

NC Division of Coastal Management

NC Dept. of Environmental Quality

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Periodic Review of Existing Rules

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- Prior to 2013 rules did not expire
- 150B-21.3A requires 10-year review of most rules
- “Unnecessary” rule is one determined by an agency to be obsolete, redundant, or otherwise no longer required
- Unnecessary rules will expire

Initial Determination



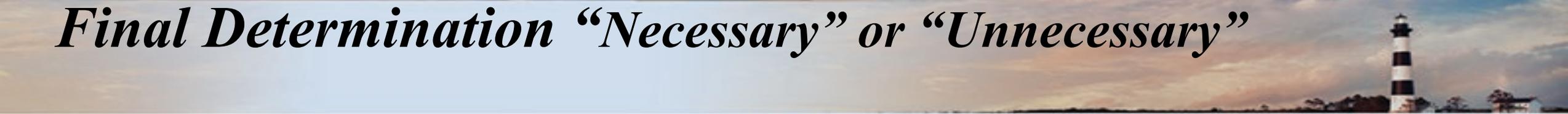
- First step is to examine each rule and classify as either “necessary” or “unnecessary”

DCM received reports from Office of Administrative Hearings for subchapters:

15A NCAC 07A
15A NCAC 07H
15A NCAC 07I
15A NCAC 07J
15A NCAC 07K
15A NCAC 07L
15A NCAC 07M

At your August 2025 meeting you approved the subject rules as necessary

Final Determination “Necessary” or “Unnecessary”



15A NCAC 07A Organization and Duties

15A NCAC 07H State Guidelines for AEC

15A NCAC 07I Grant Criteria and Procedures for Local Implementation and Enforcement

15A NCAC 07J Procedures for Processing and Enforcement of Major and Minor Development Permits, Variance Requests, Appeals from Permit Decisions, Declaratory Rulings, and Static Line

15A NCAC 07K Activities in AEC Which Do Not Require a Permit

15A NCAC 07L Local Planning and Management Grants

15A NCAC 07M General Policy Guidelines

Schedule



Action	Timeline
Initial Determination by Staff	August 27, 2025
CRC Approved Initial Determinations for Public Comment	August 2025 CRC meeting
Public Comment Period	Sept - Nov, 2025
Action to Approve Final Determinations Report	February 2026
Report due to OAH/RRC	June 20, 2026
Report becomes effective ~61 days or earlier if the JLAPOC meets	Late 2026