maintain operations of the Walhalla Fish Hatchery by charging a fee that is sufficient to cover the cost of operating the facility, if the Federal Government ceases to operate it.	Funding agency deliverable(s)		No Change

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50-13-1940	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to grant permits to collect freshwater fish for scientific purposes during any time of the year and on any area including sanctuaries without further review and allows the Department to suspend or cancel the permits. The application must be accompanied by the requisite fee. The Department shall investigate the applicant and the need for the permit. An application fee and fee for extension of permit can be charged. (no fee listed)	Requires a service	Permits collect freshwater fish	No Change
50-13-1950	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to designate and establish fish sanctuaries.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-13-1960	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to select any place upon any river or stream within this State as a fish sanctuary. Upon making this selection, the Board, upon approval in writing of a majority of the members of the county legislative delegation from the county in which this proposed fish sanctuary is to be located, may designate and set apart the place as a fish sanctuary. When a sanctuary is so designated and set apart, the Board shall have it adequately and conspicuously marked and shall designate the limits of it in all directions.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-13-1995	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to permit the federal government to conduct fish culture and scientific investigations in the waters of this State in connection with hatchery operations or management of those species under federal jurisdiction.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-13-2015	State	Statute	Requires the Department to mark the St. Stephen Rediversion canal from the Atlantic Coastline Bridge upstream after consultation with and with the permission of the United States Army Corps of Engineers for the fishing of non-game fish.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change

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50-13-230	State	Statute	The Department is required to establish daily possession and size limits of stripped bass on all other waters not listed in the statute. Department must make a study of the striped bass fishery on the Santee and Cooper River systems and make recommendations on any needed modifications of this section before January 2015.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-13-272	State	Statute	The Department is authorized to promulgate regulations for the protection and management of the trout fishery.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-13-315	State	Statute	The Department is authorized to inspect traps for compliance with this section at anytime. If the Department finds any trap in violation of this chapter or contains only dead catch or excessive dead catch, the trap is contraband and must be seized and disposed of according to law.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-13-40	State	Statute	Authorizes Department Law Enforcement Officers to inspect creels at anytime when someone is fishing in the freshwaters of this state.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-13-510	State	Statute	It is unlawful to take freshwater mussels (Bivalvia) without a permit from the Department.	Requires a service	Freshwater mussel permit	No Change

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50-13-640	State	Statute	The Department is required to make a study of the blue catfish fishery on the Santee and Cooper River systems and make recommendations on any needed modifications of this section on or before January 2020.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-13-680	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department employee acting in their official capacity to inspect, at any reasonable hour, the vehicle, boat, processing house, and wholesale business which is connected with nongame commercial fishing activities and the records of a person required to be licensed by this title to ensure compliance. Upon request of the Department, the buyers (fish houses) of nongame fish shall report quarterly the volume of sales and other information as required by the Department. An enforcement officer or Department employee acting in their official capacity may check any game or nongame fishing device and, if unlawful, may seize the device as contraband and dispose of it and any catch provided by law.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-13-690	State	Statute	Authorizes Departmental sale and seizure of fish or fishing devices, allows for confiscation and sale of items of persons charged with unlawful use or possession of gill net or hoop net and authorizes suspension of licenses.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-13-70	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to declare a closed season for taking any species of fish until a natural or other condition has abated but the closed season may not be longer than ninety days. The Department must also provide notice of the closure.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-1-5(5)	State	Statute	Establishes the Department's jurisdiction over the wildlife, fish & plant species within the state.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change

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50-15-20	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to (A) conduct investigations on nongame wildlife in order to develop information relating to population, distribution, habitat, needs, limiting factors, and other biological and ecological data to determine management measures necessary for their continued ability to sustain themselves successfully. On the basis of such determinations the Department shall issue proposed regulations and develop management programs designed to ensure the continued ability of nongame wildlife to perpetuate themselves successfully. Such proposed regulations shall set forth species or subspecies of nongame wildlife which the Department deems in need of management pursuant to this section, giving their common and scientific names by species or subspecies. The Department shall conduct ongoing investigations of nongame wildlife and may from time to time amend such regulations by adding or deleting therefrom species or subspecies of nongame wildlife. (B) The Department shall by such regulations establish proposed limitations relating to taking, possession, transportation, exportation, processing, sale or offer for sale, or shipment as may be deemed necessary to manage such nongame wildlife. The Board may hold a public hearing if deemed appropriate. On the basis of public comments received or the testimony at any such hearing the Department may make such changes in the proposed	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-15-30	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department (A) on the basis of investigations on nongame wildlife provided for in Section 50-15-20 and other available scientific and commercial data, and after consultation with other state agencies, appropriate federal agencies, and other interested persons and organizations, but not later than one year after July 2, 1974, to by regulation propose a list of those species or subspecies of wildlife indigenous to the State which are determined to be endangered within this State, giving their common and scientific names by species and subspecies. Such regulation shall become effective sixty days after being proposed during which period public comment shall be solicited and received. The Board may hold a public hearing if deemed appropriate. On the basis of public comments received or the testimony at any such hearing, the Department may add to such proposed list additional species or subspecies which are determined to be endangered within the State or delete therefrom such species or subspecies which are determined not to be endangered within the State. (B) The Board shall conduct a review of the state list of endangered species within not more than two years from its effective date and every two years thereafter and may amend the list by such additions or deletions as are deemed appropriate. The Board shall submit to the Governor a summary report of the data used in support of all amendments to	Requires a service		No Change

Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2026
50-15-320	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to accept applications for a permit to engage in the business of propagating alligators for commercial purposes. A permit allows the purchase of live alligators or alligator eggs from legal sources, the sale of live alligators within the State to other department-permitted alligator propagators only, the sale of live alligators to other states where the purchase of those animals is lawful, the sale of the carcasses, raw parts, or skins of captive-raised alligators to any person for resale or processing into finished products, including sale for food, and the exhibition of live alligators.	Requires a service	Permits to propagate alligators	No Change
50-15-330	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to accept payment of a nonrefundable application fee for applicants seeking a permit for the first time for an alligator propagation facility permit, and requires the department to investigate the applicant and the proposed facility. The Department must prescribe applicant, facility, and operating requirements to applicants and may deny the application in its discretion after review. Upon approval of an application and payment of the permit fee, the Department shall issue an alligator propagation facility permit.	Requires a service	Alligator Propagation Facility Permits	No Change
50-15-340	State	Statute	Requires the Department to be named as beneficiary in the amount of one hundred thousand dollars by a person applying for an alligator propagator permit. In the event the facility is closed, abandoned, or destroyed, or the permit is revoked, the Department may use the proceeds of the bond to clean up and close the facility.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-15-350	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to inspect records, alligator facilities, and seize alligator tags.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-15-360	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to inspect any retailer, including retail food businesses, possessing, buying, or selling alligator parts for invoices or bills of sale for each purchase or sale for a period of six months.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change

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50-15-370	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to require all alligator propagators to submit annual reports on forms prescribed by the Department no later than January 31 of each year.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-15-380	State	Statute	Requires the Department to supply suitable tags to all shippers of raw alligator skins at the cost of ten dollars per tag.	Requires a service	Alligator tags	No Change
50-15-40	State	Statute	The Department is required to (A) establish such programs, including acquisition of land or aquatic habitat, as are deemed necessary for management of nongame and endangered wildlife. The Board shall utilize authority vested in the Department to carry out the purposes of this section. (B) In carrying out programs authorized by this section, the Department may enter into agreements with federal agencies, political subdivisions of the State, or with private persons for administration and management of any area established under this section or utilized for management of nongame or endangered wildlife. (D) The Department may permit the taking, possession, transportation, exportation, or shipment of species or subspecies of wildlife which appear on the state list of endangered species, or species in need of management on the United States' List of Threatened or Endangered Native Fish and Wildlife, as amended and accepted in accordance with Section 50-15-30(D), or on the United States' List of Threatened or Endangered Foreign Fish and Wildlife, as such list may be modified hereafter, for scientific, zoological, or educational purposes, for propagation in captivity of such wildlife, or for other special purposes. (E) Upon good cause shown, and where necessary to alleviate damage to property or to protect human health, endangered species may be removed	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-15-430	State	Statute	The Department is authorized to adopt regulations for the placement, construction, operation, and maintenance of alligator propagation facilities.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change

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50-15-50	State	Statute	The Department is required to promulgate regulations addressing criteria for designating land as a certified management area for endangered species and are required to review and revise criteria and regulations every five years.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-15-500	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to establish an alligator management program. (B)(1) The Department must establish an alligator management program that allows for hunting and for selective removal of alligators in order to provide for the sound management of the animals and to ensure the continued viability of the species. The Department must set the conditions for taking, including the size, methods of take, areas, times and seasons, disposition of the parts, and other conditions to properly control the harvest of alligators and the disposition of parts. The Department may allow alligators to be taken at any time of the year, in any area, including sanctuaries, as part of its alligator management program. All alligators taken under the alligator management program must be taken pursuant to permits and tags and under conditions established by the Department in accordance with state and federal law. (2) The Department may establish an alligator hunting season. The Department may issue alligator permits and tags to allow hunting and taking of alligators in any game zone where alligators occur. A person desiring to hunt and take alligators must apply to the Department. (3) A landowner or lessee of property on which alligators occur may apply to the Department for a permit to participate in the Private Lands Alligator Program. (4) The Department may designate alligator control agents who demonstrate by training and experience that	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-15-60	State	Statute	The Department is required to promulgate such regulations as are necessary to carry out the purposes of Article 1.	Requires a service		No Change

Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2026
50-15-70	State	Statute	The Department is authorized to regulate the sale, offer for sale, or purchase of the yellowbelly turtle (Trachemys scripta) species and the common snapping turtle (Chelydra serpentina) species if these turtles were taken from a permitted aquaculture facility or a private pond pursuant to a permit issued by the Department at the request of the owner or owner's agent. Any person transporting more than ten yellowbelly turtle (Trachemys scripta) species or common snapping turtle (Chelydra serpentina) species must be in possession of a permit pursuant to which the turtles were taken or acquired and, upon request, must provide it to authorized agents of the Department. A person selling, offering to sell, or purchasing these species must have documentation from the aquaculture facility as to the origin of the turtles. The Department may charge twenty-five dollars for a permit.	Requires a service	Permit for turtles	No Change
50-15-80	State	Statute	The Department is authorized to allow enforcement officers employed by the Department to conduct searches as provided by law and execute a warrant to search for and seize equipment, business records, merchandise, or wildlife taken, used, or possessed in connection with a violation of Article 1. (D) Equipment, merchandise, wildlife, or records seized must be held by an officer or agent of the Department pending disposition of court proceedings and forfeited to the State for destruction or disposition as the board considers appropriate. Before forfeiture, the board may direct the transfer of wildlife seized to a qualified zoological, educational, or scientific institution for safekeeping. The costs of the transfer are assessable to the defendant. The Department may promulgate regulations to implement this subsection. The Department is also authorized to promulgate regulations to implement this section.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change

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50-16-20	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to permit a person to import, possess, or transport for the purpose of release or to introduce or bring into this State any live wildlife of the following types: (1) a furbearer, a member of the family Cervidae, a nondomestic member of the families Suidae (pigs), Tayassuidae (peccaries), Bovidae (bison, mountain goat, mountain sheep), coyote, bear, or turkey (genus Meleagris). Furbearer includes, but is not limited to, red and gray fox, raccoon, opossum, muskrat, mink, skunk, otter, bobcat, weasel, and beaver; (2) a species of marine or estuarine fish, crustacean, mollusk, or other marine invertebrate not already found in the wild, or not native to this State. (3) a species of freshwater fish, crustacean, mollusk, or other freshwater invertebrate not already found in the wild or not native to this State. (B) A permit may be granted only after the investigations and inspections of the wildlife have been made as the department considers necessary and the department approves the possession, transportation, or importation into the State. The department may not issue a permit unless it finds: (1) the wildlife was taken lawfully in the jurisdiction in which it originated; (2) the importation, release, or possession of the wildlife is not	Requires a service	Furbearer permits	No Change
50-16-25	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to issue permits for the taking, transporting, and releasing of a pig from a free roaming population or his agent may capture and release a free roaming pig so long as: (1) the permit holder has express permission from the landowner to capture and transport free roaming pigs from the tract on which the free roaming pig is to be captured, (2) the free roaming pig is captured, transported, and released pursuant to a permit issued by the Department of Natural Resources, and (3) the pig is released on the same tract on which the pig was captured or into a permitted pig enclosure utilized for hunting purposes. (B) The Department may permit a pig hunting enclosure and charge a fee in the amount of $50.00 annually.	Requires a service	Permit for releasing pigs	No Change
50-16-50	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to promulgate regulations to affect the provisions of importation of wildlife.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change

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50-16-70	State	Statute	Requires the Department to suspend the hunting privileges of a person convicted of violating chapter sixteen, for one year from the date of the conviction.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-18-215	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to have regulatory authority for permitting and licensing aquaculture and aquaculture businesses. The Department has enforcement as it effects the public waters of this state.	Requires a service	Permit aquaculture business	No Change
50-18-235	State	Statute	The Department is authorized to grant an annual aquaculture permit to persons (1) to engage in aquaculture; (2) to wholesale or retail a live aquaculture product; (3) to engage in aquaculture of an aquatic species not indigenous to this State, subject to the provisions of this title; (4) to engage in aquaculture, possess, or sell an aquatic species solely for the purposes of stocking; (5) to engage in aquaculture of hybrid striped bass; (6) to engage in aquaculture, or possess an aquatic species to provide sport fishing for a fee; (7) to sell or offer for sale annually in excess of two thousand five hundred dollars worth of an aquatic species harvested from a private pond, unless selling to a permitted resident aqua culturist; (8) to import an aquatic species taken and obtained lawfully in the jurisdiction of origin, for use as aquaculture brood stock; (9) to import an aquatic species taken and obtained lawfully in the jurisdiction of origin, for sale for stocking only private waters. (B) The Department of Natural Resources may grant an aquaculture permit and set conditions for aquaculture. (C) In considering issuance of a permit and setting permit conditions, the department must consider scientific and other	Requires a service	Permit aquaculture business	No Change

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50-18-240	State	Statute	The Department is authorized to charge a fee of one hundred dollars for an aquaculture permit for the year in which issued and twenty-five dollars for each year, or portion thereof, that the permit is continued. There is no cost to register a nongame aquaculture facility. (C) Permit fees, fines, and the value of forfeitures collected under this chapter must be placed in a special account to be used by the Department of Natural Resources to support the aquaculture inspection. (D) The Department of Natural Resources may amend, suspend, or revoke a permit for any violation of a permit condition and impose a civil penalty of not greater than five thousand dollars.	Requires a service	Permit aquaculture business	No Change
50-18-250	State	Statute	The Department is authorized to inspect aquaculture facilities and premises.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-18-255	State	Statute	The Department is authorized to issue an annual wholesale aquaculture license at a cost of one hundred dollars for the year in which issued and twenty-five dollars for each continuous year or part thereof that the license is renewed.	Requires a service	Wholesale aquaculture license	No Change
50-18-260	State	Statute	The Department is authorized to issue an annual aquaculture game fish retail license at no cost to a person who sells or offers to sell a nonliving aquaculture game fish or product thereof to consumers, regardless of where cultured, unless that person holds a current aquaculture permit. (B) Application for such license must be made on forms provided by the department. The department or its authorized agent will issue an aquaculture game fish retail license at no cost upon proper application.	Requires a service	Aquaculture game fish license	No Change

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50-18-265	State	Statute	The Department is authorized to inspect a shipper of aquacultured product.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-18-270	State	Statute	The Department is authorized to grant permits at no cost to allow permitted aqua culturists to release aquacultured products into the public waters of this State as a part of a stocking program conducted or approved by the Department.	Requires a service	Aquaculture permits to release fish in waters of the state	No Change
50-19-1020	State	Statute	The Department must receive semiannual reports from the Lee County Legislative Delegation on the actions of all enforcement officers in Lee County.	Requires a service		No Change
50-19-1140	State	Statute	The Department must cooperate with the Marion County Fish and Game Commission in supervision over the opening and closing of all fish and game seasons in Marion County and regulations in connection therewith and control thereof, in so far as is consistent with the statutory laws of the State.	Requires a service		No Change
50-19-1160	State	Statute	The Director of DNR must receive names from the Marion County Legislative Delegation as recommended by the Marion County Fish and Game Commission of prospective enforcement officers for approval. The enforcement officer or officers so appointed shall devote their entire time to the enforcement of the laws relating to wildlife, marine resources, and natural resources.	Requires a service		No Change

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50-19-1170	State	Statute	The Department must receive recommendations from the Marion County Fish and Game Commission regarding the salaries to be paid to such enforcement officers from funds apportioned or allotted to Marion County for enforcement of the game and fish laws.	Requires a service		No Change
50-19-1180	State	Statute	The Department must receive reports from the Marion County Fish and Game Commission on information on the actions of any enforcement officer in Marion County and the Commission may recommend to the Department suspension or discharge of any enforcement officer.	Requires a service		No Change
50-19-130	State	Statute	The Department must cooperate with the Darlington County Advisory Fish and Game Commission on supervising the opening and closing of all fish and game seasons in the County and regulations in connection therewith.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
50-19-1310	State	Statute	The Department is authorized, in addition to the authority and powers granted it pursuant to Section 50-13-1920, to acquire land in Marlboro County for the purpose of creating artificial public fishing lakes, establishing fish hatcheries and fish nurseries, establishing wildlife management areas in conjunction with the Federal Government, or otherwise, and engaging in any other approved wildlife restoration projects.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-19-1320	State	Statute	The Department Board is authorized to exercise the power of condemnation in Marlboro County. The power must be exercised to condemn only property necessary, useful, or convenient for the purposes of this article. All land acquired must be in fee simple and just compensation must be paid for it.	Requires a service		No Change

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50-19-1330	State	Statute	The Department is authorized to expend any funds under its control and available for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of article 21.	Requires a service		No Change
50-19-1610	State	Statute	The Department must clearly mark the Catawba Lake Fishing Area with signs.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-19-1730	State	Statute	The Department must cooperate with the Catawba-Wateree Fish and Game Commission in the enforcement of all fishing laws and regulations within such counties and shall work under the direction of the Department in the enforcement of all rules and regulations provided in this article. The Commission shall cooperate with the Department in the control of all fishing in the waters, including all backwaters, of the Catawba and Wateree Rivers within said counties, except waters lying more than one hundred yards south of the Wateree Dam in Kershaw County.	Requires a service		No Change
50-19-1925	State	Statute	The Department is required to promulgate regulations to manage and protect fisheries in the Santee River.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-19-1935	State	Statute	The Department and DHEC are required to monitor the bass fishery in the Wateree -Santee riverine system.	Requires a service		No Change

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50-19-2210	State	Statute	The Department is authorized to negotiate a reciprocal agreement with the authorities of the state of Georgia whereby any resident of Georgia properly licensed by that state may fish anywhere in the Savannah River, but not in its tributaries, below Clark Hill Dam with no other license being required, provided any resident of this State, properly licensed by this State, shall be permitted the same fishing privilege.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-19-2215	State	Statute	The Department is authorized to negotiate a reciprocal agreement with the authorities of the State of Georgia whereby any resident of Georgia properly licensed by that State may fish anywhere in the Savannah River, but not its tributaries, in that area between the highway bridge between Calhoun Falls, South Carolina, and Elberton, Georgia, and the Hartwell Reservoir Dam, including all waters impounded by the Richard B. Russell Dam.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-19-2240	State	Statute	The Department is required to negotiate and enter into a reciprocal agreement with the authorized officials of the state of Georgia, adopting rules and regulations for the preservation and propagation of fish and game within the area as provided by law, the recognition of the licenses and permits of one state by the other and the enforcement of the laws of the two states over the area involved. If necessary to reach such an agreement or it is deemed advisable for the better protection and management of the game and fish of this area, the department may increase the bag limit to not more than twelve bass and thirty other game fish in possession at one time and may make and agree to other reasonable rules and regulations with the Georgia authorities, not inconsistent with the laws of this State, and may change or alter them from time to time.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-19-2310	State	Statute	The Department is authorized to declare open season for striped bass in the waters of Lake Greenwood and Boyd's Mill with the approval of a majority of the members of the House of Representatives and a majority of the Senators from the counties adjoining the lake.	Requires a service		No Change

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50-19-2330	State	Statute	The Department is authorized to use whatever methods are deemed wise and expedient to remove and control nongame fish in the waters of Lake Greenwood and its immediate tributaries and Boyd's Mill.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-19-240	State	Statute	The Department must review and, if agreed with, approve regulations and rules promulgated by the Prestwood Lake Wildlife Refuge.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
50-19-2610	State	Statute	The Department is authorized to negotiate a reciprocal agreement with the authorities of the state of Georgia for any resident of Georgia properly licensed to fish anywhere in the Hartwell Reservoir.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-19-2640	State	Statute	The Department is authorized to negotiate for and enter into a reciprocal agreement with the authorized officials of the state of Georgia, adopting rules and regulations for the preservation and propagation of fish and game within the area, the recognition of the licenses and permits of one state by the other and the enforcement of the laws of the two states over the area involved. If necessary to reach such agreement or it is deemed advisable for the better protection and management of the game and fish of this area, the Department may increase the bag limit prescribed by law to not more than twelve bass and thirty other game fish in possession at one time and may make and agree to other reasonable rules and regulations with the Georgia authorities, not inconsistent with the laws of this State, and may change or alter them from time to time.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change

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50-19-2710	State	Statute	The Department is authorized to establish and enforce fishing regulations for the boundary streams between SC and GA above the Hartwell Reservoir and is authorized to enter into and modify reciprocal agreements with GA as necessary to accomplish the purpose of this section.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-19-410	State	Statute	The Department may enter into an agreement with the owners of Lake Lanier, located in Greenville County, whereby the Department may take over the management of the lake and lake property for fisheries and hunting purposes and shall take the necessary steps toward restocking the lake with fish, designating open and closed seasons for fishing and hunting thereon, making rules and regulations by which permits may be issued to persons for fishing and hunting thereon and in all other ways exercising complete control of the waters of the lake in such a manner that will most successfully restock, propagate and protect the fish and game in the lake for the benefit of the public in general.	Requires a service	Stock and assist with Lake Lanier	No Change
50-19-450	State	Statute	The Department is required to promulgate regulations to manage and protect fisheries in Lake William C. Bowen, Lake Blalock, and Spartanburg Municipal Reservoir #1 in Spartanburg County, SC.	Requires a service		No Change
50-19-710	State	Statute	The Department must issue at no cost special tags for non-game devices, beginning on July 1, 2012, and for three years thereafter on the Little Pee Dee River.	Requires a service	Non-game special tags for Pee Dee	No Change

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50-20-20	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to enter into and perform all acts necessary under the Interstate Boating Violator Compact. The Department of Natural Resources shall execute all documents and perform all other acts necessary to carry out the provisions of the compact.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-20-30	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to (A) appoint the Boating Compact Administrator for South Carolina. The Boating Compact Administrator shall serve at the pleasure of the Director of the Department of Natural Resources. (B) The Department of Natural Resources must deny, suspend, or revoke the watercraft operating privileges or watercraft operator's license of any person in this State to the extent that the watercraft operating privileges or the watercraft operator's license have been denied, suspended, or revoked by another compact member under the provisions of this chapter. (C) The Department of Natural Resources shall promulgate regulations necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-21-1010	State	Statute	The Department is authorized to regulate the holding of regattas, races, marine parades, tournaments or exhibitions which, by their nature, circumstance or location will introduce extra or unusual hazards to the safety of life on any waters of this State. It shall adopt and may amend regulations concerning the safety of boats, motorboats and vessels and persons thereon, either observers or participants. Whenever a regatta, race, marine parade, tournament or exhibition is proposed to be held the person in charge thereof shall, at least thirty days prior thereto, file an application with the department for permission to hold such regatta, motorboat or other boat race, marine parade, tournament or exhibition. The application shall set forth the date, time and location where it is proposed to hold such regatta, race, marine parade, tournament or exhibition and such other information as the department may by regulation require and it shall not be conducted without written authorization of the department.	Requires a service	Permit marine events	No Change

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50-21-105	State	Statute	The Department is authorized to tow away and store at the nearest commercial marina or any other suitable facility any unattended watercraft, a watercraft the operator of which is ill, intoxicated, or under a disability which renders him incapable of functioning safely, or other object which constitutes a hazard to navigation and which is not within an anchorage area approved by the United States Coast Guard. The owner may regain control of the watercraft or other object by proving ownership to the operator of the facility and paying the fee charged for storage.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-21-110	State	Statute	The Department is required, for any person in violation of this section three times within a five-year period, to require the violator to attend and complete a boating safety education program approved by the Department. The Department may be reimbursed for the expense of the class.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-21-111	State	Statute	The Department is required, for any person convicted of reckless operation, to require that person to attend and complete a boating safety education program approved by the Department. The Department may be reimbursed for the expense of the class. The Department is required to suspend for 90 days upon conviction of a second offense for reckless operation of a water device within a five-year period.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change

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50-21-112	State	Statute	The Department is required to notify a person whose privilege is suspended under the provisions of this section of the suspension and of the requirement to enroll in and successfully complete an Alcohol and Drug Safety Action Program certified by the Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services prior to reinstatement of the privilege. The Department in conjunction with the Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services is required to develop procedures necessary for the communication of information pertaining to reinstating boating privileges. A person convicted under this section, in addition to any other penalties, shall be required by the department to attend and complete a boating safety education program approved by the department. The person required to attend the program shall reimburse the department for the expense of the program. The person's privilege to operate a water device within this State shall be suspended until successful completion of the required program.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-21-113	State	Statute	The Department is required to suspend the privilege of a person who is convicted or who pleads guilty or nolo contendere under this section to operate a water device or be in actual control of a moving water device within this State.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change

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50-21-114	State	Statute	The Department (E) is required, on the basis of a report from the law enforcement officer that the arrested person was operating a water device within this State while under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or a combination of them, and that the person had refused to submit to the tests, must suspend a person's privilege to operate a moving water device for one hundred eighty days. (F) Upon suspending the operating privilege of a person, the department immediately shall notify the person in writing and upon his request give him an opportunity for a hearing as provided in Article 3, Chapter 23, Title 1 of the 1976 Code. The review must be scheduled by the Administrative Law Court in accordance with the division's procedural rules. The scope of the hearing is limited to the issues set out by the Administrative Procedures Act and the division's procedural rules. Upon order of the administrative law judge, the department either shall rescind its order of suspension or continue the suspension of the privilege.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-21-117	State	Statute	The Department is required to suspend the privilege of a person who is convicted of operating a moving water device while under suspension for three years.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change

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50-21-130	State	Statute	The Department is required to keep reports of reportable boating accidents. In the case of a reportable accident, the operator or owner of any vessel involved shall file a full description of the accident with the Department and provide any information the Department may require when requested as part of the investigation within forty-eight hours of the accident. In the event an accident results in death, loss of consciousness, or serious bodily injury, the owner or operator immediately shall notify the Department. (D) The accident report must be without prejudice, and must be for the information of the Department. (E) The Department shall administer a State Casualty Reporting System which shall be in conformity with that established by the United States Coast Guard. (F) The Department must suspend the privileges of a person convicted under this section for: (1) two years if the operator of a vessel is convicted of not rendering assistance to persons affected in a collision, accident, or other casualty; (2) one year if the operator of a vessel is convicted of not reporting a boating accident; (3) a person's privilege to operate a watercraft shall not be reinstated until the person attends and completes a boating safety	Report our agency must/may provide	boating accident report	No Change
50-21-140	State	Statute	The Department is required to furnish information on collisions and numbering of vessels to officials or agencies of the United States for analytical and statistical purposes.	Requires a service	Accident statistics	No Change
50-21-148	State	Statute	The Department is required to erect signs at appropriate locations advertising the prohibition against obstruction of piers, docks, wharf, boat ramps or access areas, with advice from the Department of Transportation.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change

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50-21-160	State	Statute	The Department must hold and utilize all fees or fines collected pursuant to the Equipment and Operation of Watercraft chapter for the purpose of paying the expenses of the Natural Resources Enforcement Division of the Department and other Department operations. (B) To the extent fees collected in connection with registration of boats, are attributable to fee increases beginning July 1, 1999, revenues from those fee increases must be used by the Department for its law enforcement responsibilities. Any surplus may be carried forward for that use.	Requires a service		No Change
50-21-190	State	Statute	The Department is authorized to conduct investigations of watercrafts to determine if it is abandoned. The Department is also required to send notice and make additional reasonable efforts to notify the last known owner, if any, of the status of the watercraft, and if that fails, post notice that the watercraft is abandoned.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-21-30	State	Statute	The Department is authorized (A) to receive a formal application from any subdivision of this State, after three days' public notice, for special rules and regulations with reference to the operation of vessels on any waters within its territorial limits and the application shall set forth therein the reasons which make such special rules and regulations necessary or appropriate. (3) The Department is authorized to make special rules and regulations with reference to the operation of vessels on waters within the territorial limits of this State.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-21-40	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to enforce the S.C. Boating and Safety Act of 1999 through its Natural Resources Enforcement Division.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change

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50-21-45	State	Statute	Authorizes Department employees engaged in the work of administering and enforcing the provisions of this chapter may administer oaths and acknowledge signatures and must do so without fee.	Requires a service		No Change
50-21-50	State	Statute	Authorizes the Director to employ personnel to carry out the S.C. Boating and Safety Act of 1999.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-21-610	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to promulgate regulations which establish boat construction or associated equipment performance or other safety standards.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-21-710	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to promulgate regulations for the uniform marking of the waters of the State and may regulate the operation of all vessels, watercraft, and water devices through the placement of aids to navigation and regulatory markers.	Requires a service	Regulate and put out markers for navigation	No Change
50-21-80	State	Statute	The Department is required to be the agency primarily responsible for enforcement of all laws pertaining to boating. Any person employed or elected by this State or political subdivision thereof, whose duty it is to preserve the peace or to make arrests or to enforce the law including, but not limited to, members of the sheriff's departments, state police, enforcement officers, deputies, or other qualified persons, upon recommendation of the Department, may be empowered to enforce the provisions of this chapter.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change

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50-21-855	State	Statute	Requires the Department to not enforce any regulation requiring windsurfers and sailboarders to wear or carry personal flotation devices.	Requires a service		No Change
50-21-870	State	Statute	The Department is required to promulgate regulations relating to boating safety programs administered by the department or subject to its approval.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-21-90	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to inaugurate a boating safety and boating education program, and to seek the cooperation of boatmen, the federal government and other states.	Requires a service	Boater education	No Change
50-23-10	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to permit and regulate marine dealers. Each entity desiring to be a marine dealer shall apply for a permit each year from the Department. The Department may charge ten dollars for the permit. A dealer who fails to meet minimum requirements each year may request in writing a review of the permit and sales by the Department. After review of the dealer's records and after good cause has been shown by the dealer for not meeting the minimum requirements, the Department may renew the permit for the calendar year. Permitted marine dealers may apply for demonstration numbers to the Department. Marine dealers permitted under this article consent to inspections of the business and its records during regular business hours by Department personnel and other law enforcement officers. A dealer who fails to cooperate with Department inspections forfeits his permit.	Requires a service	Permit marine dealers	No Change
50-23-120	State	Statute	The Department is authorized to issue a new certificate of title for a transfer of purchase of a watercraft or outboard motor once application is made to the Department accompanied by the required fee and upon the form or forms prescribed and furnished by the Department.	Requires a service	Title watercraft	No Change

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50-23-125	State	Statute				No Change
50-23-130	State	Statute	The Department is authorized to issue a new certificate of title if the ownership of a watercraft or outboard motor is transferred by operation of law once application is made to the Department accompanied by the required fee and upon the form or forms prescribed and furnished by the Department. (b) If the ownership of a watercraft or outboard motor is terminated in accordance with the terms of a security agreement by a lienholder named in the certificate of title, the transferee shall promptly mail or deliver to the Department the last certificate of title, his application for a new title accompanied by the required fee and upon the form or forms prescribed and furnished by the Department, and an affidavit by the lienholder or his authorized representative, setting forth the facts entitling him to possession and ownership of the watercraft or outboard motor, together with a copy of the journal entry, court order or instrument upon which such claim of possession and ownership is founded. If the lienholder cannot produce such proof of ownership, he may submit such evidence as he has with his application to the Department, and the Department may, if it finds the evidence to be satisfactory proof of ownership, issue a new certificate of title. (c) If a lienholder succeeds to the interest of an owner in a watercraft or outboard motor by operation of law and holds such watercraft or outboard motor for resale, he need not secure a new certificate	Requires a service	Title watercraft	No Change
50-23-140	State	Statute	The Department is authorized to receive and note all liens, mortgages, and encumbrances upon a certificate of title which take priority according to the order of time in which they are noted on it by the Department. (b) A security interest is perfected by the delivery to the Department of the existing certificate of title, if any, an application for a certificate of title containing the name and address of the lienholder and the date of the security agreement, and the required fee. (d) If the person acquires a watercraft or outboard motor and the title shows an outstanding lien and neither the Department nor the transferee can verify the existence of the lien, the transferee may provide proof of an attempt to notify the lienholder of record of the transfer and the attempt to verify the existence of the lien by certified mail and if the lienholder of record does not respond within thirty days of the attempted notice, the lien is unenforceable and the department shall issue a title clear of the lien. (e) If an owner of a watercraft or outboard motor attempts to verify the existence of a lien and neither the owner nor the	Requires a service	Title watercraft	No Change

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50-23-150	State	Statute	The Department may issue a duplicate title for a lost, stolen or mutilated certificate. The person may obtain a duplicate by application to the Department, furnishing such information concerning the original certificate and the circumstances of its loss, mutilation or destruction as may be required by the Department. (d) In the event a lost or stolen original certificate of title for which a duplicate has been issued is recovered, it shall be surrendered promptly to the Department for cancellation.	Requires a service	Duplicate title for watercraft	No Change
50-23-170	State	Statute	The Department is authorized (A) if there is no manufacturer's serial number, if the manufacturer's serial number has been removed or obliterated, or if the watercraft is homemade, upon application, to assign a permanent identification number which must be used as the builder's hull number for the watercraft. This assigned number must be affixed permanently to or imprinted by the applicant at the place and in the manner designated by the Department upon the watercraft for which the builder's hull number is assigned. Every homemade watercraft must be certified as meeting safety standards of the United States Coast Guard before it can be sold by the builder. Certification must be furnished to the purchaser and a copy accompany applications for transfer to the Department. (B) If there is no manufacturer's serial number or if the manufacturer's serial number has been removed for a valid reason or obliterated, the Department, upon a prescribed application, may assign a serial number for the outboard motor. This assigned serial number must be affixed permanently to or imprinted by the applicant at the place and in the manner designated by the Department upon the outboard motor for which the serial number is assigned. (D)If the serial number or hull identification number is displayed in a location other than on or near the stern transom, the Department must be	Requires a service	Title watercraft	No Change

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50-23-180	State	Statute	The Department is authorized to receive any information regarding a theft of watercraft or outboard motor. (a) Every law enforcement agency, peace officer, owner, or insurer in the State, having knowledge of a stolen or converted watercraft or outboard motor, immediately shall furnish the Department with full information concerning the theft or conversion. (b) The Department, whenever it receives a report of the theft or conversion of a watercraft or outboard motor, shall make a record of it, including the make of the stolen or converted watercraft or outboard motor and its hull number or serial number, and shall file the same in the numerical order of the hull number or serial number with the index records of the watercraft or outboard motors of such make. The Department shall prepare a report listing watercraft and outboard motors stolen and recovered as disclosed by the reports submitted to it, to be distributed as it deems advisable. (c) In the event of the recovery of a stolen or converted watercraft or outboard motor, the owner or insurer immediately shall notify the Department in writing. (d) Law enforcement agencies shall notify the Department of recovery of any stolen watercraft or outboard motor immediately.	Requires a service		No Change
50-23-20	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to title watercraft or outboard motors held or principally used in this State.	Requires a service	Title watercraft	No Change

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50-23-205	State	Statute	The Department is authorized (B) upon seizure of the watercraft or outboard motor because the true owner cannot be determined, to notify a person claiming an interest in it, and the person has the right to prove his interest before the circuit court in the county where the property was seized. If no action is filed within sixty days of notification, the Department may retain the property for official use or transfer the property to another public entity for official use, sell the property at public auction, or, if the watercraft or outboard motor is determined to be unsafe, destroy it. The proceeds derived from the sale must be deposited in the Boating Operating Fund of the Department for administration of the program. (C) When the Department determines the owner of a seized watercraft or outboard motor and related marine equipment, it shall notify the owner by certified mail of the procedure, the location, and the fact that he has not less than thirty days from the date of the certified letter to remove the equipment from the Department's storage facility. If a security interest has been perfected, the Department must notify the lienholder by certified mail allowing thirty days to respond. Failure to respond within thirty days or remove the watercraft or outboard motor by the date	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-23-210	State	Statute	The Department is authorized to suspend or revoke a certificate of title to a watercraft, or to an outboard motor, upon reasonable notice and hearing, if the Department finds: (1) The certificate of title was fraudulently procured or erroneously issued, or (2) The watercraft, or outboard motor, has been scrapped, dismantled, or destroyed, or transferred and registered in another state. (c) When the Department suspends or revokes a certificate of title, the owner or person in possession of it shall, immediately upon receiving notice of the suspension or revocation, mail or deliver the certificate to the Department; or (d) The Department may seize and impound any certificate of title which has been suspended and revoked.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change

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50-23-220	State	Statute	The Department is authorized to use appropriations from titling watercraft and outboard motors for the expenses of the Department in administering the provisions of this chapter or for any purpose related to the mission of the Department) To the extent fees collected pursuant to Section 50-23-70, in connection with titling a boat, are attributable to fee increases beginning July 1, 1999, revenues from those increases must be used by the Department for its law enforcement responsibilities. Any surplus may be carried forward for that use.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
50-23-230	State	Statute	The Department is authorized and empowered to make, adopt, promulgate, amend, and repeal all rules and regulations necessary, or convenient for the carrying out of the duties and obligations and powers conferred on the department by this chapter.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-23-240	State	Statute	The Department is authorized to file a copy of the regulations adopted pursuant to this chapter, and of any amendments thereto, in the office of the board and in the office of the official State record-keeping agency. Rules and regulations shall be published by the Department in a convenient form.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
50-23-250	State	Statute	Authorizes the Director to employ and appoint the necessary enforcement officers for enforcement of this chapter. The duties of such enforcement officers shall include but not be limited to investigating applications for certificate of title, inspecting watercraft, or outboard motors, in or at public facilities for purposes of locating stolen property, and investigating and reporting thefts of watercraft, or outboard motors.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change

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50-23-260	State	Statute	The Department is required to annually, between January first and January thirty-first, furnish to each county auditor a list of motors and watercraft registered and titled pursuant to this chapter in the previous year to residents of such auditor's county, which list shall include the names and addresses of the owners of such watercraft and motors and sufficient additional information as will permit the auditors to identify the chattels titled for tax purposes.	Report our agency must/may provide	Registered boat list to auditors for taxes	No Change
50-23-290	State	Statute	The Department must accept applications from any person coming into possession of a watercraft or outboard motor without proper proof of ownership. The person must apply to the Department for a title using the form prescribed by the Department. The application must be supported by an affidavit setting forth the circumstances under which the watercraft or outboard motor was acquired. The applicant must provide the Department with proof of mailing. The applicant must publish an advertisement in a newspaper of general circulation in the county of residence of the last known owner of record for three successive issues. If there is no prior owner of record, the advertisement must be published in the county where acquired. The advertisement must be as prescribed by the Department in the application. Proof of advertising must be submitted to the Department. Thirty days after the date of the last advertisement if no claim of interest or ownership is made and the item has not been reported stolen, the Department shall issue a clear title. If the item is reported stolen, the Department shall dispose of the item according to law. If there is a claim of interest adverse to the applicant, the Department shall not issue a title until the issue is resolved.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-23-295	State	Statute	The Department is authorized to refuse to transfer a title to a watercraft or an outboard motor if the Department has notice that property taxes for property tax years beginning after 1999, are owed on the watercraft or outboard motor.(C) The county treasurer or other appropriate official annually, or more frequently as the county considers appropriate, shall transmit a list of delinquent taxes due on watercraft and outboard motors to the Department. The list may be transmitted in any electronic format considered acceptable by the Department.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change

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50-23-310	State	Statute	The Department is authorized to issue decals which are attached to each side of the bow of the boat within six inches following the identifying number.	Requires a service	Registration number	No Change
50-23-330	State	Statute	The Department is authorized to, in the event that an agency of the United States Government shall have in force an overall system of identification (numbering) for vessels within the United States, to employ a numbering system which is in conformity therewith.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-23-340	State	Statute	The Department is authorized to accept applications from the owner of each motorboat requiring numbering by this chapter. The person shall file an application for a number with the Department on forms approved by it. The application fee is thirty dollars. Upon receipt of the application in approved form, the Department shall enter the same upon the records of its office and issue to the applicant a certificate of number stating the number awarded to the motorboat and the name and address of the owner. The certificate of number shall be pocket size.	Requires a service	Registration number	No Change
50-23-350	State	Statute	The Department is authorized to issue any certificate of number directly or may authorize any person to act as agent for the issuing thereof.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-23-370	State	Statute	The Department is authorized to fix a day and month of the year on which certificates of number expire unless renewed pursuant to this chapter. (B) A renewal application for a certificate of number, except those from marine dealers, presented after thirty days from its expiration date is subject to a late penalty of fifteen dollars. A renewal application for a certificate of number presented after sixty days from its expiration date is subject to a late penalty of thirty dollars.	Requires a service	Registration number	No Change

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50-23-380	State	Statute	The Department is authorized to accept, upon the transfer of ownership of a watercraft, an application from the purchaser for transfer of a registration and accept a fee of six dollars.	Requires a service	Registration number	No Change
50-23-400	State	Statute	The Department is authorized to receive in writing from any holder of a certificate of number the new address, if the address does not conform to the address on the title.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-23-425	State	Statute	The Department is not authorized to renew a registration of watercraft pursuant to this chapter if the Department has notice that property taxes are owed on the watercraft.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-23-60	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to accept applications from persons acquiring watercraft or outboard motors within thirty days of the date of acquisition for a certificate of title for the watercraft or outboard motor. The Department may charge a fee and the application forms must include information as required by the Department.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-23-70	State	Statute	The Department is authorized to charge a fee of $10 for a certificate of title for a watercraft; $10 for a certificate of title for an outboard motor. The Department is authorized to issue duplicate certificates for a $5 fee.	Funding agency deliverable(s)		No Change

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50-23-80	State	Statute	The Department is authorized to issue a certificate of title to the watercraft or outboard motor when satisfied that the application is in proper form, that the applicant is the owner of the watercraft or outboard motor, and that there is no security interest in the watercraft or outboard motor not disclosed in the application. (B) The Department shall maintain a record of all certificates of title issued by it: (1) Under a distinctive title number assigned to a watercraft or outboard motor; (2) Under the identification number awarded to a watercraft in accordance with the registration and numbering act of the state in which it is registered. If the State requires outboard motors to be registered separately, the Department shall keep the motor registration numbers in its titling records; (3) Alphabetically, under the name of the owner; and (4) In the discretion of the Department, in any other method it determines.	Requires a service	Title watercraft and motors	No Change
50-25-1310	State	Statute	The Department is authorized to design and install signs indicating a no wake zone within three hundred feet of all bridges and public docks on Lakes William C. Bowen and H. Taylor Blalock in Spartanburg County.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-25-1360	State	Statute	The Department is authorized after consultation with the Spartanburg Water System, by special permit, to waive the restrictions and provisions of Sections 50-25-1310 through 50-25-1350 to allow for boat testing, water and ski shows, and similar activities.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-25-150	State	Statute	It shall be the responsibility of the Department to post and maintain at each major landing on Louther's Lake a three foot by four foot sign, visible to users of the landings, on which the foregoing prohibition shall be plainly lettered. Anyone operating a boat in violation of the provisions of this section shall be fined not less than fifty dollars nor more than one hundred dollars, or be imprisoned for not more than thirty days.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change

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50-25-310	State	Statute	The Department is authorized to place appropriate signs or markers on each side of the watercourse below the Duke Power Company Wateree Dam in Kershaw County for a distance of two hundred feet indicating the zoned area for boats. Anyone violating the provisions of this section shall be fined not less than twenty-five dollars nor more than one hundred dollars or imprisoned for not more than thirty days, or both.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-25-320	State	Statute	The Department is authorized to place appropriate signs or markers on each side of the watercourse above the Duke Power Company Wateree Dam in Kershaw County for a distance of one hundred feet indicating the zoned area for boats. Anyone violating the provisions of this section shall be fined not less than twenty-five dollars nor more than one hundred dollars or imprisoned for not more than thirty days.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-3-10	State	Statute	Transfers the former SC Wildlife and Marine Resources Department to the Department of Natural Resources.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
50-3-100	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to acquire, own, sell, lease, exchange, transfer or rent real property alone or with the federal government to provide hunting and fishing opportunities and for the protection, management or propagation fish or game. The Department may accept funds from other entities to implement this statute.	Requires a service	Provide hunting opportunities	No Change
50-3-1020	State	Statute	Establishes the Board of Trustees of the Tom Yawkey Wildlife Center Trust Fund within the Department.	Funding agency deliverable(s)		No Change

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50-3-1050	State	Statute	The Board of the Department is required to spend the income derived from the Tom Yawkey Wildlife Center Trust Fund in accordance with the provisions of the General Appropriations Act.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
50-3-110	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to have charge of the enforcement officers of the Natural Resources Enforcement Division of the Department and exercise supervision over the enforcement of the laws of the State, regulatory, tax, license or otherwise, in reference to birds, nonmigratory fish, game fish, shellfish, shrimp, oysters, oyster leases, and fisheries.	Requires a service	Enforce laws	No Change
50-3-1110	State	Statute	Establishes the Conservation Grant Fund within the Department.	Funding agency deliverable(s)		No Change
50-3-1120	State	Statute	Establishes the Board as Trustees of the Conservation Grant Fund Board within the Department.	Requires a service		No Change
50-3-1150	State	Statute	Revenues in the Conservation Grant Fund may be used by the Department as provided in the statute.	Funding agency deliverable(s)		No Change
50-3-1160	State	Statute	Authorizes the Board to establish the procedures and criteria for awarding grants under the Conservation Grant Fund.	Requires a service		No Change

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50-3-130	State	Statute	The Board of the Department is required to prescribe a unique and distinctive official uniform, with appropriate insignia to be worn by all uniformed enforcement officers.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
50-3-140	State	Statute	The Department is required to file with the Secretary of State and Legislative Council for publication in the State Register a description and illustration of the uniform and emblems of the official enforcement officers' uniforms and motor vehicles and a description of the color of such uniforms and vehicles.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
50-3-150	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to use present uniforms & vehicles and emblems on vehicles until the Board determines otherwise.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
50-3-170	State	Statute	The Department is required to file a quarterly report to each member of the General Assembly explaining the status of each County Fish and Game Fund and Watercraft Fund, to include total funds for each county and an itemized list of expenditures for the past quarter.	Report our agency must/may provide		No Change
50-3-180	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department board as Trustee for the Mitigation Trust Fund.	Distribute funding to another entity		No Change
50-3-310	State	Statute	Establishes the Director's authority to appoint and remove the law enforcement officers within the Department.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change

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50-3-315	State	Statute	Defines the duties of Deputy enforcement officers within the Department.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
50-3-316	State	Statute	The Department is required to use the criteria as required by the Office of Human Resources and the Department when employing enforcement officers. Establishes the criteria for the Department to consider.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
50-3-320	State	Statute	The Director of the Department is required to deliver commissions from the Secretary of State, after the enforcement officers have filed oaths and bonds as required by Section 50-3-330.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
50-3-340	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department's officers to have statewide authority for the enforcement of all laws relating to wildlife, marine, and natural resources.	Requires a service	Enforce laws	No Change
50-3-370	State	Statute	Authorizes Department officers to obtain information on violations related to bird, non-migratory fish and game laws and to check bag limits.	Requires a service	Enforce laws	No Change
50-3-380	State	Statute	Authorizes Department officers to obtain search warrants for game and fish violators.	Requires a service	Enforce laws	No Change

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50-3-390	State	Statute	Authorizes Department officers with the duty to enforce laws related to bird, non-migratory fish and game laws and prosecute those laws.	Requires a service	Enforce laws	No Change
50-3-395	State	Statute	Authorizes Department officers to issue warning tickets to violators in cases of misdemeanor violations.	Requires a service	Enforce laws	No Change
50-3-396	State	Statute	Authorizes Department officers to use official summons to cite violators for littering.	Requires a service	Enforce laws	No Change
50-3-400	State	Statute	Provides DNR deputy enforcement officers are granted powers and authorities of constables and authority of inspectors.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-3-410	State	Statute	Authorizes Department officers to accept monetary bond in lieu of personal appearance or incarceration.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-3-510	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to contract for the harvest of timber on any lands held by the Department. The DNR Board is required to determine if the cutting and sale of timber is in the best interest of the Department in the improvement of its lands. The Department must coordinate with the State Forester to have the timber cruised and estimate of value made, and must get their approval before the sale is made.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change

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50-3-515	State	Statute	The Department is required to manage and use the timber harvested to provide optimum fish and wildlife habitat for land that was used for agriculture or managed forestland before acquisition by Department.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-3-520	State	Statute	If a sale of timber is recommended by the State Forester, the Department is required to publicly advertise for bids at least three weeks before the closing of the bidding. The Department is authorized to reject any and all bids.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-3-525	State	Statute	The Department is authorized to immediately negotiate contracts for the harvest and sale of the timber if an ecological or silviculture emergency or a natural disaster occurs that necessitates the immediate harvest of timber.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-3-530	State	Statute	The Director of the Department is authorized to execute and deliver any deed or contract required to carry out the provisions of Article 5, on behalf of the Department.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-3-720	State	Statute	Establishes the Board of the Department as the Trustees of the Wildlife Endowment Fund with full authority over administration of the Fund.	Distribute funding to another entity		No Change
50-3-750	State	Statute	The Board of the Department is authorized to accumulate the investment income and direct expenditures from the income of the Wildlife Endowment Fund.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change

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50-3-760	State	Statute	The Board of the Department is required to spend the income derived from the Wildlife Endowment Fund in accordance with the provisions of the General Appropriations Act.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
50-3-80	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to conduct continuous investigations regarding the game and fish conditions and laws of the state. Authorizes the Department to annually make a report of its activities to the General Assembly and recommend legislation to the General Assembly conducive to the conservation of wildlife.	Requires a service	Report our agency must/may provide	No Change
50-3-90	State	Statute	Authorizes agents of DNR to conduct game, fish and scientific operations and investigations and may sample fish populations.	Requires a service	Sample fish populations	No Change
50-3-900	State	Statute	Establishes the Board of the Department as the Trustees of the Jocassee Gorges Trust Fund within the Department.	Funding agency deliverable(s)		No Change
50-3-910	State	Statute	Establishes the duties of the trustees of the Jocassee Gorges Trust Fund within the Department.	Funding agency deliverable(s)		No Change
50-3-940	State	Statute	The Board of the Department is authorized to accumulate the investment income and direct expenditures from the income of the Jocassee Gorges Trust Fund.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change

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50-3-950	State	Statute	The Board of the Department is required to spend the income derived from the Jocasee Gorges Trust Fund in accordance with the provisions of the General Appropriations Act.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
50-5-1005	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to grant permits to persons for shellfish importation and allows the Department to condition the permits.	Requires a service	Permit importation of shellfish	No Change
50-5-1010	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to issue shell removal permits, and to condition the permits. Requires the Department to specify a fixed price for each unit of shell removed. The Department has jurisdiction over all natural shell deposits.	Requires a service	Permit shell removal operations	No Change
50-5-1020	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to set the conch size of whelk of the genus Busycon taken for commercial purposes.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change

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50-5-1100	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to set seasons for taking shrimp and to promulgate regulations. (e)Authorizes the Department to charge a $25 fee for issuance of resident shrimp baiting licenses and associated tags . Authorizes the Department to charge a $500 fee for the issuance of nonresident shrimp baiting license and associated tags. Authorizes the Department to issue duplicate baiting licenses and charge a $25 fee for residents and a $100 fee for nonresidents. Authorizes the Department to issue duplicate tags for a $1 fee for residents and a $4 fee for nonresidents. The Department is authorized to retain all monies derived from the issuance of all licenses and tags for the purposes of administration and enforcement of the Marine Resources Act and to conduct an annual survey of the fishery.	Requires a service	Shrimp baiting license	No Change
50-5-1105	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to certify bona fide bait dealers and to inspect the business premises and floating equipment of a person engaged in harvesting and selling shrimp to be used as bait.	Requires a service	Certify dealers	No Change
50-5-1300	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to grant permits to licensed wholesale seafood dealers to import and possess sponge crabs from states where taking and selling are lawful.	Requires a service	Permit importation of shellfish	No Change
50-5-1310	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to issue permits to persons engaged in clam mariculture for the capture, temporary possession, and transport of blue crabs or stone crabs of any size.	Requires a service	Permit shellfish commercial operations	No Change
50-5-1320	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to require crab fisherman to register buoy colors.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change

Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2026
50-5-1330	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to permit the taking or possession of horseshoe crabs, and authorizes the Department to grant permits to institutions or persons engaged in science instruction or curation to possess horseshoe crabs or parts thereof for such proposes.	Requires a service	Permit for harvest of horshoecrabs	No Change
50-5-1500	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to regulate the taking of diadromous fish. The Department may grant permits to commercial saltwater or commercial freshwater fisherman for that purpose.	Requires a service	Permit for taking of diadromous fish	No Change
50-5-1505	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to monitor the various drainage basins and water bodies of this State and may promulgate regulations to set seasons, take (catch) and size limits, areas, methods, times, equipment requirements, and catch reporting requirements for taking of shad, herring, and sturgeon as needed for proper management in each basin or water body as a zone.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-5-1555	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to grant permits to licensed commercial saltwater or commercial freshwater fishermen to engage in the fishery for eels in the waters of this State for commercial purposes. The Department is also authorized to define an approved fyke net for the taking of eels and may permit and limit its use.	Requires a service	Permit for harvest of eels	No Change
50-5-1560	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to seize any boat, boat trailer, engine, net, rigging, related equipment, and catch of a person charged with a violation pertaining to setting nets in proximity to navigation jetties.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change

Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2026
50-5-17	State	Statute	Establishes a Flounder Population Study to be administered by the Department. The program shall study the effects of flounder catch limits and the prohibition of artificial illumination produced by motor fuel powered generators on flounder (Paralichthys species), located in the waters of Pawleys Inlet north to the northern terminus of Main Creek at Garden City Beach. For purposes of this resolution, "gigging" means using a prong, spear, or similar device, including a bow and arrow to spear a fish. The program shall run for five years, beginning January 1, 2010, and ending June 30, 2014.	Report our agency must/may provide		No Change
50-5-1713	State	Statute				No Change
50-5-1915	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to regulate charter fishing vessels, and public fishing piers and allows the Department to require reporting of their activities.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-5-1935	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to produce, create and design a commemorative stamps and collector items, and allows them to be sold for not less than $5.50 and the proceeds must be retained by the Department.	Requires a service	Create commemorative stamps	No Change
50-5-1940	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to produce, create and design a commemorative stamp and license and develop saltwater fisheries prints and related articles. Allows the Department to administer, sale and distribute these articles.	Requires a service	Create and sell stamps and prints	No Change
50-5-1950	State	Statute	Authorizes one member of the DNR Board to serve ex officio on the Saltwater Recreational Fisheries Advisory Committee.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change

Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2026
50-5-20	State	Statute	Establishes the Department's jurisdiction over all saltwater fish, fishing, fisheries and marine resources within the saltwater of the state and the territorial sea. Authorizes the Department to conduct research, surveys, and investigations to manage the fisheries, protect the saltwater and marine habitat and provide for development of salt water fisheries and Mariculture.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-5-2100	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to issue and regulate Mariculture permits for collection, importation, and holding of saltwater game fish, or for other fish for which there are size and possession limits.	Requires a service	Issue and regulate mariculture salewater permits	No Change
50-5-2105	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to grant permits to licensed wholesale seafood dealers for sale of saltwater game fish or for other fish for which there are size or possession limits grown in permitted Mariculture operations.	Requires a service	Wholesale Seafood Dealer License	No Change
50-5-2305	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to provide permits to remove live wild rock solely for scientific or educational purposes. (b) Department shall facilitate the aquaculture of live rock in state waters, establish a permitting system, and promulgate regulations to guide the operation.	Requires a service	Permitting live rock	No Change

Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2026
50-5-25	State	Statute	(a) Authorizes the Department to enforce the laws related to collection of revenues due to the state from the saltwater fishing industries and permitting the use of bottoms and waters. (b) Department may maintain a financial escrow account for violations of this chapter and for sale of items seized pursuant to this chapter. (c) All other revenues related to regulation of saltwater fishing shall be held by the department and used for the conservation of the fisheries. (d) Proceeds from sale of experimental mariculture products produces by the Department shall be deposited in the state general fund to the credit of the Mariculture Resource and Development Fund to promote development of the Mariculture Industry of this state.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-5-2500	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to establish point values for suspension of saltwater privileges.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-5-2505	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to enforce a point system related to saltwater fishing licenses, and enables the Department to suspend a saltwater fishing license for accumulation of too many points.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-5-2510	State	Statute	Provides that the Department must suspend for one year the related saltwater privileges and associated licenses, stamps, and permits issued to a person who has accumulated eighteen or more points under any point category.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-5-2515	State	Statute	Requires that the Department give notice of suspension to a person or entity in writing, return receipt requested, and inform the person or entity that the suspended licenses, permits or stamps must be returned to the Department within ten days.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change

Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2026
50-5-2530	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to administer and enforce Article 25 of the Marine Resources Act and promulgate regulations for its implementation. Also provides that the Department must inform the public about the point system.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-5-2700	State	Statute	Authorizes the Director, or his designee, to serve on the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Compact.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
50-5-2725	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to issue an annual permit to a boat or vessel to take sharks for commercial purposes in state waters.	Requires a service	Issue commercial shark permits	No Change
50-5-30	State	Statute	Provides for DNR's authority in the promulgation of regulations regarding control of fisheries. Authorizes the Department to impose civil penalties and suspend or revoke permits.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-5-300	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to issue saltwater residential commercial fishing licenses, and permits for saltwater activities, and allows the Department to accept $25 for these privileges.	Requires a service	Issue licenses	No Change
50-5-305	State	Statute	Establishes the requirements the Department must consider before granting a residential commercial saltwater fishing license. Authorizes the Department to require the applicant to show documentation and identification acceptable to the Department proving the person is a resident of S.C.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change

Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2026
50-5-310	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to issue saltwater non-resident commercial fishing licenses, and permits for saltwater activities, and allows the Department to accept fees for these privileges. The Department can accept $300 for non-resident commercial saltwater fishing licenses.	Requires a service	Commercial Fishing license	No Change
50-5-32	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to close commercial or recreational salt water fishing seasons, areas, or activities in emergency. Requires the Department to give notice to the public and notify the appropriate standing committees of the Senate and House of Representatives. Requires the Department to monitor the situation under which the emergency arose and reopen the closed season when the threat to the resource or habitat no longer exists.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-5-320	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to issue State Shellfish Ground Licenses and allows the Department to accept $75 for the privilege.	Requires a service	Shellfish Ground licenses license	No Change

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50-5-325	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to charge fees for commercial equipment licenses. Authorizes the Department to require an owner or operator using commercial equipment not present to affix an ID number and tag issued by the Department to each piece of commercial equipment. Authorizes the Department to charge the following fees for the following equipment: (a)(1) trawls- $125 for residents/$300 for non-resident; (a)(2) traps- $25 for 50 traps/$1 for each trap thereafter for residents; $125 for 50 traps/$5 for each trap thereafter for non-residents; (a)(3) channel nets for taking shrimp-$250 for each; (a)(4) gill nets for taking shad, herring or sturgeon-$10 per 100 net yards or fraction thereof for residents/$50 per 100 net yards or fraction thereof for non-residents; any other gill net or haul seine- $10 per 100 net feet or a fraction thereof for residents; $50 per 100 net feet or a fraction thereof for non-residents; (a)(6) drag dredge $75 for residents/$375 for non-residents; (a)(7) other mechanically operated or boat assisted equipment other than equipment used to set or retrieve licensed equipment $125 for residents/$625 for-non-residents; (a)(8) trot lines with baits or hooks- $10 for residents/$50 for non-residents; (a)(9) any other commercial equipment $10 for each type for residents; $50 per type for non-residents. (B) The Department is authorized to accept applications with specifications as to the vessel on which a trawl or trawls is to	Requires a service	Commercial equipment licenses	No Change
50-5-335	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to grant no more than a cumulative total of 60 licenses for the use of channel nets in any one year.	Requires a service	Channel net licenses	No Change

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50-5-340	State	Statute	(A) The Department is authorized to grant permits for taking, holding, and propagating fish or other marine resources excluding any marine mammals for: (1) exploratory; (2) experimental; (3) scientific; (4) educational; or (5) commercial display purposes. These permits may authorize activities which would otherwise be unlawful. These permits expire at the pleasure of the Department, but permits granted for exploratory or experimental commercial purposes are limited to no more than two years and may not be renewed. Permits granted pursuant to this section may include conditions as to the areas, times, seasons, types of fishing equipment, species to be taken, catch reporting requirements, disposition of the catch, and other conditions the Department determines necessary. No permittee may take fish or marine resources in violation of permit conditions. (B) The Department is authorized to permit marine resources collected pursuant to exploratory, experimental, or commercial display permits to be used for commercial purposes. Marine resources collected pursuant to scientific or educational permits may not be used for personal consumption, but the resource or the proceeds of its sale may be used by the Department for marketing and promotional purposes. Any product in excess of Department needs may be disposed of according to law. The Department may condition permits to allow sale of marine resources for public display.	Requires a service	Scientific permits	No Change
50-5-345	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to revoke a permit for taking, holding, and propagating fish or other marine resources, for a violation of a condition of the permit or of a related conservation law.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-5-35	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to open or close a commercial marine fishing season. Requires the Department to give notice to the public.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-5-355	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to accept a fee of $25 for residents or $125 for non-residents for a Bait Dealer License. The Department is authorized to inspect the business premises or floating equipment, or both, of a person applying for a bait dealer license and of a licensed bait dealer engaged in harvesting and selling bait.	Requires a service	Bait Dealer license	No Change

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50-5-360	State	Statute	(a) Authorizes the Department to issue Wholesale Seafood Dealer licenses and accept a fee of $100 for residents and $500 for non-residents for this license. Allows the Department to require applicants to specify the activities in which the applicant intends to engage. Allows the Department to share information in an application for the license to the Department of Agriculture and SCDHEC. (b) Allows the Department to accept a fee of $75 for residents and $375 for non-residents for a Peeler Crab License. (c) Allows the Department to accept a fee of $10 for residents and $50 for non-residents to issue a Molluscan Shellfish License.	Requires a service	Wholesale Seafood Dealer License	No Change
50-5-375	State	Statute	The Department is authorized to require every wholesale seafood dealer to keep and retain accurate records detailing the information required by the Department for a period of not less than one year and shall open the records to the Department for inspection upon reasonable demand.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
50-5-380	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to collect or require the submission of pertinent data specified pursuant to the federal Fishery Conservation Management Act of 1976 and to collect and analyze data pertinent to protection, propagation, promotion, and management of marine resources.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-5-390	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to deny issuance of any permit for commercial fishing equipment or activities to residents of any coastal state which denies the same privilege to South Carolina residents. The Department is authorized to limit the type of fishing equipment used, seasons, and areas where nonresidents may fish in accordance with comparable limitations placed upon South Carolina fishermen by the nonresident's state.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change

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50-5-45	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to maintain and publish a list of any species, varieties or strains of non-indigenous organisms known or suspected to present an adverse impact to fish or marine resources of this State.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-5-50	State	Statute	Provides that the Department may prosecute for violations of this chapter.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-5-505	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to grant and place conditions on a permit to the owner of a mariculture impoundment or his authorized agent to attach a net on the downstream side or outside of the outlet to harvest fish exiting the impoundment. The Department may condition the permit as to season, type of equipment and times.	Requires a service	Permit mariculture operations	No Change
50-5-510	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to annually set the channel net seasons, and allows observation of channel net use by the Department. Allows the Department to seize and dispose of contraband.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-5-515	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to designate areas for channel net use in the salt waters of this State. Authorizes the Department to require Turtle Excluder Devices on channel nets in areas in which TEDs are not required if a significant threat to sea turtles is determined.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change

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50-5-55	State	Statute	The Department is authorized to suspend all saltwater privileges and other licenses, permits, and registrations issued by the Department until the penalty is paid in full if the person or entity: (1) fails to pay a penalty arising out of a violation of Marine Resources Act within ten business days following adjudication of the matter; or (2) defaults on a payment plan approved by a presiding magistrate.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-5-550	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to require that minnow traps set in the salt waters of the State have catch and release features and identification tags designated by the Department.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-5-555	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to inspect traps for compliance at any time and seize and dispose of the trap if they find a violation.	Requires a manner of delivery		Amended
50-5-65	State	Statute	The Department is authorized to donate any perishable item seized, the sale of which is illegal per se, to a nonprofit entity, at the discretion of the Department, or destroyed provided that any perishable item, the sale of which is illegal only because of the place or manner or method in which or by which it was taken must be sold, donated, or destroyed. The proceeds of any perishable item sold must be retained until final adjudication of the case. Any proceeds of the sale must be returned to the defendant in the event of a verdict of not guilty. (C) Living contraband taken in this State may be returned by the Department to the water. (D) Nonperishable items may be retained by the Department for use by the Department or disposed of according to law. Nonperishable items which are illegal to use or which have no commercial value must be destroyed. (E) Neither an item of contraband nor the value of an item of contraband may inure to the benefit of any employee of the Department.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change

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50-5-70	State	Statute	The Department is authorized to sell any confiscated device not used or destroyed by the Department at public auction for cash to the highest bidder in the county where it was seized, after having given ten days' public notice of the sale. When the device is of greater value than one thousand dollars, the owner may at any time before sale redeem it by paying to the Department one thousand dollars. When the device is of lesser value than one thousand dollars, the owner may at any time before the sale redeem it by paying to the Department the retail market value.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-5-735	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to issue permits for night trawling of finfish.	Requires a service	Permit for night trawling for finfish	No Change
50-5-740	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to set the season for blue crab trawling.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-5-755	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to grant permits to licensed commercial saltwater fisherman to trawl or dredge for finfish, blue crabs, whelks, and horseshoe crabs.	Requires a service	Permits for trawling	No Change
50-5-770	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to exempt trawls utilized by persons holding a valid scientific collection permit granted by the Department.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-5-85	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to prohibit or allow trawling or other commercial fishing activity in any sub-zone or specified area therein in or out of season.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change

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50-5-90	State	Statute	Establishes the Department's authority to enter and inspect buildings or stop and search fishing vessels.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-5-900	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to grant permits for the exclusive use of portions of intertidal or subtidal state bottoms or waters for commercial shellfish culture or mariculture.	Requires a service	Permits for shellfish mariculture	No Change
50-5-905	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to determine the acreage of waters or shellfish bottoms and the acreage capable of producing shellfish if an application is submitted for a proposed area for shellfish culture or mariculture. Allows the department to accept a fee of $25 for the application.	Requires a service	Permits for shellfish mariculture	No Change
50-5-915	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to review and consider applications for Shellfish Culture Permits and Shellfish Mariculture Permits. Authorizes the Department to condition the Shellfish Culture Permits and Shellfish Mariculture Permits as detailed in the statute. Allows the Department to revoke the permits.	Requires a service	Shellfish permits	No Change
50-5-920	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to determine and require mitigation for any adverse impacts to shellfish bottoms or waters.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change

Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2026
50-5-925	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to require a person submitting a shellfish culture or mariculture application to publish a notice, in a form satisfactory to the Department, advising all interested persons that the applicant has applied for a Shellfish Culture Permit or Shellfish Mariculture Permit and provide a specific description of the bottoms or waters.	Requires a service		No Change
50-5-930	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to give preference to an existing permittee for Shellfish Culture Permits or Shellfish Mariculture Permits.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-5-935	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to invoice an annual fee of $5 an acre for Shellfish Culture Permits and Shellfish Mariculture Permits. Authorizes the Department to add a late penalty of ten percent if the annual fee is not paid by March 1. If the Department does not receive the fee and any penalty on or before April 1, the permit is void.	Requires a service	Shellfish culture permits	No Change
50-5-940	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to allow credit for planting for shellfish bottoms not under permit. Authorizes the Department to require notice and Department approval before planting may occur. Allows the Department to provide incentives to permittees for improved or innovative management and cultivation techniques in the form of additional planting credits or planting variances.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-5-945	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to accept applications from Shellfish Culture permittees to take shellfish for replanting from state bottoms designated by the Department for that purpose.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change

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50-5-950	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to specify additional terms and conditions for Shellfish Permits and authorizes the Department to revoke or suspend permits for violations.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-5-955	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to establish and maintain Public Shellfish Grounds.	Requires a service	Maintain public shellfish grounds	No Change
50-5-965	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to limit the number of areas not under Shellfish Culture Permit or Shellfish Mariculture Permit on which an individual may be able to harvest, and the department may grant individual harvest permits.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-5-975	State	Statute	Requires that the Department must not reissue a commercial shellfish harvest permit to the person during the remainder of the license year following voluntary surrender of a commercial shellfish harvest permit by a commercial saltwater fisherman.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-5-985	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to set seasons for taking shellfish, open or close any area for the taking of shellfish for any specified period at any time during the year when biological or other conditions warrant.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-5-995	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to permit persons and entities engaged in shellfish Mariculture operations to take, possess, and sell maricultured shellfish at any time during the year.	Requires a service	Permit shellfish mariculture operations	No Change

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50-5-997	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to issue out of season harvest permits for shellfish.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-9-1120	State	Statute	Establishes a point system for the Department to administer and suspend licenses related to hunting and freshwater fishing violators.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-9-1130	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to deduct points for hunter education completion, and allows promulgation of regulations to enact this section.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-9-1140	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to suspend for one year hunting and fishing privileges of a person who has eighteen or more points.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-9-1150	State	Statute	Authorizes requirements for Department notice and Department review of suspension of a license that has accumulated sufficient points.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-9-1180	State	Statute	Authorizes Department administration and promulgation of regulations to enforce Article 11. Department is required to give notice of the point system at the time of sale.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change

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50-9-20	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to issue an annual license, permit, or tag that expires the day before the anniversary of the date of its issuance.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-9-30	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to require an applicant to furnish proof of residency in order to receive a residential recreational license, permit or tag.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
50-9-310	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to establish hunter education programs on safe hunting, firearms, and archery. The Department must include the selection, training and certification of instructors appropriate course materials and content and criteria for successful course completion. The Department shall authorize the issuance of certificate of completion for successful completion of the course.	Requires a service	Hunter Education Program	No Change
50-9-40	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to issue and sell hunting and freshwater fishing licenses. Authorizes the Department to receive fees collected by license sales vendors in the time and manner described by the Department.	Requires a service	Hunting and freshwater fishing license	No Change
50-9-410	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to issue commercial non-game freshwater fishing licenses. The Department may charge $50 for residents ($1 the sales vendor may retain); $1,000 for non-residents ($20 the sales vendor may retain).	Requires a service	Commercial non-game freshwater fishing license	No Change

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50-9-430	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to accept a fee of $10 for a scientific collection permit.	Requires a service	Scientific collection permit	No Change
50-9-450	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to issue a commercial fur license for $25 for residents and $200 for non-residents.	Requires a service	Commercial Fur License	No Change
50-9-460	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to issue alligator propagation facility permits. (a) The Department is authorized to accept an application fee of $500 for the permit. (b) Upon approval of the application the Department may accept $100 to issue the permit. The Department may accept $100 to renew the permit.	Requires a service	Alligator Propagation Facility Permits	No Change
50-9-510	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to issue hunting privileges to residents for (A)(1)(a) annual statewide hunting license for $12 ($1 retained by issuing vendor); (b) 3-year statewide hunting license $36 ($3 retained by vendor); (c)lifetime state-wide hunting license $300.(A)(2)The Department may issue a residential annual statewide apprentice hunting license for $12 ($1 vendor retains). (A)(3)The Department may issue non-resident hunting licenses for (a)3-day temporary statewide hunting license for $40 ($1 retained by issuing vendor); (b) 10-day temporary statewide hunting license $75 ($2 retained by vendor); (c)annual state-wide hunting license $125 ($2 retained by the vendor).(A)(4)The Department may issue a non-residential annual statewide apprentice hunting license for $125 ($2 vendor retains). (B) Department may issue a resident big-game permit and charge (1)(a) annual big game permit $6 ($1 vendor retains); (b) 3-year big game permit $18 ($3 vendor retains). (2) The Department may issue a non-resident big game permit and charge (a) for an annual big game permit $100 ($2 vendor retains). (C)The Department may issue residents wildlife management area (WMA) permits(a) annual WMA permit for $30.50 ($1 retained by vendor); (b) 3-year WMA permit $91.50 ($3 retained by vendor); (c)(2) Department is authorized to issue temporary WMA permits from the Department's designated licensing locations for Department	Requires a service	Hunting licenses	No Change

Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2026
50-9-515	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to issue combination state-wide privileges for hunting including big-game and freshwater fishing for residents (a) annual combo license for $25.00 ($2.00 retained by vendor); (b) 3-year combo license $75.00 ($6.00 retained by vendor); (2) hunting including on WMAs, big-game and freshwater fishing for residents (i) annual sportsmen's license for $50.00 ($2.00 retained by vendor); (ii) 3-year sportsmen's license $150.00 ($6.00 retained by vendor); (b) residents at least 16 years old but not 18 years old may purchase an annual junior sportsmen's license for $16.00 ($1 retained by vendor).	Requires a service	Hunting licenses and permits	No Change
50-9-520	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to issue a lifetime statewide combination license for residents (A)(1) under two years of age for a $300 fee; (2) at least two but not over 16 for a $400 fee; (3) at least 16 but less than 64 for a $500 fee. (B) Once the resident receives the combination license, residents may also acquire a statewide recreational saltwater fishing license for (1) under two years of age for a $120 fee; (2) at least two but less than 16 for a $160 fee; (3) at least 16 but less than 64 for a $200 fee. (C) Once the resident receives the combination license, resident can also obtain a license for hunting migratory waterfowl for (1) under 2 years of age for a $66 fee; (2) at least 2 but less than 16 for a $88.00 fee; (3) at least 16 but less than 64 for a $100 fee.	Requires a service	Lifetime hunting license	No Change
50-9-525	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to issue licenses for disabled residents for no fee and provides for recertification and waivers.	Requires a service	Disability license	No Change

Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2026
50-9-530	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to issue licenses at no cost for residents born before July 1, 1940. (B) Residents born after June 30, 1940 who have obtained the age of 64 may obtain a senior lifetime hunting and fishing license for $9.00($1 retained by vendor). (C)Residents born after June 30, 1979 who are at least 64 and have not completed hunter education certification may retain senior lifetime fishing licenses for $9.00($1 retained by vendor), upon completion of hunter education course, licensee may apply to the Department for additional lifetime hunting privileges at no cost. (D) A resident member of the Catawba Indian Tribe, upon application may obtain a Catawba Hunting and Fishing license at no cost. (E) A resident Catawba Indian Tribe member born after June 30, 1979 who has not completed hunter education certification may retain a fishing licenses at no cost, upon completion of hunter education course, licensee may apply to the Department for additional hunting privileges at no cost. (G) No cost to a Catawba hunting and fishing licensee for any other tags required by law or recreational hunting and fishing except Department hunting and fishing privileges controlled by lottery.	Requires a service	Senior or Catawba license	No Change
50-9-535	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to convert a resident lifetime hunting, lifetime combination, lifetime freshwater fishing, or lifetime saltwater recreational fishing license who obtains the age of 64 to a senior lifetime license and charge a fee of $9.00 ($1.00 retained by vendor).	Requires a service	Senior license	No Change

Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2026
50-9-540	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to issue (A) for the privilege of recreational statewide fishing in saltwater: (1) a resident must purchase: (a) a fourteen day temporary saltwater fishing license for five dollars, one dollar of which the issuing sales vendor may retain; (b) an annual saltwater fishing license for ten dollars, one dollar of which the issuing sales vendor may retain; (c) a three year saltwater fishing license for thirty dollars, one dollar of which the issuing sales vendor may retain; (d) a lifetime statewide saltwater fishing license for three hundred dollars at designated licensing locations; or (e) any other license which grants saltwater fishing privileges; (2) a nonresident must purchase: (a) a fourteen day temporary saltwater fishing license for eleven dollars, one dollar of which the issuing sales vendor may retain; (b) an annual saltwater fishing license for thirty-five dollars, one dollar of which the issuing sales vendor may retain; (c) a three year saltwater fishing license for one hundred five dollars, three dollars of which the issuing sales vendor may retain; or (d) any other license which grants saltwater fishing privileges. (B) For the privilege of recreational statewide fishing in freshwater: (1) a resident must purchase: (a) a fourteen day temporary freshwater fishing license for five dollars, one dollar of which the issuing sales vendor may retain; (b) an annual freshwater fishing license for ten dollars, one dollar of which the issuing sales vendor may retain; (c) a three	Requires a service	saltwater fishing license	No Change
50-9-610	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to permit gear for taking nongame freshwater fish. Authorizes the Department to charge the following fees: (1) a tag for each eel pot, at five dollars a tag for residents and fifty dollars a tag for nonresidents; (2) a tag for each fyke net, at ten dollars for residents and fifty dollars for nonresidents; (3) a tag for each gill net, at five dollars a tag for residents and fifty dollars a tag for nonresidents; (4) a tag for each hoop net, at ten dollars a tag for residents and fifty dollars a tag for nonresidents; (5) a tag for each trap, at five dollars a tag for residents and fifty dollars a tag for nonresidents; (6) a tag for each trotline, not to exceed fifty hooks each, at two dollars fifty cents a tag for residents and fifty dollars a tag for nonresidents; (7) a permit for using up to fifty jugs, at five dollars a permit for residents and fifty dollars for nonresidents; (8) a permit for using up to fifty set hooks, at five dollars a permit for residents and fifty dollars for nonresidents.	Requires a service	Permits for taking nongame freshwater fish	No Change

Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2026
50-9-630	State	Statute	Establishes Federal Migratory Hunting and Conservation stamp requirements, endorsements, and fees which may not exceed the stamp costs set by the USFWS plus the fulfillment costs set by the stamp fulfillment contractor plus $1.00 ($1.00 retained by vendor) and allows the Department to issue the stamp. The Department is authorized to remit stamp revenue and fulfillment costs as provided in an MOA.	Requires a service	Federal Migratory Stamp	No Change
50-9-650	State	Statute	(A)(1) For the privilege of hunting and taking deer on property with a Deer Quota Program permit, a person must obtain the required hunting license, any other required permits, and have access and authorization to utilize Deer Quota Program tags for the property on which the person is hunting. (2) A landowner or lessee may apply to the Deer Quota Program for a permit at a cost of fifty dollars per land tract application. The applicant may request a quota for antlerless deer, antlered deer, or both antlered and antlerless deer. The department shall determine an appropriate number of Deer Quota Program tags for antlered and antlerless deer to be issued under each permit, and there is no cost for these tags. (B)(1) For the privilege of hunting and taking deer on property without a Deer Quota Program permit, a person must obtain the required hunting license, any other required permits, and a set of individual deer tags from the department issued in the person's name. (2)(a) With the purchase of a South Carolina hunting license and a big game permit, a resident shall be issued eight date-specific individual antlerless deer tags which are valid only on specified days and three unrestricted individual antlered deer tags. Persons under the age of sixteen, lifetime, and gratis licensees may receive these tags upon request to the department. Residents, including	Requires a service	Deer Quota Program	No Change
50-9-655	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to issue a annual pig transport and release permit for $50, an annual pig enclosure permit for $50.	Requires a service	Pig Transport permit	No Change

Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2026
50-9-660	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to establish an (1) Alligator Draw Hunt Program and Private Alligator Program and allows an application fee of $10. If successful, the applicant can obtain one Alligator Tag for $100. (2) Allows the Department to charge a property permit fee for participation in Private Lands Alligator Program for $10 and cost for tags issued are $10 each. (3) Establishes nonresident alligator hunting fee 16 years or older under alligator management program and authorizes the Department to accept $200 ($4 retained by vendor).	Requires a service	Alligator Tags	No Change
50-9-665	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to issue bear tags for (1) residents $25 per tag ($1 retained by vendor); (2) non-resident $100 per tag ($2 retained by vendor). Application fee of $10 may be charged for bear tags in game zones other than Game Zone 1. Youth under 16 are required to obtain youth tags for bear at no cost.	Requires a service	Bear tags	No Change
50-9-675	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to issue a falconry permit and charge a fee of $100 for the permit.	Requires a service	Falconry permits	No Change
50-9-720	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to permit physically or mentally disabled persons, residents of an orphanage or another eleemosynary institution of this State, or a Boy or Girl Scout to hunt or fish for up to three consecutive days within a county of this State without obtaining a license.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-9-730	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to establish exemptions for fishing events from licensing requirements and set free hunting days.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change

Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2026
50-9-740	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to designate youth hunting days and establish requirements.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
50-9-750	State	Statute	Director may issue special authorization for hunting and fishing for someone less than 21 with a terminal illness if sponsored by a non-profit to hunt or fish without a license.	Requires a service	License waiver for child with terminal illness	No Change
50-9-80	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department to charge fees for duplicate licenses, permits or tags. (1) The Department may charge for duplicate licenses or permits a $3 fee ($1 the issuing vendor may retain); (2) no fee for duplicate disability or lifetime licenses may be charged by the Department; (3) replacement non-game fish tag- $1 fee for residents per tag/$5 per tag for non-residents; (4) duplicate antlerless deer tags $1 per tag.	Requires a service	Duplicate license	No Change
50-9-910	State	Statute	Authorizes the Department, unless otherwise specified, to use revenue from the fines and forfeitures for violations of other sections of this title and for all other offenses investigated or prosecuted by the Department exclusively for law enforcement operations and any remaining balances must be retained and carried forward by the Department and used for the same purposes.	Requires a service		No Change
50-9-920	State	Statute	Directs the Department on how to credit the revenue from the sale of privileges, licenses, permits and tags.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change

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50-9-950	State	Statute	Establishes the Fish and Wildlife Protection Fund within the Department and directs the revenue that is credited to this fund.	Requires a service		No Change
50-9-955	State	Statute	Establishes the Fish and Wildlife Deferred License Fund within the Department.	Requires a service		No Change
50-9-960	State	Statute	Establishes the Marine Resources Fund within the Department and directs the revenue that is credited to this fund.	Requires a service		No Change
50-9-965	State	Statute	Establishes the Marine Resources Deferred License Fund within the Department.	Requires a service		No Change
50-9-970	State	Statute	Establishes the County Game and Fish Fund within the Department and directs the revenue that is credited to this fund. Established that the fund must be used for the protection, promotion, propagation and management of fisheries and wildlife.	Funding agency deliverable(s)		No Change

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51-13-2010	State	Statute	The Department is required to appoint a member to the Enoree River Greenway Commission board. The management of the commission is vested in the Board of Directors . The directors shall be indemnified by the commission in all civil actions for actions taken within the scope of their authority toward achieving the purposes of this article.	Board, commission, or committee on which someone from our agency must/may serve		No Change
51-17-100	State	Statute	The Board of the Department is authorized to, in any case wherein a priority feature is either unsuited or unavailable for acquisition as a Heritage Preserve, enter into an agreement with the owner thereof, recognize and register it as a Heritage Site. The Department is required to follow the specific registration procedures which calls for the Department to provide notice to the Heritage Trust Advisory Board, receive Advisory Board recommendations, approve applications, enter into a written agreement of registration with the owner of the feature concerned whereby the State shall give public recognition of the importance of the area or feature as a Heritage Site and the owner shall express his intent to preserve it, erect and maintain an appropriate sign on the Heritage Site indicating its recognition and the owner thereof shall be given a certificate acknowledging its registration, terminate registration agreements thus removing the feature as a Heritage Site and at that point can require any certificate previously issued therefor or sign erected be returned to the Department by the property owner.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change

Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2026
51-17-110	State	Statute	The Department is authorized to include the costs and operating expenses of the Board and the Heritage Trust Advisory Board and staff necessary to carry out the provisions of the Heritage Trust Program in the annual State Appropriation Act. Funding for management of areas and features which become Heritage Preserves must be specifically requested by the Department. The Board is also authorized to select those Heritage Preserves for which it is appropriate to charge an individual user fee. The Department is authorized to sell such user permits for a cost not to exceed five dollars and to be valid for the fiscal year in which issued at all Heritage Preserves where a permit is required. At the end of the fiscal year, the Department shall distribute the funds collected among the entities of government assigned responsibility for management in direct proportion to the acreage which they manage. The proceeds of the sale of the user permits must be used to defray the management expenses.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
51-17-115	State	Statute	Authorizes the Board of the Department as the Trustee of the Heritage Land Trust Fund and requires that it must be administered for the purpose of acquiring fee simple or lesser interest in priority areas, legal fees, appraisals, surveys, or other costs involved in the acquisition of interest in priority areas, and for the development of minimal facilities and management necessary for the protection of the essential character of priority areas. Unexpended balances, including interest derived from the fund, must be carried forward each year and used only for the purposes provided in this chapter. The Board shall report by letter to the presiding officers of the General Assembly not later than January fifteenth each year all funds expended pursuant to this chapter for the previous year, including the amount of funds expended and the uses to which the expenditures were applied.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change

Law number	Jurisdiction	Type	Description	Purpose the law serves:	Notes:	Changes made during FY2026
51-17-117	State	Statute	The Board of the Department, or its agent, is authorized in the case of donations of real and personal property including, but not limited to, land, houses, stocks, and bonds made to the Heritage Trust Program to (1) sell donated property, and proceeds from the sales must be deposited in the Heritage Land Trust Fund and used for the purposes established in the Heritage Trust Program; (2) establish minimum acceptable prices for disposition of donated property; (3) trade donated property for property of equal value; (4) promote donations to the program through advertising; or (5) decline donations for any reason.	Funding agency deliverable(s)		No Change
51-17-130	State	Statute	The enforcement officers of the Natural Resources Enforcement Division of the Department are authorized to enforce the provisions of the Heritage Trust Program.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
51-17-150	State	Statute	The Department, as trustee for the Heritage Land Trust Fund, is required to report annually to the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives and the Senate Finance Committee detailing acquisitions in the previous year by the Heritage Land Trust Fund and planned acquisitions for the next five years (until 1999).	Requires a service		No Change
51-17-320	State	Statute	The Department is authorized to issue revenue bonds for the Heritage Trust Program. The Board is authorized, acting as trustee, to make a pledge of the Heritage Land Trust portion of the state deed recording fee, which is valid and binding from the time the pledge is made. The Board is authorized to establish procedures for a competitive bidding process, select lead underwriters and their criteria, and determine whether to sell bonds through negotiation or through competitive bidding.	Requires a service		No Change

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51-17-40	State	Statute	The Board of the Department is authorized with the following duties, responsibilities, and powers under chapter 17 in regards to the Heritage Trust Program: (1) To serve as trustee of the trust created under this chapter and to carry out the powers, duties, and responsibilities thereunder; (2) To supervise the establishment, updating and maintenance of a statewide inventory of the natural and cultural resources and the maintenance of a list of those areas and features selected or established under this chapter as priority areas and features or as Heritage Preserves and Sites; (3) To select from the recommendations of the advisory board those natural and cultural features, the preservation of which is of primary importance to the goals and purposes of this chapter, and to classify such as priority areas and features; (4) To select from the recommendations of the advisory board those priority areas and features which should be dedicated or recognized as Heritage Preserves or Sites, and thereafter to establish as such through dedication or recognition; (5) To select from the recommendations of the advisory board those Heritage Preserves, interests therein or portions thereof, deserving of protection under the Heritage Trust and thereafter to transfer same into the corpus of the trust; (6) To conduct public hearings on the question of whether any particular natural or cultural area or feature should be established as a Heritage Preserve or Site, or on the uses or nonuses which shall	Requires a service	Administer Heritage Trust Program	No Change
51-17-50	State	Statute	The Director of the Department, the Chairman of the Board, and the Director of the Land Resources Conservation Districts Division, or their designees, are required to serve on the Heritage Trust Advisory Board with the purpose of assisting the board of DNR in carrying out its duties and responsibilities under the Heritage Trust Program.	Board, commission, or committee on which someone from our agency must/may serve		No Change
51-17-60	State	Statute	The Department is required to submit to the Heritage Trust Advisory Board: (1) inventories of areas and features; (2) proposals for the dedication or recognition of specific areas and features as Heritage Trust Preserves and Sites; and (3) to assist in maintaining a list of areas and sites which through dedication become Heritage Trust Preserves or Sites, and to make public information regarding their location, management, regulation, and permissible public uses and the like.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change

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51-17-70	State	Statute	The Department is authorized to act as the basic staff for the board of the Department and the Heritage Trust Advisory Board and shall have the following powers and duties: (1) The Director is authorized to select a member of his staff who shall be primarily responsible for the administration of the Heritage Trust Program. (2) The Department is authorized to supply such other staff and support services as the board of the Department and the Heritage Trust Advisory Board require to fulfill their duties and responsibilities under the Heritage Trust Program.(3) The Department is authorized to maintain a public record of any inventories or lists established under the Heritage Trust Program. (4) The Department is authorized to work with owners, both public and private, in the development of proposals for the dedication and recognition of natural and cultural areas and features as Heritage Preserves and Sites, and it shall keep the Heritage Trust Advisory Board informed of the same in order that therefrom the advisory board may make recommendations to the board of the Department as provided under the Heritage Trust Program. (5) The Department is authorized to consult with and work in cooperation with the Department of Archives and History, the State Archeologist, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism and any other state, county, or local unit of government, or any private entity, or group which is or should be directly	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
51-17-80	State	Statute	The Board of the Department is authorized to accept recommendations and approve any area or feature on the "Priority Areas and Features List" as a Heritage Preserve through the process of dedication. The Department is also authorized to require, in addition to the transfer of either the fee simple interest or a lesser interest therein such as an open space easement, the owner of any such area or feature, to enter into a written "Dedication Agreement" with the Department whereby any restrictions, conditions, permissive and nonpermissive uses of the area or feature involved are clearly stated. The Board of the Department and its agents are required in all cases to maintain the essential character of any area or feature dedicated, and as such they are hereby declared to be at their highest, best and most important use for the public benefit. No Heritage Preserve shall be taken for any other public purpose unless the approval of both the Board of the Department and the Governor has been obtained. No acquisition of any area or feature as a Heritage Preserve shall be allowed whereby the Department receives the fee simple interest in the property while the grantor or transferor retains the beneficial use or interests in the land except where total and complete public usage of the area or feature as allowed under this chapter is agreed to in the "Dedication Agreement". The Department is authorized to, within ninety days from the date of the completion of the	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change

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51-17-85	State	Statute	Prohibits the board from disposing of any Heritage Trust property except under certain circumstances.	Requires a service		No Change
51-17-90	State	Statute	The Board of the Department is authorized as the Trustee of the South Carolina Heritage Trust. The Board is authorized to place into the corpus of the trust any Heritage Preserve that it feels meets the requisite criteria and which has been recommended for inclusion therein by the Heritage Trust Advisory Board.	Requires a service		No Change
51-18-130	State	Statute	The enforcement officers of the Natural Resources Enforcement Division of the Department are authorized to enforce the War Between the States Heritage Trust Act.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
51-18-60	State	Statute	The Chairman of the Board of the Department is required to serve on the War Between the States Heritage Trust Advisory Board.	Board, commission, or committee on which someone from our agency must/may serve		No Change
51-22-50	State	Statute	The Department is authorized as an eligible recipient for project consideration and grants from the Legacy Trust Fund.	Funding agency deliverable(s)		No Change
51-22-60	State	Statute	The Department is required to administer landowner incentive programs for endangered species habitat conservation, of which an entity must participate in order to be eligible for funds from the Legacy Trust Fund.	Requires a service	Administer Landowner incentive programs	No Change

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51-3-160	State	Statute	The Department is authorized to work in conjunction with the Department of Corrections in the development of public recreation facilities and to exchange funds where mutually beneficial to both departments and accept matching federal funds.	Funding agency deliverable(s)		No Change
54-17-30	State	Statute	A Department Law Enforcement Division officer is authorized to serve on the Maritime Security Commission, ex officio.	Board, commission, or committee on which someone from our agency must/may serve		No Change
54-17-60	State	Statute	The Maritime Security Commission and the Naval Militia must coordinate their activities with federal, state, and local agencies, including the Department, responsible for maritime homeland security and Naval Militia functions as they relate to the South Carolina Maritime Security Act.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
54-6-10	State	Statute	The Chairman of the Department Board, or designee, is authorized to serve ex officio on the Savannah River Maritime Commission.	Board, commission, or committee on which someone from our agency must/may serve		No Change
56-3-12410	State	Statute	The Department is required to set up a public process to choose the image for the "Largemouth Bass" special license plate. The Department is authorized to receive the fees collected pursuant to this section above the cost of production, which shall only be used to promote bass fishing throughout the State.	Requires a service	License plate	No Change

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56-3-4510	State	Statute	Authorizes the "SC Protects Endangered Species" and "SC Wildlife" commemorative plates. The Department of Motor Vehicles shall issue a series of special commemorative motor vehicle license plates for use by the owner on his private passenger motor vehicle for the purposes of the "Nongame Wildlife and Natural Areas Fund" provided in Section 50-1-280. The special fee for the commemorative license plate is thirty dollars and this amount must be placed in the fund. This fee is in addition to the regular motor vehicle registration fee set forth in Article 5, Chapter 3 of Title 56. The commemorative plate must be of the same size and general design of regular motor vehicle license plates and must be imprinted with the words "South Carolina Protects Endangered Species". The plates must be issued or revalidated for a biennial period, which expires twenty-four months from the month they are issued. Once the plate supply is exhausted, any revenues derived from a renewal or transfer of a "South Carolina Protects Endangered Species" plate must be distributed as directed in this subsection.	Requires a service	Commemorative license plates	No Change
56-3-7300	State	Statute	The Department is required to administer funds generated from the sale of the "Saltwater Fishing" special license plate to manage and conserve the marine resources of the state.	Funding agency deliverable(s)		No Change
56-5-170	State	Statute	Department vehicles when being used in the performance of law enforcement duties are authorized as emergency vehicles by the Department of Motor Vehicles.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
57-23-800(D)	State	Statute	The Department is authorized to make an assessment and written determination to the Department of Transportation that vegetation management causes an increase in safety risks due to the attraction of wildlife along the highway.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change

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57-5-870	State	Statute	The Department is authorized to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Department of Transportation for the conservation of access roads and recreational facilities. The agreements may provide for the Department of Transportation to prepare the necessary plans; provide construction engineering and inspection; and award the necessary construction contracts, subject to the written approval of the Department of Natural Resources. All such contracts shall provide for payments for work performed to be made by the Department of Natural Resources from its funds. Upon completion of the construction work, the Department of Transportation shall reimburse the Department of Natural Resources out of farm-to-market construction funds apportioned to the county in which the work is performed not exceeding the actual cost of constructing any such secondary roads or one half the total cost of the project provided for in the cooperative agreement, whichever is less. The Department of Transportation shall pay from its farm-to-market construction funds apportioned to such county the cost of engineering and inspection. The roads shall become a part of the state highway secondary system upon their completion.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
58-1-65	State	Statute	The Department is authorized to exclusively manage and control programs to combat the growth of aquatic weeds. The Department is to work in conjunction with the owners and operators of water impoundments for federally regulated hydroelectric projects. The programs are to be funded in part by revenue appropriated to the Department in Part 1, Section 47 of the 1995-96 general appropriations act, by revenue of certain federal programs, and by contributions by the owners and operators of the federally regulated hydroelectric projects. The Department is also authorized to hold harmless the owners and operators of water impoundments.	Requires a service	Assist with controlling aquatic weeds	No Change
58-33-140	State	Statute	The Department is authorized as a mandatory party in all certifications for major utility facilities.	Funding agency deliverable(s)		No Change

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63-17-2730	State	Statute	The Department is authorized to require a notice from the Child Support Enforcement Division of a child support lien, with the social security number, or the alien identification number assigned to a resident alien who does not have a social security number, of the obligor on the notice for any property titled through the Department.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
63-3-520	State	Statute	The Department is authorized to receive from family court notice of all adjudications of the provisions of Title 50.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
CERCLA	Federal	Statute	DNR is a Trustee for the State of South Carolina for Natural Resource Damage Assessments	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
Electric Consumers Protection Act of 1986, Pub L. No. 99-495, 100 Stat. 1243	Federal	Statute	DNR comments on hydro licensing projects under FERC	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
Federal Endangered Species Act of 1973, Section 6 with USFWS	Federal	Statute	DNR is required to work with the USFWS under Section 6 to protect and manage federally endangered species.	Requires a service		No Change
Federal Endangered Species Act of 1973, Section 6 with USFWS	Federal	Statute	DNR is required to work with the USFWS under Section 6 to protect and manage federally endangered species.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
Federal Power Act, 16 USC Sec 791	Federal	Statute	DNR comments on projects under FPA	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change

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FERC Licenses CFR Title 18	Federal	Statute	DNR comments on FERC licenses	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
FWCA- Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act	Federal	Statute	DNR is involved in assisting and commenting when actions result in the modification of a natural stream or body of water	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
National Historic Preservation Act Section 106	Federal	Statute	The head of any Federal agency having direct or indirect jurisdiction over a proposed Federal of federally assisted undertaking in any State and the head of any Federal department or interdependent agency having authority to license any undertaking shall, prior to the approval of any Federal funds on the undertaking or prior to the issuance of any license, as the case may be, take into account the effect of the undertaking on any district, site, building, structure, or object that is included in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register. The head of any such Federal agency shall afford the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation established under Tittle 11 of this Act a reasonable opportunity to comment with regard to such undertaking.	Requires a service		No Change
National Historic Preservation Act Section 106	Federal	Statute	The head of any Federal agency having direct or indirect jurisdiction over a proposed Federal of federally assisted undertaking in any State and the head of any Federal department or interdependent agency having authority to license any undertaking shall, prior to the approval of any Federal funds on the undertaking or prior to the issuance of any license, as the case may be, take into account the effect of the undertaking on any district, site, building, structure, or object that is included in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register. The head of any such Federal agency shall afford the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation established under Tittle 11 of this Act a reasonable opportunity to comment with regard to such undertaking.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change

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NEPA CFR Title 40	Federal	Statute	DNR comments on projects under NEPA	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
Nuclear Regulatory Commission Licenses CFR Title 10	Federal	Statute	DNR Comments on Federal Projects related to Nuclear Regulatory Commission Licenses	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
Proviso # 117.13	State	FY26-27 Proviso	Each state agency shall submit to the state Human Affairs Commission employment and fill vacancy data by race and sex factor by the October 31st of each year.	Not related to agency deliverable		Reenacted
Proviso # 117.20	State	FY26-27 Proviso	Addresses travel and subsistence expenses for employees of the agency.	Not related to agency deliverable		Reenacted
Proviso # 117.23	State	FY26-27 Proviso	DNR is authorized to carry forward unspent general fund appropriations from the prior fiscal year to the current fiscal year up to a maximum of 10 percent of the general fund appropriations less any appropriation reductions for the current fiscal year.	Not related to agency deliverable		Reenacted
Proviso # 117.77	State	FY26-27 Proviso	Employees using permanently assigned vehicles must reimberuse the agency in which they are employed for communiting use.	Requires a service		Reenacted

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Proviso # 102.3	State	FY17 Proviso	The Department director, or his designee, shall serve as one of the seven members of the South Carolina Boundary Commission. The purpose of the commission is to work with the North Carolina Boundary Commission to oversee and approve work re-establishing the boundary between NC and SC.	Board, commission, or committee on which someone from our agency must/may serve		No Change
Proviso # 117.1	State	FY26-27 Proviso	Requires that general state revenues from taxation, licenses, fees or from any other source whatsoever, and all institutional and departmental revenues or collections, including income from taxes, licenses, fees, the sale of commodities and services, and income derived from any other departmental or institutional source of activity, must be remitted to the State Treasurer at least once each week, when practical, and must be credited, unless otherwise directed by law, to the General Fund of the State. Each institution, department or agency, in remitting such income to the State Treasurer, shall attach with each such remittance a report or statement, showing in detail the sources itemized according to standard budget classification from which such income was derived, and shall, at the same time, forward a copy of such report or statement to the Comptroller General and the Executive Budget Office.	Not related to agency deliverable		Reenacted
Proviso # 117.91	State	FY26-27 Proviso	State agencies which do not receive a separate audit of federal expenditures must submit to the office of the state auditor a schedule of federal program expenditures no later that August 15 of each year.	Not related to agency deliverable		Amended Proviso Number Only
Proviso # 117.96	State	FY26-27 Proviso	An agency that includes personal identifying information in computerized data or other data shall disclose any breach of the security system following notification of the breach to the residents who were affected.	Requires a manner of delivery		Amended Proviso Number Only

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Proviso # 117.101	State	FY26-27 Proviso	All state agencies must submit an information technology plan and an information security plan for the fiscal year and must submit updates to their plans.	Not related to agency deliverable		Amended Proviso Number Only
Proviso # 117.15	State	FY26-27 Proviso	DNR Wildlife Management Area, fish hatchery, and Heritage Trust personnel are permitted to occupy residences owned by The Department without charge. The Fair Market Rental Value shall be reported by the agency to the Agency Head Salary Commission and The Department of Administration by October 1st of each fiscal year.	Not related to agency deliverable		Reenacted
Proviso # 117.18	State	FY26-27 Proviso	Agency heads or Deputy Directors may receive reimbursement for business expenses incurred while performing their official duties as long as properly documented.	Not related to agency deliverable		Reenacted
Proviso # 117.19	State	FY26-27 Proviso	The per diem allowance for Boards, Commissions and Committees shall be at the rate of $50 per day. No full time officer or employee of the state shall draw the allowance.	Not related to agency deliverable		Reenacted
Proviso # 117.22	State	FY26-27 Proviso	SCDNR is required to maintain a continuing log of all flights.	Not related to agency deliverable		Reenacted
Proviso # 117.25	State	FY26-27 Proviso	SCDNR is required to consider first contracting for services or purchasing goods and services through the Department of Corrections Prison Industries Program.	Not related to agency deliverable		Reenacted

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Proviso # 117.26	State	FY26-27 Proviso	The Agency shall provide the Comptroller General the listing of employees and their travel. Agencies should include position titles for each of the top twenty-five travelers for each agency. Expenditures must include state, federal and other sources of funds. Expenditures for in-state and out-of-state registration fees (fees to attend conferences, teleconferences, workshops, or seminars for training on a per person basis) must be shown as a separate subtotal within the grand total for the individual employees and the agency as a whole. The list for each agency must be in rank order with the largest expenditure first and the name of the employee must be shown with each amount. Agencies should include a brief summary of the type of travel the agency incurs. The Comptroller General may provide additional information as deemed appropriate.	Not related to agency deliverable		Reenacted
Proviso # 117.29	State	FY26-27 Proviso	Agencies are required to submit accountability reports for the prior fiscal year. Agencies' annual accountability reports for the prior fiscal year, as required in Section 1-1-810, must be accessible to the Governor, Senate Finance Committee, House Ways and Means Committee, and to the public on or before September fifteenth, for the purpose of a zero-base budget analysis and in order to ensure that the Agency Head Salary Commission has the accountability reports for use in a timely manner. Accountability Report guidelines shall require agencies to identify key program area descriptions and expenditures and link these to key financial and performance results measures.	Not related to agency deliverable		Reenacted
Proviso # 117.30	State	FY25-26 Proviso	The state agency may collect a service charge to cover the costs associated with processing and collection of dishonored instruments or electronic payments where any amount is not paid by the drawee due to insufficient funds on deposit with the bank or the person upon which it was drawn when presented, or the instrument has an incorrect or insufficient signature on it. Such funds shall be retained and expended by the agency in accordance with this purpose and any unused amount shall carry forward to the following fiscal year.	Not related to agency deliverable		Reenacted

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Proviso # 117.32	State	FY26-27 Proviso	DNR may implement in consultation with the Department of Administration a program to realign resources and create voluntary separation incentive programs.	Not related to agency deliverable		Reenacted
Proviso # 117.39	State	FY26-27 Proviso	The DNR shall purchase recycled steel unless the item cannot be acquired competitively at a reasonable price.	Not related to agency deliverable		Reenacted
Proviso # 117.44	State	FY26-27 Proviso	Any insurance reimbursement to DNR may be used to offset expenses related to the claim. These funds may be retained, expended and carried forward.	Not related to agency deliverable		Reenacted
Proviso # 117.45	State	FY26-27 Proviso	DNR shall furnish to the Human Resources Division(1) a current personnel organizational chart annually no later than September first of the current fiscal year, or upon the request of the division and (2) notification of any change to the agency's organizational structure which impacts an employee's grievance rights within thirty days of such change. The organizational chart shall be in a form prescribed by the Human Resources Division showing all authorized positions, class title, class code, position number and indications as to whether such positions are filled or vacant. In addition, the organizational chart shall clearly identify those employees who are exempt from the State Employee Grievance Procedure Act.	Not related to agency deliverable		Reenacted
Proviso # 117.47	State	FY26-27 Proviso	State agencies must continue to actively pursue cost saving measures through collaborative efforts and may combine administrative support functions of other agencies.	Not related to agency deliverable		Reenacted

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Proviso # 117.52	State	FY26-27 Proviso	State agencies and institutions are allowed to spend state, federal, and other sources of revenue to provide selected employees lump sum bonuses, not to exceed three thousand dollars per year, based on objective guidelines established by the Department of Administration. Payment of these bonuses is not a part of the employee's base salary and is not earnable compensation for purposes of employee and employer contributions to respective retirement systems. The employing agency must report this information on or before August thirty-first of each year and must include the total amount and source of the bonus received by the employee during the preceding fiscal year (July first through June thirtieth). The Human Resources Division of the Department of Administration shall formulate policies and procedures to ensure compliance with the reporting provisions of this proviso. Copies of the reports shall be made available to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, upon request.	Not related to agency deliverable		Reenacted
Proviso # 117.55	State	FY26-27 Proviso	DNR is required to submit annual audited financial statements for inclusion on the State's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and must comply with the submission dates stipulated in the State Auditor's Office audit contract period.	Report our agency must/may provide		Reenacted
Proviso # 117.56	State	FY26-27 Proviso	Any incentive rebate premium received by an agency from the Purchase Card Program may be retained and used by the agency to support its operations.	Funding agency deliverable(s)		Reenacted
Proviso # 97.5	State	FY26-27 Proviso	The Office of Comptroller General is authorized to retain the first $100,000 of rebate associated with the Purchasing Card Program and $200,000 of agency incentive rebates.	Not related to agency deliverable		Reenacted

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Proviso # 117.61	State	FY26-27 Proviso	State Agencies that employ attorneys, are authorized, if they so decide, to use other appropriated funds, including General Fund carry forward funds, to pay the cost of mandatory dues owed to the South Carolina Bar Association.	Requires a service		Reenacted
Proviso # 117.64	State	FY26-27 Proviso	Agency heads may ensue an employee voluntary furlough program of not more than 90 day per fiscal year. During this voluntary furlough, the state employees shall be entitled to participate in the same state benefits as otherwise available to them except for receiving their salaries. As to those benefits which require employer and employee contributions, the state agencies, institutions and departments will be responsible for making both employer and employee contributions if coverage would otherwise be interrupted; and as to those benefits which require only employee contributions, the employee remains solely responsible for making those contributions. In the event an agency's reduction is due solely to the General Assembly transferring or deleting a program, this provision does not apply.	Requires a service		Reenacted
Proviso # 117.65	State	FY24-25 Proviso	The Department of Natural Resources shall provide a security detail to the Governor in a manner agreed to by SLED, DPS, DNR and Office of the Governor. Reimbursement to the State Law Enforcement Division, the Department of Public Safety, and the Department of Natural Resources to offset the cost of the security detail for the Governor shall be made in an amount agreed to by the State Law Enforcement Division, the Department of Public Safety, the Department of Natural Resources, and the Office of Governor from funds appropriated to the Office of Governor for this purpose. Law enforcement officers assigned to security detail for the Governor shall only perform services related to security and shall not provide any unrelated service during the assignment.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change

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Proviso # 117.67	State	FY25-26 Proviso	If a Reduction In Force is implemented by a state agency, the agency head shall be required to take five days furlough in the current fiscal year. If more than one reduction in force plan is implemented in a fiscal year, the mandatory agency head furlough is only required for the initial plan. The agency head will retain all responsibilities and authority during the furlough. All monies saved from this furlough may be retained by that agency and expended at the discretion of the agency head. During this furlough, the agency head shall be entitled to participate in the same state benefits as otherwise available to them except for receiving their salaries. As to those benefits which require employer and employee contributions, the state agency will be responsible for making both employer and employee contributions if coverage would otherwise be interrupted; and as to those benefits which require only employee contributions, the agency head remains solely responsible for making those contributions. Placement of an agency head on furlough under this provision does not constitute a grievance or appeal under the State Employee Grievance Procedure Act. Agencies may allocate the agency head's reduction in pay over the balance of the fiscal year for payroll purposes regardless of the pay period within which the furlough occurs. An agency head shall not be required to take this mandatory furlough based solely on reductions in force	Requires a service		No Change
Proviso # 117.69	State	FY25-26 Proviso	Each state agency must provide and release to the public via the agency's website, a report of all aggregate amounts of fines and fees that were charged and collected by that agency in the prior fiscal year. The report shall include, but not be limited to: (1) the code section, regulation, or proviso that authorized the fines and fees to be charged, collected, or received; (2) the amount of the fine or fee; (3) the amount received by source; (4) the purpose for which the funds were expended by the agency; (5) the amount of funds transferred to the general fund, if applicable, and the authority by which the transfer took place; and (6) the amount of funds transferred to another entity, if applicable, and the authority by which the transfer took place, as well as the name of the entity to which the funds were transferred. The report must be posted online by September first. Additionally, the report must be delivered to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee by September first. Funds appropriated to and/or authorized for use by each state agency shall be used to accomplish this directive.	Report our agency must/may provide	Former 117.70	Reenacted

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Proviso # 117.67	State	FY22-23 Proviso	In a fiscal year in which the general funds are left and the funds appropriated for that agency or if a reduction is in place, the agency head must institute a mandatory furlough program.	Not related to agency deliverable		No Change
Proviso # 117.70	State	FY26-27 Proviso	In a fiscal year in which the general funds are left and the funds appropriated for a state agency are less than the general funds in the prior fiscal year where there's an across the board budget reduction, and agency heads institute a mandatory employee furlough program, in determining which employees must participate in the program, agency heads should give consideration to furloughs for contract employees, post-TERI employees, and TERI employees before other employees.	Not related to agency deliverable		Reenacted
Proviso # 117.75	State	FY26-27 Proviso	The state agency may not decrease the compensation of an employee solely because the employee gives sworn testimony to a standing committee, subcommittee of a standing committee, or study committee of the Senate or the House of Representatives. This proviso shall apply regardless of when the alleged wrongdoing occurred.	Not related to agency deliverable	Former 117.76	Reenacted
Proviso # 117.76	State	FY26-27 Proviso	Each state agency shall monitor and appropriately operate within the limits of its authorized appropriations in a way to avoid an operating deficit for the fiscal year.	Requires a service	Former 117.77	Reenacted

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Proviso # 117.78	State	FY26-27 Proviso	Each state agency which has composite reservoir bank accounts shall prepare a report for each account disclosing every transaction of the account in the prior fiscal year. This report shall be submitted to the SFAA by October first of each fiscal year.	Not related to agency deliverable	Former 117.79	Reenacted
Proviso # 117.79	State	FY26-27 Proviso	All agencies, shall be responsible for providing on its Internet website a link to the Internet website of any agency, other than the individual agency that posts on its Internet website that agency's monthly state procurement card statements or monthly reports containing all or substantially all the same information contained in the monthly state procurement card statements.	Not related to agency deliverable	Former 117.80	Reenacted
Proviso # 117.7	State	FY26-27 Proviso	The state agency proposes a regulation that increases a fee fine or otherwise generates revenue. The regulation must indicate that it is being proposed.	Not related to agency deliverable		Reenacted
Proviso # 117.83	State	FY26-27 Proviso	Each state agency shall report in the recovery audit program.	Not related to agency deliverable	Former 117.84	Reenacted
Proviso # 117.85	State	FY26-27 Proviso	State agencies are encouraged to realize savings through administrative overhead costs elimination of payroll management and reduction in programmatic funding.	Not related to agency deliverable	Former 117.86	Reenacted

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Proviso # 47.1	State	FY26-27 Proviso	All revenue generated from the sale of the "South Carolina Wildlife" magazine by products and other publications shall be retained by the Department and used to support the production for the magazine to be self sustaining. The Department is authorized to sell advertising in the magazine if necessary and no general funds may be used for the operations support of the magazine.	Funding agency deliverable(s)		Reenacted
Proviso # 47.2	State	FY26-27 Proviso	DNR shall continue to collect the casual sales tax as contained in the contractual agreement between DOR and DNR and the State Treasurer authorized to reimburse the Department on a quarterly basis for the actual cost of collecting the tax.	Funding agency deliverable(s)		Reenacted
Proviso # 47.3	State	FY26-27 Proviso	Each of South Carolina's forty-six soil and water conservation districts shall receive a proportionate share of funding set aside for Aid to Conservation Districts at $25,000 per district for general assistance to the district's program. Available funding above $25,000 for each district will be apportioned by the Department based upon local needs and priorities as determined by the board. During the fiscal year, the districts' funding may only be reduced in an amount not to exceed the percentage of each agency budget reduction. No district shall receive any funds under this provision unless the county or counties wherein the district is located shall have appropriated no less than three hundred dollars to the district from county funds for the same purposes.	Distribute funding to another entity		Reenacted

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Proviso # 47.4	State	FY26-27 Proviso	DNR may carry forward funds accumulated by the Department of Natural Resources Geology Program and the contract for the provision of goods and services not covered by the Department's appropriated fund and may be carried forward and expended for the costs associated with the provision of such goods and services.	Funding agency deliverable(s)		Reenacted
Proviso # 47.5	State	FY26-27 Proviso	The department may collect expend and carry forward revenues derived from the sales goods and services in order to support aerial photography, map services, climatology data and geological services. The department shall report on this revenue to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee.	Requires a service		Reenacted
Proviso # 47.6	State	FY26-27 Proviso	DNR is authorized to provide enforcement officers on special assignment with an annual clothing allowance not to exceed $600 per officer for required clothing used in the line of duty.	Not related to agency deliverable		Reenacted
Proviso # 47.7	State	FY26-27 Proviso	The Department is authorized to pay for the costs of physical examinations for Department personnel who are required to receive such physical examinations prior to receiving a Law Enforcement Commission.	Requires a service		Reenacted

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Proviso # 47.8	State	FY26-27 Proviso	The Department may carry forward any unexpended general fund balance remaining on the Other Operating Expenses line, identified in the "Web Services and Technology Development" program of the Department appropriations from Part IA in this Act. Balances carried forward from the prior fiscal year are only authorized to be expended to support technology operating expenses within the Department.	Not related to agency deliverable		Reenacted
Proviso # 93.8	State	FY26-27 Proviso	The Department is authorized to retain the net proceeds from the sale of existing offices originally purchased with a federal grant or with restricted revenue from hunting and fishing license sales for the improvement, consolidation, and/or establishment of regional offices and related facilities. The Department shall annually submit a report, within 60 days after the close of the fiscal year, to the Senate Finance committee and the House Ways and Means Committee on the status of the sale of the identified property and a detailed accounting on the expenditure of funds resulting from the sale.	Report our agency must/may provide		Reenacted
Proviso #117.33	State	FY26-27 Proviso	Each state agency shall provide to the Chairmen of the Senate Finance and House of Representatives Ways and Means Committees and the Inspector General a report detailing the amount of its outstanding debt and all methods it has used to collect that debt. This report is due by the last day of February for the previous calendar year. For purposes of this provision, outstanding debt means a sum remaining due and owed to a state agency by a nongovernmental entity for more than sixty calendar days.	Not related to agency deliverable		Reenacted

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Proviso # 47.9	State	FY26-27 Proviso	DNR is directed to develop and implement a coyote tagging and reward program within this state. The department must tag and release four coyotes in ach of the four game zones and apply a reward of three thousand dollars per tagged coyote to the hunter/trapper, or their designee. No hunter/trapper, or their designee, may collect the reward on more than two coyotes per fiscal year. DNR employees, members of the General Assembly, and their immediate families are not eligible to receive a reward.	Requires a service		Reenacted
Proviso # 47.10	State	FY26-27 Proviso	For the current fiscal year, no water recreation funds or any other funding source may be used to fund the stocking of triploid grass carp on Lake Marion and Lake Moultrie.	Requires a manner of delivery		Reenacted
Proviso # 47.11	State	FY26-27 Proviso	In the event a State of Emergency is declared by the Governor, exempt employees of SCDNR may be paid for actual hours worked in lieu of accruing compensatory time, at the discretion of the agency director, and providing funds are available.	Not related to agency deliverable.		Reenacted
Proviso # 47.12	State	FY26-27 Proviso	DNR shall explore the feasibility of employing exempted fishing permits (EFPs) within the South Atlantic region as a mechanism to allow limited state-level management of the federally managed snapper-grouper complex. DNR shall work with natural resources management agencies from the states of NC, GA, and FL, the SAFMC, and NOAA Fisheries to determine interest in and the possibility of jointly pursuing individual state EFPs as well as an overarching EFP that might allow for a new management approach for the South Atlantic snapper-grouper complex.	Requires a service		Reenacted

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Proviso # 47.13	State	FY26-27 Proviso	For the current fiscal year, SCDNR shall transfer $100,000 of the funds appropriated for operating expenses of WFF to the Forestry Commission.	Distribute finding to another entity		Reenacted
Proviso # 47.14	State	FY26-27 Proviso	When procuring goods and services for the planning, development, construction, improvement, and/or maintenance of waterfowl impoundments on land owned by the department or owned by the state and managed by the department, SCDNR may enter into agreements with a qualified, not-for-profit entity that has received North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) funds for a project and specializes in waterfowl impoundment development, and that entity is considered a sole source provider. The department shall be required to have a representative of the agency present to view the opening of bids with this provision.	Requires a manner of delivery		Reenacted
Proviso # 47.15	State	FY25-26 Proviso	At the end of each fiscal year, the department may transfer any unexpended general fund balance remaining on the "Other Operating Expenses" line identified in the "Administration" program to a separate and distinct account to be carried forward by the department. Balances carried forward in this account must only be expended for rent, maintenance, and capital improvement needs in the headquarters building. The department must report to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and House Ways and Means Committee any amount transferred and expenditures made from the fund by October first.	Not related to agency deliverable.		Reenacted

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Proviso # 47.16	State	FY26-27 Proviso	Of the funds appropriated and/or authorized to the South Carolina Conservation Bank, $1,000,000 shall be provided to the Department of Natural Resources as the state match for the North American Wetlands Restoration Act matching grant program. The department annually shall report to the Senate Finance Committee, the House Ways and Means Committee, and the South Carolina Conservation Bank regarding the utilization of the funds and the impact of the funds on conservation efforts in the state.	Funding agency deliverable(s)		Reenacted
Proviso 47.17	State	FY26-27 Proviso	The department may carry forward appropriations and authority encumbered by purchase orders issued to procure vehicles, trailers, boats, outboard motors, and other specialized equipment. Each purchase order must meet or exceed $16,000 and only delivery of items delayed due to manufacturing and material supply chain or transportation disruptions qualify for carryforward. The department will provide a report to the Executive Budget Office listing open purchasing documents with encumbered amounts supporting the special carry forward by August 1.	Report our agency may/must provide		Reenacted
Proviso # 47.18	State	FY26-27 Proviso	Funds appropriated to the department shall be sued to conduct wildlife habitat management activities on the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism property in Georgetown County known as Ramsey Grove. The Department may provide opportunities for limited public waterfowl hunts on the property through the department's Wildlife Management Area program.	Requires a service		Reenacted

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Proviso # 47.19	State	FY25-26 Proviso	Funds appropriated to the Department of Natural Resources for the Pilot Deer Donation Program shall be used for the creation and implementation of a deer processing pilot program. The department is authorized to create a program and provide grants year-round to deer processors in this state. The department shall establish a fee structure to be paid to cooperating deer processors before awarding grants. A report shall be provided by the department to the Chairmen of the Senate Finance and House Ways and Means Committees by June 30, 2024, on the implementation of the pilot program and the grants awarded.	Requires a service		No Change
Proviso # 47.20	State	FY24-25 Proviso	Funds remaining of the $200,000 appropriated in Act 94 of 2021, Section 118.18(B)(7) to the Department of Natural Resources for the Steel Creek Boat Landing Repair shall be redirected to the County of Barnwell for the Barnwell Outdoor Amphitheatre	Distribute funding to another entity		No Change
Regulation 19-450.8 and .9	State	Regulation	DNR is a commenter on DHEC permits for projects involving navigable waters	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
Regulation 30-12	State	Regulation	DNR comments on specific project standards and applications for Tideland and Coastal Waters development	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
Regulation 61-101	State	Regulation	DNR is a commenter on Water Quality Certification Permits for DHEC	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change

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Regulation 61-119	State	Regulation	DNR comments on new or expanding surface water withdrawal permits issued by DHEC	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
Regulation 72-3	State	Regulation	DNR can comment on dam and reservoir safety act permits issued by DHEC	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
Regulation 89-170	State	Regulation	DNR is a commenter on Mining Permits	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA)	Federal	Statute	DNR is involved in assisting and commenting on the proper management of solid waste	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
S.C. Code 48-20-30	State	Statute	DNR is a commenter on Mining permits, and other reviews for mining projects	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
S.C. Code 60-12-10 through 90	State	Statute	DNR is required to consult with SCDAH on the preservation of properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places.	Requires a service		No Change
S.C. Code 60-12-10 through 90	State	Statute	DNR is required to consult with SCDAH on the preservation of properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change

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SC Constitution Article I, Section 25	State	Constitution	The traditions of hunting and fishing are valuable parts of the state's heritage, important for conservation, and a protected means of managing nonthreatened wildlife. The citizens of this State have the right to hunt, fish, and harvest wildlife traditionally pursued, subject to laws and regulations promoting sound wildlife conservation and management as prescribed by the General Assembly. Nothing in this section shall be construed to abrogate any private property rights, existing state laws or regulations, or the state's sovereignty over its natural resources.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
SC Constitution Article XII, Section 1	State	Constitution	The health, welfare, and safety of the lives and property of the people of this State and the conservation of its natural resources are matters of public concern. The General Assembly shall provide appropriate agencies to function in these areas of public concern and determine the activities, powers, and duties of such agencies.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
Title 44 Code of Federal Regulations Section 60.25	Federal	Statute	States are encouraged to demonstrate a commitment to the minimum flood plain management criteria set forth in §§ 60.3, 60.4, and 60.5 as evidenced by the designation of an agency of State government to be responsible for coordinating the Program aspects of flood plain management in the State.	Requires a service		No Change

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Title 44 Code of Federal Regulations Section 60.25	Federal	Statute	States are encouraged to demonstrate a commitment to the minimum flood plain management criteria set forth in §§ 60.3, 60.4, and 60.5 as evidenced by the designation of an agency of State government to be responsible for coordinating the Program aspects of flood plain management in the State.	Requires a manner of delivery		No Change
Proviso # 62.26	State		Establishes the Executive Protection Unit for the Governor, Lt. Governor, Governor-elect, Lt. Governor-elect, and Governor's immediate family, among other visiting officials and dignitaries upon approval from the Chief of SLED. SCDNR officers are authorized to serve on this detail at the discretion of the Chief of SLED and upon the Chief's request.	Requires a service	This new proviso takes the place of the former Proviso # 117.65 which was vetoed by Governor McMaster this year.	Added
Proviso # 47.21	State	FY26-27 Proviso	The Department is authorized to conduct recovery and management practices on public and private lands to advance the federal delisting objectives for the relict Trillium.	Requires a service		Added
Proviso # 47.24	State	FY26-27 Proviso	Any restitution or insurance proceeds received by a state agency as a result of prosecution or civil action under Article 2, Chapter 21, Title 50 must be remitted to the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources to be held in an account for the removal and disposal of abandoned vessels, derelict vessels, and sunken vessels.	Funding agency deliverable(s)		Added

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Proviso # 47.25	State	FY26-27 Proviso	In the current fiscal year, available excess debt service funds appropriated in this act, or previously allocated to the Department of Commerce, may be available to the Department of Natural Resources for economic development purposes related to mitigation work outlined in Section 1(B) of Act 3 of 2023 and prior to excess debt service funds being approved for any other purpose as described in Proviso 112.1.	Distribute funding to another entity		Added

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The Department is authorized through the Geological Survey to provide field and laboratory studies in Geology to provide advice and assistance to other state and local governmental agencies. (LWC)	1) Industry: Oceana Gold, SM&E Engineering, Duke Energy, F&ME Engineering, Hansen Aggregates, Vulcan Materials, Geosyntec Consultants, MeadWesvaco, HDR, MeadeGunnell Engineering, Force Associates, CH2M, Titan Minerals, Geologic Resources, Altamont Environmental, Minerali Industriali, Amec Foster Wheeler, Research Planning Inc. 2) Prof. Orgs.: S.C. Society of Professional Engineers, Geological Society of America, Carolina Geological Society, S.C. Association of Engineering Geologists, S.C. Pile Drivers Association 3) Public: All Demographics	1) Industry: Oceana Gold, SM&E Engineering, Duke Energy, F&ME Engineering, Hansen Aggregates, Vulcan Materials, Geosyntec Consultants, MeadWesvaco, HDR, MeadeGunnell Engineering, Force Associates, CH2M, Titan Minerals, Geologic Resources, Altamont Environmental, Minerali Industriali, Amec Foster Wheeler, Research Planning Inc. 2) Prof. Orgs.: S.C. Society of Professional Engineers, Geological Society of America, Carolina Geological Society, S.C. Association of Engineering Geologists, S.C. Pile Drivers Association 3) Public: All Demographics	All citizens of South Carolina	Land, Water and Conservation-Geology Program	The Geology Program is responsible for earth science research, as well as review of proposed environmental impacts as published in the regulatory arena to provide reliable, science-based information to decision makers and the public.	Insufficient scientific information to inform decisionmakers on land use matters; unsafe conditions for the general public.	No Change	
The Department must archive and disseminate climate information. (LWC)	1) Industry: Numerous water utilities, Duke Energy, Santee Cooper, Domtar. 2) Prof. Orgs.: American Association of State Climatologists, American Meteorological Society, American Water Works Association. 3) Public: All Demographics	1) Industry: Numerous water utilities, Duke Energy, Santee Cooper, Domtar. 2) Prof. Orgs.: American Association of State Climatologists, American Meteorological Society, American Water Works Association. 3) Public: All Demographics	All citizens of South Carolina	Land, Water and Conservation-Climatology Program	The State Climate Office/Flood Mitigation Program is responsible for providing reliable information for the protection of lives and property.	Reduced ability to accurately predict severe weather conditions.	No Change	
The Department is the designated state coordinating agency for the National Flood Insurance Program (LWC)	1) Industry: Floodplain Managers, Insurance Agencies, Engineers and Surveyors 2) Prof. Orgs.: Association of State Floodplain Managers , South Carolina Association for Hazard Mitigation 3) Public: All Demographics	1) Industry: Floodplain Managers, Insurance Agencies, Engineers and Surveyors 2) Prof. Orgs.: Association of State Floodplain Managers , South Carolina Association for Hazard Mitigation 3) Public: All Demographics	All citizens of South Carolina	Land, Water and Conservation-Flood Mitigation Program	The State Climate Office/Flood Mitigation Program is responsible for providing reliable information for the protection of lives and property.	Inability for citizens to fully recover and rebuild from flood incidents.	No Change	

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The Department shall manage Heritage Trust properties and the Heritage Trust Fund in accordance with the statute.(LWC)	1) Industry: Environmental Consulting Firms 2) Prof. Orgs.: NatureServe, SouthEast Regional Network of Expertise and Collections 3) Public: SC Association of Naturalists, SC Native Plant Society, UpState Forever, The Nature Conservancy	1) Industry: Environmental Consulting Firms 2) Prof. Orgs.: NatureServe, SouthEast Regional Network of Expertise and Collections 3) Public: SC Association of Naturalists, SC Native Plant Society, UpState Forever, The Nature Conservancy	All citizens of South Carolina	Land, Water and Conservation-Heritage Trust Program (Cultural Resources Management and Natural Heritage)	The Heritage Trust Cultural Resources/Habitat Protection Program monitors and protects cultural and significant natural areas throughout the state on Heritage Trust properties, and provides culturally related recreational/educational opportunities.	Fewer opportunities for South Carolinians to enjoy outdoor recreation.	No Change	
Department must assist Soil and Water Conservation Districts. (LWC)	1) Industry: Private land owners and land users 2) Prof. Orgs.: National Association of State Conservation Agencies; National Association of Conservation Districts; National Watershed Coalition: 3) Public: SC Soil and Water Conservation Districts; Watershed District Directors; USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service; Clemson Extension Service	1) Industry: Private land owners and land users 2) Prof. Orgs.: National Association of State Conservation Agencies; National Association of Conservation Districts; National Watershed Coalition: 3) Public: SC Soil and Water Conservation Districts; Watershed District Directors; USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service; Clemson Extension Service	All citizens of South Carolina	Land, Water and Conservation-Conservation Districts Program	The Conservation Districts Program assists farmers, ranchers and landowners with Conservation planning and facilitates access to Farm Bill programs through a partnership with the United State Department of Agriculture (USDA).	Reduced services for farmers and landowners; negative impacts to natural resources.	No Change	
The Department must inventory rivers and administer the Scenic Rivers Program. (LWC)	1) Industry: Commercial users of water and land resources associated with river corridors. 2) Public: All demographics	1) Industry: Commercial users of water and land resources associated with river corridors. 2) Public: All demographics	All citizens of South Carolina	Land, Water and Conservation-Scenic Rivers Program	The Scenic Rivers Program is responsible for the conservation of SC's river heritage and protection of the unique or outstanding scenic, recreational, geologic, botanical, fish, wildlife, historic and cultural values of selected rivers and river segments of the state.	Fewer opportunities for South Carolinians to enjoy outdoor recreation.	No Change	
Provide outreach programs and public presentations promoting safe hunting, fishing, and boating.	Public	General Public	All citizens of South Carolina	Law Enforcement Division	The South Carolina Department of Natural Resources provides citizens information on public opportunities, safety, and ethical hunting, fishing, and boating activities provided by the department through direct contact with Law Enforcement Division staff.	Unsafe conditions for South Carolinians while recreating outdoors.	No Change	
Reduce investigation hours related to hunting and boating accidents and fatalities.	Public	General Public	All citizens of South Carolina	Law Enforcement Division	The South Carolina Department of Natural Resources proactively patrols public waters, public lands, and private lands in an effort to reduce hunting and boating related accidents and fatalities.	More injuries and fatalities for boaters, hunters, and the general public.	No Change	

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Proactive patrolling to enforce the state's hunting, fishing, environmental, and boating laws:; Encourage a proactive approach to general law enforcement patrolling; Continue as the primary first responder in statewide disaster response as related to search and rescue, inclement weather, flooding, and hurricane details	Public	General Public	All citizens of South Carolina	Law Enforcement Division	The core mission of the DNR's Law Enforcement Division is to Conserve and protect the state's natural resources for social, economic, recreational, and commercial benefit while providing maximum human utilization through: (1) the development of public support through outreach, education, and safety programs; (2) the preservation of the peace and protection of human lives and property; and (3) the enforcement of the state's criminal laws through the detection, apprehension, and prosecution of persons who violate those laws.	Unsafe conditions for South Carolinians while recreating outdoors; reduced public safety; negative impacts on fish and wildlife populations	No Change	
Providing knowledge, education and professional guidance related to sustaining the marine resources	Recreational Fishermen, students and teachers, outdoors-oriented citizens	General Public	All citizens of South Carolina	Marine Resources	The division is responsible for monitoring, researching and managing the state's living marine resources.	Less sustainable marine resources.	No Change	
Providing expert testimony and reports for deliberations related to marine resources management	N/A	General Public; Federal and state agencies and decisionmakers	All citizens of South Carolina	Marine Resources	The division is responsible for monitoring, researching and managing the state's living marine resources.	Less sustainable marine resources.	No Change	
Providing management rules and assistance to assure that marine resources are sustained for future use	Commercial fishermen, charter boat businesses and mariculturists	General Public; Federal and state agencies and decisionmakers	All citizens of South Carolina	Marine Resources	The division is responsible for monitoring, researching and managing the state's living marine resources.	Less sustainable marine resources.	No Change	
Provides public recreational opportunities.	All ages and genders and all income and education levels of the public.	General Public	All citizens of South Carolina	Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries	Monitors and protects wildlife species and inland aquatic species and their habitats throughout the state and provides hunting and fishing opportunities to the public.	Fewer opportunities for South Carolinians to enjoy outdoor recreation.	No Change	
All legal requirements as they pertain to the ownership and use of a boat in South Carolina	1. Boat Dealers; 2. Boating Public. 3.County Officials	Various Boat Dealers; General Public; Elected County Treasurers and Auditors	All citizens of South Carolina	Boat Titling & Registration and Licensing	To provide titling and registration services to the public.	Law enforcement challenges; inability of local and state authorities to collect taxes.	No Change	

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All legal requirements as they pertain to the participation in various hunting and fishing activities throughout the state.	Resident and nonresident hunters and anglers.	General Public	All citizens of South Carolina	Boat Titling & Registration and Licensing	To provide efficient and effective licensing services to the general public.	Fewer opportunities for South Carolinians to legally enjoy outdoor recreation; negative impacts on populations of fish and wildlife	No Change	

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Type of Partner Entity	Name of Partner Entity	Description of Partnership	Change to the partnership during the past fiscal year
Non-Governmental Organization	Belle W. Baruch Foundation	Cost share for Aquatic Nuisance Species Control	No Change
Higher Education Institute	Boston University	Coastal Vulnerability Studies	No Change
Federal Government	Carolinas Integrated Science and Assessment Program	Advance scientific understanding of climate processes and impacts in SC, support and foster climate information networks, provide decision support	No Change
Private Business Organization	CDM Smith, Inc.	Surface-Water Availability Assessment	No Change
Higher Education Institute	Clemson 4-H Shooting Sports	Partners together to encourage participation in shooting sports by youth across the state.	No Change

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Higher Education Institute	Clemson University	Surface-Water Availability Assessment; Geologic Mapping - Piedmont; State Climate Office serves on an Advisory Committee, conducts webinars, workshops, meetings, collaborates on recruitment and retention of COCORAHS observers and on projects to assist stakeholders; grant to provide conservation plans for animal facilities; conducts projects on behalf of SCDNR	No Change
Higher Education Institute	Clemson University PSA	Cooperate on field days and workshops	No Change
Higher Education Institute	Coastal Carolina University	Offshore Geologic Mapping; conducts projects on behalf of SCDNR	No Change
Higher Education Institute	College of Charleston	Offshore Geologic Mapping; Graduate students and faculty work with marine staff on research projects	No Change
Private Business Organization	Commercial Fishing Organizations	Work collaboratively in sampling marine resources and in development of fishery legislation.	No Change
Non-Governmental Organization	Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow Network (CoCoRaHS)	Work together to recruit and retain weather observers	No Change

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Higher Education Institute	ECU - UNC Coastal Studies Institute	Offshore Geologic Mapping-Sand Resources	No Change
Non-Governmental Organization	Environmental Advocacy Groups	Provides funds and volunteers to assist SCDNR in protecting, constructing and maintaining important habitats and clean water	No Change
Federal Government	Federal Emergency Management Agency Region IV- Floodplain Management and Insurance Branch	Partner to provide guidance and grant oversight	No Change
Higher Education Institute	Furman University	Geologic Mapping - Piedmont	No Change
State Government	Georgia Environmental Protection Division	Surface-Water Availability Assessment	No Change
Non-Governmental Organization	Harry Hampton Memorial Wildlife Fund	Provides funding for recruitment and retention activities; SC Envirothon	No Change

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Private Business Organization	Industry	Provide climatological data, forecasts and products as needed and they serve on Drought Response Committee	No Change
State Government	N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission	Provides assistance with triploid trout	No Change
Professional Association	National Grazing Lands Coalition	Grazing and Soil Health Grant; requires State match	No Change
Federal Government	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)	The agency provides funds from competitive and formula grants; Collaborates in field and laboratory work; provides laboratory space and access to laboratory equipment; utilizes climatological data and products	No Change
Non-Governmental Organization	National Watershed Coalition	Assists with watershed issues and training for staff and directors	No Change
Non-Governmental Organization	National Wild Turkey Federation	Partners to increase youth participation in shooting sports and mentored hunting events across the state.	No Change

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Federal Government	Naval Weapons Station Joint Command	Cost share for Aquatic Nuisance Species Control	No Change
Local Government	Political Subdivisions (Counties, Municipalities, and Special Purpose Districts)	Collaborate with SCDNR on youth fishing events; When requested, provide assets (normally via a request from SLED) to assist with security details, and search and rescue; Provide Watercraft and Outboard Motor Title records for personal property tax assessment; provide public hunting and fishing areas through leases; Cost share for Aquatic Nuisance Species Control	No Change
Private Business Organization	Power Generation Facilities / Utility Companies	Provide climatological data, forecasts and products as needed and they serve on Drought Response Committee; Provide Lake Clearing and Land Support during Hostile Action/Radiological Events; Provide property through lease or MOU; Cost share for Aquatic Nuisance Species Control	No Change
Private Business Organization	Private Construction Companies	Provide materials for construction of offshore artificial reefs	No Change
Individual	Private Landowners	Provide public hunting and fishing areas through leases	No Change
Private Business Organization	Private Water Systems	Provide climatological data, forecasts and products as needed and they serve on Drought Response Committee	No Change

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Individual	Public Volunteers	Provide instruction, area for activities and operational support	No Change
Private Business Organization	Radio, Television and Newspaper Outlets	Work collaboratively to provide news items on natural resources to the public	No Change
Individual	Recreational Fishermen	Work cooperatively with MRD in providing fishery information, tagging fish, providing brood stock for stock enhancement programs, and raising funds for fishery-related projects	No Change
Professional Association	Regional Councils of Governments	Provide climatological data, forecasts and products as needed and they serve on Drought Response Committee	No Change
Federal Government	Regional Fishery Management Boards/Commissions	Boards and commissions facilitate interstate communication and management of migratory marine species	No Change
Non-Governmental Organization	S.C. Conservation Districts Foundation	SC Envirothon	No Change
State Government	S.C. Department of Agriculture	Provide climatological data, forecasts and products as needed and they serve on Drought Response Committee	No Change

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State Government	S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC)	Work collaboratively on management of shellfish, water quality sampling and habitat protection in the coastal zone; Surface-Water Availability Assessment, Groundwater Availability Assessment, Serve on Drought Response Committee; Provides information pertaining to Hazard Mitigation plans; Offshore Geologic Mapping-Sand Resources	No Change
State Government	S.C. Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism	Cost share for Aquatic Nuisance Species Control; provide study data	No Change
State Government	S.C. Department of Public Safety	Provide asset support when requested during any natural or manmade disaster	No Change
State Government	S.C. Department of Transportation	Coastal Plain Resource Mapping, Seismic Studies; Provide design and study information regarding roads and bridges	No Change
State Government	S.C. Emergency Management Division (EMD)	Provide support at EOC and Nuclear Facility Response Plans; Serve on Drought Response Committee; Provides information pertaining to Hazard Mitigation plans	No Change
State Government	S.C. Forestry Commission	Provide climatological data, forecasts and products as needed and they serve on Drought Response Committee	No Change

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Professional Association	S.C. Grazing Lands Coalition	Cooperate on field days and workshops	No Change
State Government	S.C. Public Service Authority (Santee Cooper)	Provide property through lease or MOU	No Change
State Government	S.C. Sea Grant Consortium	Serve on Climate Advisory Committee	No Change
Non-Governmental Organization	Santee Accord	Provides funding for production of American shad	No Change
Non-Governmental Organization	Scenic River Advisory Councils	Technical and administrative support	No Change
Local Government	Soil and Water Conservation Districts	Provide climatological data, forecasts and products as needed and they serve on Drought Response Committee; Technical and administrative assistance provided to each office; co-sponsor field days and workshops; S.C. Envirothon	No Change

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Non-Governmental Organization	South Carolina Interactive	Provides website for processing boat titling/registrations and hunting/fishing transactions.	No Change
Federal Government	Southeast Regional Climate Center	Utilize climatological data, products and expertise; serve on Technical Advisory Committee	No Change
Non-Governmental Organization	SouthEast Regional Network of Expertise and Collections	Provide study data	No Change
State Government	State Law Enforcement Division (SLED)	Provide asset support when requested during any natural or manmade disaster; support during Homeland Security missions/details	No Change
Non-Governmental Organization	The Audubon Society	Coastal Vulnerability Studies	No Change
Higher Education Institute	The Citadel	Conduct projects on behalf of DNR and through contracts	No Change
Non-Governmental Organization	The Nature Conservancy	Surface-Water Availability Assessment; Coastal Vulnerability Studies; Cost share for Aquatic Nuisance Species Control; provide study data	No Change

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Federal Government	U.S Department of the Interior - Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)	Provides formula funding for DNR programs, provides training; collaborates with protection of interstate resources and endangered/threated species; provides funding and technical support; provides property through lease or MOU; Coastal Vulnerability Studies; Provide Coastal Barrier Resource Act zones, Cost Share for Aquatic Nuisance Species Control; provides study data	No Change
Federal Government	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)	Provides funding and technical support; Water Demand Forecasting, Offshore Geologic Mapping; Surface-Water Availability Assessment	No Change
Federal Government	U.S. Coast Guard	Provide support to clear waterways during a disaster; provide port security; Provide coastal support/assets during any manmade or natural disaster.	No Change
Federal Government	U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary	Partners to promote boating education classes and promote boating safety	No Change
Federal Government	U.S. Department of Agriculture - Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)	Grant agreements to provide technical assistance to landowners; requires a State Match, grants to provide on-farm conservation plans; provide study data; cooperate on field days and workshops; S.C. Envirothon	No Change
Federal Government	U.S. Department of Energy	Offshore Carbon Sequestration	No Change

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Federal Government	U.S. Department of the Interior - National Park Service	Provides public fishing areas through lease	No Change
Federal Government	U.S. Forest Service (USFS)	Provide study data; Provides funding and technical support; provides property through lease or MOU; Geologic information - Coastal Plain	No Change
Federal Government	U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)	Groundwater Availability Assessment, Surface-Water Availability Assessment, Geologic Mapping-Piedmont and Coastal Plain, Utilize data and products; Provide study information	No Change
Higher Education Institute	UGA-Skidaway Oceanographic Institute	Offshore Geologic Mapping-Sand Resources	No Change
Higher Education Institute	University of South Carolina	Conduct webinars, workshops, meetings, and collaborate on projects to assist stakeholders. Provide forecast consultation for special events; conduct projects on behalf of DNR and through contracts; Coastal Plain Seismic Studies; Geologic Mapping - Piedmont and Coastal Plain	No Change
Non-Governmental Organization	Yawkey Foundation	Provides funding for SCDNR programs (Tom Yawkey Wildlife Center)	No Change

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Agreed-Upon Procedures Engagement		Annual report on financial transactions, reporting, and compliance.	May-24	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Available on another website	osa.sc.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/DNR-P24-Final.pdf	No Change	
Alligator Season Report		Alligator season harvest report	May 2026	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Available on the agency's website	https://www.dnr.sc.gov/wildlife/alligator/pdf/PublicAlligatorHuntingSeasonReport.pdf	No Change	
Bank Account Transparency	Proviso 117.82	All activity (debits and credits) in each composite account that is maintained outside the State's account system (SCEIS)	September 2024	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Electronic copy available upon request	Contact SCDNR Division of Administration - Director of Business and Finance	No Change	
Bobwhite Quail Brood Survey		Results of annual summer bobwhite quail brood survey	September 2025	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Available on the agency's website	https://www.dnr.sc.gov/hunting/smallgamesurveys/reports.html	No Change	
Bobwhite Quail Whistling Cock Census		Results from Annual Bobwhite Quail Whistling Cock Census.	August 2025	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Available on the agency's website	https://www.dnr.sc.gov/hunting/smallgamesurveys/reports.html	No Change	
Clean Vessel Act Coastal Final Report		Report outlining accomplishments of CVA construction and education	October 2025	Annually	Entity within federal government	Electronic copy available upon request	Contact SCDNR Marine Resources Division - CVA Program Coordinator	No Change	
Clean Vessel Act Inland Final Report		Report outlining accomplishments of CVA construction and education	October 2025	Annually	Entity within federal government	Electronic copy available upon request	Contact SCDNR Marine Resources Division - CVA Program Coordinator	No Change	
Closing Packages		Various types of financial data for the agency that is utilized by the CG's Office to prepare the State's ACFR	September 2025	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Electronic copy available upon request	Contact SCDNR Division of Administration - Director of Business and Finance	No Change	

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County Listing of Boats and Motors	12-28-2730(8)	Listing of all registered boats and titled motors in each county for them to calculate property taxes due for the previous year	August 2025	Monthly	Other	Electronic copy available upon request	Contact SCDNR Division of Administration - Information Technology Director	No Change	
Deer Antler Records		Annual report detailing deer antler records entered into the state's record list	August 2024	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Available on agency's website	https://www.dnr.sc.gov/wildlife/deer/2024DeerAntlerRecords.html	No Change	
Deer Harvest Report		Annual report detailing statewide and county deer harvest and hunter effort	July-24	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Available on agency's website	https://www.dnr.sc.gov/wildlife/deer/2023DeerHarvestReport.html	No Change	
Energy Report		Electric, natural gas and water consumption. Data is used to track progress meeting State Energy Plan goals.	September 2025	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Electronic copy available upon request	Contact SCDNR Division of Administration - Director of Business and Finance	No Change	
Fall Covey Count Surveys on Select WMA Tracts		Results of annual fall covey count surveys on SC Wildlife Management Areas	December 2025	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Available on the agency's website	https://www.dnr.sc.gov/hunting/smallgamesurveys/reports.html	No Change	
Final Technical Report for STATEMAP		Annual report detailing STATEMAP mapping results	June 2026	Annually	Entity within federal government	Electronic copy available upon request	Contact SCDNR LWC - State Geological Survey	No Change	
Fines and Fees Report	Proviso 117.73	All violation fines and fees that have been collected by the Department throughout the fiscal year	September 2025	Annually	Legislative entity or entities	Electronic copy available upon request	Contact SCDNR Division of Administration - Director of Business and Finance	No Change	
Fishery Management Compliance Report		Annual report detailing state's compliance with FMPs for: Red Drum, Shad and River Herring, Atlantic Croaker, Spiny Dogfish, Black Drum, Coastal Shark, American Eel, Weakfish, Spotted Sea Trout, Spanish Mackeral, Atlantic Sturgeon, Spot, Horse Shoe Crab, Menhaden, and Bluefish.	May 2026	Annually	Entity within federal government	Electronic copy available upon request	Contact SCDNR Marine Resources Division - Office of Fisheries Management Director	No Change	
Grant Financial Reports		All financial data (budget, revenue, expenditures, etc) related to a specific grant	September 2025	Quarterly	Entity within federal government	Electronic copy available upon request	Contact SCDNR Division of Administration - Director of Business and Finance	No Change	

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Hatchery and State Lakes Report		Report detailing all hatchery and state lakes activities	September 2025	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Electronic copy available upon request	Contact SCDNR Freshwater Fisheries Chief Office	No Change	
Horseshoe Crab Fishery and Management Program Compliance Report		Annual report detailing HSC monitoring by CRMS, SEAMAP and OFM	July 2025	Annually	Entity within federal government	Electronic copy available upon request	Contact SCDNR Marine Resources Division - Office of Fisheries Management Director	No Change	
Indirect Cost Recovery Proposal	2-65-70	Direct and indirect costs for department operations, allocation from the approved Statewide Cost Allocation Plan, and proposed Wildlife and Sportfish Restoration federal aid coordination for the coming FY. The proposal is used to determine a rate to apply allowable administrative costs to federal grants in a consistent, reasonable, and auditable manner.	February 2025	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Electronic copy available upon request	Contact SCDNR Division of Administration - Assistant Deputy Director	No Change	
InfoSec & Privacy Survey		Annual survey required providing information into agency information security compliance and infrastructure.	June 2026	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Electronic copy available upon request	Contact SCDNR Division of Administration - Information Technology Director	No Change	
License Certification	50 CFR 80	License sales data to be utilized by the Federal Government to determine our state's apportionment of federal dollars	September 2025	Annually	Entity within federal government	Electronic copy available upon request	Contact SCDNR Division of Administration - Assistant Deputy Director	No Change	
Other Funds Report	2-65-20	Report of fund balances in revenue accounts, explanation for revenue recorded by fund and General Ledger Account.	November 2025	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Electronic copy available upon request	Contact SCDNR Division of Administration - Assistant Deputy Director	No Change	
Purchasing Card Audits		Monthly review of purchases made utilizing purchasing cards.	June 2026	Monthly	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Electronic copy available upon request	Contact SCDNR Audits Manager	No Change	
Quail Hunter Survey Report		Results from the Annual Quail Hunter Survey	May 2026	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Available on the agency's website	https://www.dnr.sc.gov/hunting/smallgamesurveys/reports.html	No Change	
Rabbit Hunter Survey Report		Results from the Annual Rabbit Hunter Survey	May 2026	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Available on the agency's website	https://www.dnr.sc.gov/hunting/smallgamesurveys/reports.html	No Change	

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Report to SEAFWA Cervid Working Group		Deer Program report to the Southeast Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies Cervid Working Group	July 2025	Annually	Other	Electronic copy available upon request	Contact SCDNR Big Game Program Coordinator	No Change	
Report to the Southeast Deer Committee		Deer Program report to The Wildlife Society Southeast Deer Committee	June 2026	Annually	Other	Electronic copy available upon request	Contact SCDNR Big Game Program Coordinator	No Change	
Report to the Southeastern Cooperative Wildlife Disease Study Wildlife Heath Technical Group		Report to the Southeastern Cooperative Wildlife Disease Study on wildlife disease clinical cases and other disease related activities.	August 2025	Annually	Other	Electronic copy available upon request	Contact SCDNR Big Game Program Coordinator	No Change	
S.C. Small River Conservation Planning Project		Report on results of the project	June-22	Annually	Entity within federal government	Electronic copy available upon request	Contact SCDNR LWC - Scenic Rivers Program Manager	No Change	
Schedule of Expenditure of Federal Awards (SEFA)		All federal grant fund expenditures for the fiscal year	August 2025	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Electronic copy available upon request	Contact SCDNR Division of Administration - Director of Business and Finance	No Change	
Southeast Furbearer Resources Technical Committee Annual Status Report		Yearly summary to report status of furbearer resources in the state.	August 2024	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Electronic copy available upon request	Contact SCDNR Furbearer Project Leader	No Change	
Sportfish Restoration Annual Progress Report	50-13-1910	Accomplishments of work for projects funded through the Sport Fish Restoration Program	September-23	Annually	Entity within federal government	Electronic copy available upon request	Contact SCDNR Freshwater Fisheries Chief Office	No Change	
Statewide Single Audit		Annual audit of financial transactions, reporting, and compliance related to federal funds.	March 2025	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Available on another website	osa.sc.gov/reports	No Change	
Wild Turkey Harvest Report		Annual report detailing statewide and county wild turkey harvest and hunter effort	December 2025	Annually	Legislative entity or entities	Available on agency's website	https://www.dnr.sc.gov/wildlife/turkey/2024TurkeyHarvest.html#intro	No Change	
Wild Turkey Summer Survey		Annual report detailing reproductive parameters and other population indices in wild turkeys in SC.	October 2025	Annually	South Carolina state agency or agencies	Available on agency's website	Contact David Moscicki	No Change	

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SUBMISSION FORM

I have reviewed and approved the data submitted by the agency in the following templates:

- Data Template
  - Reorganization and Compliance
  - FY2026 Strategic Plan Results
  - FY2027 Strategic Plan Development
  - Legal
  - Services
  - Partnerships
  - Report or Review
  - Budget
- Discussion Template
- Organizational Template

I have reviewed and approved the financial report summarizing the agency's budget and actual expenditures, as entered by the agency into the South Carolina Enterprise Information System.

The information submitted is complete and accurate to the extent of my knowledge.

AGENCY DIRECTOR *(SIGN AND DATE)*:	**SIGNATURE ON FILE**	**Signature Received:** 09/16/2026
(TYPE/PRINT NAME):	Thomas S. Mullikin, PhD, JD, Director	

BOARD/CMSN CHAIR *(SIGN AND DATE)*:	**SIGNATURE ON FILE**	**Signature Received:** 09/16/2026
(TYPE/PRINT NAME):	Dr. Mark Hartley, Chairman, Natural Resources Board	