

**Notes from NR Task Force Meeting  
7/22/08**

**Efficiency**

Redefine Commissioner role as CEO and Deputy Commissioner as COO (2)

Minimize time of agency staff before legislative committees (5)

**Combine management of all state lands into (1) place / LMF too (14)**

Combine management of outdoor recreation into (1) place, connect with Office of Tourism (2)

Combine efforts to combat invasive species (SWAT team) (0)

Combine laboratory expertise and infrastructure (pilot private projects) (2)

Consolidate registration, ministerial licensing/permitting (2)

**Develop effective approach at joint marketing (20)**

Develop integrated approach to natural resource enforcement among wardens, rangers, LURC/DEP (2)

Combine biological expertise to develop ecosystem management (3)

Combine management of buildings real estate of all agencies > multi-service centers in the field/region (3)

Ensure GIS expertise is coordinated and consolidated where appropriate (0)

Review all ocean, coastal & marine programs & science to house in (1) place (1)

Consider benefits of combining services provided to farmers & fishermen (0)

**Focus on core missions (4)**

Centralization of needs agencies have (1)

Fewer regional offices/work out of home (0)

Obtain advice of retired CEO with experience in mergers (0)

**Routine licenses/permits done by (1) agency (or Secretary of State) (10)**

### **Coordination/Cooperation Across Agency Lines**

Entomologists, biologists, labs (0)

**Have personnel share buildings to enhance interaction/relationship (12)**

Have all of the agriculture functions down by Department of Agric. (0)

### **Integration of Functions**

Rivers managed under an integrated watershed approach (bridge IF&W and DMR) (1)

**1 agency managed public lands (9)**

### **Elimination of Duplication**

Remove duplication of management of solid waste between DEP/SPO (1)

**Central licensing bureau (8)**

Increase coordination/decrease duplication re: research & science (1)

### **New Organizational Configurations**

**Have 1 agency manage fish (Fresh water and marine) (8)**

Have 1 agency manage growing foods and trees (2)

**Have 1 agency manage commercial activities (private) (7)**

Have other agency manage public resources for public (0)

Combine DMR/IF&W (0)

Move coastal program to DMR (1)

Combine DOC/AG (0)

**Combine DMR Marine Patrol and IF&W Warden Service (4)**

**Dept of Agric. To include Forest & Aquaculture (19)**

- SPO – LMF > Public Lands (4)
- Coastal Program – DMR
- Waste Management/Recycling – DEP
- Flood Plain Management – DEP

### **Advances in Science & Technology**

GPS for field staff, integrated use of GIS technology (0)

Better utilize non-governmental entities ie; science & technology (2)

### **Other**

Change culture of agencies (3)

**Enhance information & Education programs > combine (4)**

Establish accountability for decisions (0)

Simplify & streamline rule-making procedures (0)

Eliminate citizen boards (2)

Reduce # of political appointees & reduce layers between field staff and commissioners (1)

Establish user fees to make programs self-sustaining (3)

Contract vehicle needs with a private fleet management company (1)

Greater role for Forest Rangers for search and rescue > enable Game Wardens to focus on enforcement (0)

Combine all agency vehicles & equipment > planes, boats, ATV's, Etc. (1)

Share legal expertise > one Legal Department for all (0)