

Executive Order 1999-07

(February 4, 1999)

WHEREAS, there is a need to bring together the principal agencies involved in the development and implementation of environmental policy at the State level to work on major environmental policy issues in a more coordinated, cooperative and comprehensive manner instead of a piecemeal, agency-by-agency approach; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the State of South Carolina need their state agencies to collaborate and cooperate fully to identify the major environmental issues facing the State of South Carolina;

NOW, THEREFORE, I hereby establish the Interagency Council on Natural Resources Policy (hereinafter referred to as "the Council"), which shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

To assist the Governor's Office and the General Assembly in identifying the major environmental issues facing the State for the purpose of assisting the Governor and the General Assembly in developing a comprehensive environmental policy; and

To prepare policies and reports on environmental issues at the direction of the Governor, such reports to include recommendations to the Governor, the General Assembly, and agency governing boards or commissions; and

To ensure that the affected agencies of State government collaborate and cooperate fully to handle priority environmental issues identified by the Governor and the General Assembly; and

On behalf of and with the participation of the participating agencies, to periodically assess and report to the Governor, the General Assembly and the citizens of the State of South Carolina on the state of South Carolina's environment; and

To develop action plans for the consideration of the Governor, the General Assembly and state agencies to address major environmental problems, issues, or needs identified during its deliberations.

It is further provided that the Council shall have the following voting members:

The Governor, or his designee; and

The Director of the Department of Health and Environmental Control, or his designee; and

The Director of the Department of Natural Resources, or his designee; and

The Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture, or his designee; and

The Director of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism; and

The State Forester.

It is further provided that the Council shall have the following non-voting members:

The Secretary of Commerce, or his designee; and

The Director of the Department of Revenue; and

The Executive Director of the Department of Transportation.

It is further provided that the Council shall select two non-voting advisory members from each of the following categories for one-year terms:

Environmental interest organizations; and

Scientists from the environmental programs or science departments from public universities in the State.

This Order shall take effect immediately