

TITLE 2: NATURAL RESOURCES  
DIVISION 1: MARITIME AND COASTAL RESOURCES

**§ 1531. Coastal Resources Management: Regulatory Powers.**

(a) The following agencies are designated as coastal resources management agencies:

- (1) The Department of Natural Resources;
- (2) The Department of Commerce and Labor;
- (3) The Department of Public Works;
- (4) The Division of Environmental Quality in the Department of Public Health and Environmental Services;
- (5) The Historic Preservation Office in the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs; and
- (6) The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation.

(b) The coastal resources management regulations published on August 26, 1980, and applicable on February 11, 1983, shall remain in force and effect until and unless modified by the coastal resources management regulatory agencies. Any modification of regulations shall be consistent with the coastal resources management policies in 2 CMC § 1511.

(c) The coastal resources management regulatory agencies are authorized to jointly establish and operate by regulation a coastal resources management program which provides for, at a minimum, a permit system, exemptions, variances, designation of future areas of particular concern, permitting of major projects outside the areas of particular concern, joint permit procedures, standards and priorities of land and water uses, and public participation.

(d) The coastal resources management regulatory agencies shall regularly review adopted regulations and adopt new regulations as necessary in accordance with the procedures contained in the Administrative Procedure Act [1 CMC § 9101 et seq.].

**Source:** PL 3-47, § 8, modified; amended by PL 7-3, §§ 1, 2.

**Commission Comment:** The coastal resources management regulations referred to in subsection (b) were published in 2 Com. Reg. 848 (Aug. 26, 1980).

With respect to the references to the “Department of Natural Resources,” the “Department of Commerce and Labor,” the “Department of Public Works,” and the “Department of Public Health and Environmental Services,” see Executive Order 94-3 (effective August 23, 1994), reorganizing the executive branch, changing agency names and official titles, and effecting other changes, set forth in the Commission comment to 1 CMC § 2001.