HOUSE BILL No. 5463

September 23, 2009, Introduced by Reps. Scripps, Warren, Lisa Brown, Roberts, Donigan, Smith, Bauer, Durhal, Valentine, Young, Kennedy, Leland, Haugh, Bledsoe, Liss, Meadows and Miller and referred to the Committee on Great Lakes and Environment.

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled

"Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending sections 1301, 30105, 30301, 30303, 30306, 30306b, 30311, 30312, 30317, 32512a, and 32513 (MCL 324.1301, 324.30105, 324.30301, 324.30303, 324.30306, 324.30306b, 324.30311, 324.30312, 324.30317, 324.32512a, and 324.32513), section 1301 as amended by 2008 PA 18, section 30105 as amended by 2006 PA 531, sections 30301, 30306, and 30312 as amended and section 32512a as added by 2003 PA 14, sections 30303 and 30311 as added by 1995 PA 59, section 30306b as added by 2006 PA 435, section 30317 as amended by 1998 PA 228, and section 32513 as amended by 2008 PA 276, and by adding sections 30303b, 30303d, 30305b, 30311b, 30311d, 30312b, 30312d, 30325, 30327, and 30329; and to repeal acts and parts of

acts.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

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Sec. 1301. As used in this part:

2 (a) "Application period" means the period beginning when an
3 application for a permit is received by the state and ending when
4 the application is considered to be administratively complete under
5 section 1305 and any applicable fee has been paid.

6 (b) "Department" means the department, agency, or officer
7 authorized by this act to approve or deny an application for a
8 particular permit.

9 (c) "Director" means the director of the state department
10 authorized under this act to approve or deny an application for a
11 particular permit or the director's designee.

(d) "Permit" means a permit or operating license required by any of the following sections or by rules promulgated thereunder, or, in the case of section 9112, by an ordinance or resolution adopted thereunder:

16 (i) Section 3104, floodplain alteration permit.

17 (*ii*) Section 3503, permit for use of water in mining iron ore.

18 (*iii*) Section 4105, sewerage system construction permit.

19 (*iv*) Section 6516, vehicle testing license.

20 (v) Section 6521, motor vehicle fleet testing permit.

21 (vi) Section 8310, restricted use pesticide dealer license.

22 (*vii*) Section 8310a, agricultural pesticide dealer license.

23 (viii) Section 8504, license to manufacture or distribute24 fertilizer.

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(ix) Section 9112, local soil erosion and sedimentation control

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1 permit.

2 (x) Section 11509, solid waste disposal area construction
3 permit.

4 (xi) Section 11512, solid waste disposal area operating
5 license.

6 (xii) Section 11542, municipal solid waste incinerator ash
7 landfill operating license amendment.

8 (xiii) Section 11702, septage waste servicing license or septage
9 waste vehicle license.

10 (xiv) Section 11709, septage waste site permit.

11 (xv) Section 30104, inland lakes and streams project permit.

12 (*xvi*) Section 30304, state permit for dredging, filling, or

13 other activity in wetland. PERMIT INCLUDES AN AUTHORIZATION FOR A 14 SPECIFIC PROJECT TO PROCEED UNDER A GENERAL PERMIT ISSUED UNDER 15 SECTION 30312.

16 (xvii) Section 31509, dam construction, repair, removal permit.
 17 (xviii) Section 32312, flood risk, high risk, or environmental
 18 area permit.

19 (xix) Section 32503, permit for dredging and filling20 bottomland.

21 (xx) Section 35304, department permit for critical dune area
22 use.

23 (*xxi*) Section 36505, endangered species permit.

24 (xxii) Section 41702, game bird hunting preserve license.

25 (xxiii) Section 42101, dog training area permit.

26 (xxiv) Section 42501, fur dealer's license.

27 (*xxv*) Section 42702, game dealer's license.

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(xxvi) Section 44513, charter boat operating permit under
 reciprocal agreement.

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(xxvii) Section 44517, boat livery operating permit. 3 (xxviii) Section 45503, permit to take frogs for scientific use. 4 5 (xxix) Section 45902, game fish propagation license. (xxx) Section 45906, game fish import license. 6 7 (xxxi) Section 61525, oil or gas well drilling permit. (xxxii) Section 62509, brine, storage, or waste disposal well 8 9 drilling or conversion permit or test well drilling permit. 10 (xxxiii) Section 63103a, metallic mineral mining permit. 11 (xxxiv) Section 63514 or 63525, surface coal mining and 12 reclamation permit or revision of the permit during the term of the 13 permit, respectively. (xxxv) Section 63704, sand dune mining permit. 14 15 (xxxvi) Section 72108, use permits for Michigan trailway. (xxxvii) Section 76109, sunken aircraft or watercraft abandoned 16 17 property recovery permit. (xxxviii) Section 76504, Mackinac Island motor vehicle and land 18 19 use permits. 20 (xxxix) Section 80159, buoy or beacon permit. 21 (e) "Processing deadline" means the last day of the processing 22 period. (f) "Processing period" means the following time period after 23 the close of the application period, for the following permit, as 24 25 applicable: (i) Twenty days for a permit under section 61525 or 62509. 26

27 (*ii*) Thirty days for a permit under section 9112.

(*iii*) Thirty days after the department consults with the
 underwater salvage and preserve committee created under section
 76103, for a permit under section 76109.

4 (*iv*) Sixty days, for a permit under section 30104 for a minor
5 project as established by rule under section 30105(7) or for a
6 permit under section 32312.

7 (v) Sixty days or, if a hearing is held, 90 days for a permit
8 under section 35304.

9 (vi) Sixty days or, if a hearing is held, 120 days for a permit
10 under section 30104, other than a permit for a minor project as
11 established by rule under section 30105(7), or for a permit under
12 section 31509.

(vii) Ninety days for a permit under section 11512, a revision
of a surface coal mining and reclamation permit during the term of
the permit under section 63525, or a permit under section 72108.

16 (viii) Ninety days or, if a hearing is held, 150 days for a
17 permit under section 3104, 30304, or 32503 OR AN AUTHORIZATION FOR
18 A SPECIFIC PROJECT TO PROCEED UNDER A GENERAL PERMIT ISSUED UNDER
19 SECTION 30312.

20 (*ix*) One hundred and twenty days for a permit under section
21 11509, 11542, 63103a, 63514, or 63704.

(x) One hundred fifty days for a permit under section 36505.
However, if a site inspection or federal approval is required, the
150-day period is tolled pending completion of the inspection or
receipt of the federal approval.

26 (xi) For any other permit, 150 days or, if a hearing is held,
27 90 days after the hearing, whichever is later.

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Sec. 30105. (1) The department shall post on its website all
 of the following under this part:

- (a) A list of pending applications.
- 4 (b) Public notices.

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5 (c) Public hearing schedules.

6 (2) The department may hold a public hearing on pending7 applications.

8 (3) Except as otherwise provided in this section, upon receiving an application, the department shall submit copies for 9 review to the director of the department of community health or the 10 11 local health department designated by the director of the 12 department of community health, to the city, village, or township and the county where the project is to be located, to the local 13 14 conservation district, to the watershed council established under part 311, if any, to the local port commission, if any, and to the 15 16 persons required to be included in the application pursuant to 17 section 30104(1). Each copy of the application shall be accompanied by a statement that unless a written request is filed with the 18 19 department within 20 days after the submission for review, the 20 department may grant the application without a public hearing where 21 the project is located. The department may hold a public hearing 22 upon the written request of the applicant or a riparian owner or a 23 person or governmental unit that is entitled to receive a copy of 24 the application pursuant to this subsection.

(4) After completion of a project for which an application is
approved, the department may cause a final inspection to be made
and certify to the applicant that the applicant has complied with

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1 the department's permit requirements.

2 (5) At least 10 days' notice of a hearing to be held under
3 this section shall be given by publication in a newspaper
4 circulated in the county where the project is to be located, to the
5 person requesting the hearing, and to the persons and governmental
6 units that are entitled to receive a copy of the application
7 pursuant to subsection (3).

8 (6) In an emergency, the department may issue a conditional
9 permit before the expiration of the 20-day period referred to in
10 subsection (3).

11 (7) The AFTER PROVIDING NOTICE AND AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A PUBLIC 12 HEARING, THE department , by rule, may SHALL establish minor 13 project categories of activities and projects that are similar in 14 nature, and have minimal adverse environmental impact EFFECTS WHEN PERFORMED SEPARATELY, AND WILL HAVE ONLY MINIMAL CUMULATIVE ADVERSE 15 16 EFFECTS ON THE ENVIRONMENT. The department may act upon an 17 application received pursuant to section 30104 for an activity or 18 project within a minor project category without providing notices 19 or holding a public hearing NOTICE pursuant to subsection (3). A 20 final inspection or certification of a project completed under a 21 permit granted pursuant to this subsection is not required, but all 22 ALL other provisions of this part, EXCEPT PROVISIONS APPLICABLE 23 ONLY TO GENERAL PERMITS, are applicable to a minor project. 24 (8) The department, after notice and an opportunity for a 25 public hearing, may SHALL issue general permits on a statewide 26 basis or within a local unit of government for projects that are

27 similar in nature, that will cause only minimal adverse

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1 environmental impacts EFFECTS when performed separately, and that 2 will only have minimal cumulative adverse impact EFFECTS on the environment. BEFORE AUTHORIZING A SPECIFIC PROJECT TO PROCEED UNDER 3 4 A GENERAL PERMIT, THE DEPARTMENT MAY PROVIDE NOTICE PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (3) BUT SHALL NOT HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING AND SHALL NOT 5 TYPICALLY REQUIRE A SITE INSPECTION. A general permit issued under 6 this subsection shall not be valid for more than 5 years. Among the 7 activities the department may consider for general permit 8 eligibility under this subsection are the following: 9

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(a) The removal of qualifying small dams.

(b) The maintenance or repair of an existing pipeline, if the pipeline is maintained or repaired in a manner to assure ENSURE that any adverse impact EFFECTS on the lake or stream will be minimized.

(9) The department may issue, deny, or impose conditions on project activities authorized under a minor project category or a general permit if the conditions are designed to remove an impairment to the lake or stream, to mitigate the impact EFFECTS of the project, or to otherwise improve water quality. The department may also establish a reasonable time when the proposed project is to be completed or terminated.

(10) If the department determines that activity in a proposed project, although within a minor project category or a general permit, is likely to cause more than minimal adverse environmental <u>impacts EFFECTS</u>, the department may require that the application be processed according to subsection (3) and reviewed for compliance with section 30106.

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(11) As used in this section, "qualifying small dam" means a
 dam that meets all of the following conditions:

- 3 (a) The height of the dam is less than 2 feet.
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(b) The impoundment from the dam covers less than 2 acres.

5 (c) The dam does not serve as the first dam upstream from the6 Great Lakes or their connecting waterways.

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(d) The dam is not serving as a sea lamprey barrier.

8 (e) There are no threatened or endangered species that have
9 been identified in the area that will be impacted AFFECTED by the
10 project.

(f) There are no known areas of contaminated sediments in the
area that will be impacted AFFECTED by the project.

(g) The department has received written permission for the removal of the dam from all riparian property owners adjacent to the dam's impoundment.

16 Sec. 30301. (1) As used in this part:

17 (a) "Beach" means the area landward of the shoreline of the18 Great Lakes as the term shoreline is defined in section 32301.

(b) "Beach maintenance activities" means any of the following
in the area of Great Lakes bottomlands lying below the ordinary
high-water mark and above the water's edge:

22 (*i*) Manual or mechanized leveling of sand.

23 (*ii*) Mowing of vegetation.

24 (*iii*) Manual de minimis removal of vegetation.

25 (*iv*) Grooming of soil.

26 (v) Construction and maintenance of a path.

27 (C) "COUNCIL" MEANS THE WETLAND ADVISORY COUNCIL CREATED IN

1 SECTION 30329.

2 (D) (c) "Debris" means animal or fish carcasses, zebra mussel
3 shells, dead vegetation, trash, and discarded materials of human4 made origin.

5 (E) (d) "Department" means the department of environmental
6 quality.

7 (F) (e)"Director" means the director of the department.

8 (G) "ENVIRONMENTAL AREA" MEANS AN ENVIRONMENTAL AREA AS
9 DEFINED IN SECTION 32301.

10 (H) "EXCEPTIONAL WETLAND" MEANS WETLAND THAT PROVIDES PHYSICAL 11 OR BIOLOGICAL FUNCTIONS ESSENTIAL TO THE NATURAL RESOURCES OF THE 12 STATE AND THAT MAY BE LOST OR DEGRADED IF NOT PRESERVED THROUGH AN 13 APPROVED SITE PROTECTION AND MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE PURPOSES OF 14 PROVIDING COMPENSATORY WETLAND MITIGATION.

15 (I) (f)—"Fill material" means soil, rocks, sand, waste of any 16 kind, or any other material that displaces soil or water or reduces 17 water retention potential.

18 (g) "Environmental area" means an environmental area as 19 defined in section 32301.

(J) (h) "Grooming of soil" means raking or dragging, pushing, or pulling metal teeth through the top 4 inches of soil without disturbance of or destruction to plant roots, for the purpose of removing debris.

(K) "LANDSCAPE LEVEL WETLAND ASSESSMENT" MEANS THE USE OF
AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS, MAPS, AND OTHER REMOTELY SENSED INFORMATION TO
PREDICT AND EVALUATE WETLAND CHARACTERISTICS AND FUNCTIONS IN THE
CONTEXT OF ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

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(i) THE WETLAND'S LANDSCAPE POSITION AND HYDROLOGIC
 CHARACTERISTICS.

3 4 (ii) THE SURROUNDING LANDSCAPE.

(*iii*) THE HISTORIC EXTENT AND CONDITION OF THE WETLAND.

5 (1) (i) "Leveling of sand" means the relocation of sand within
6 areas being leveled that are predominantly free of vegetation,
7 including the redistribution, grading, and spreading of sand that
8 has been deposited through wind or wave action onto upland riparian
9 property.

10 (M) (j) "Minor drainage" includes ditching and tiling for the 11 removal of excess soil moisture incidental to the planting, 12 cultivating, protecting, or harvesting of crops or improving the 13 productivity of land in established use for agriculture, 14 horticulture, silviculture, or lumbering.

15 (N) (k) "Mowing of vegetation" means the cutting of vegetation
16 to a height of not less than 2 inches, without disturbance of soil
17 or plant roots.

(O) "NATIONWIDE PERMIT" MEANS A NATIONWIDE PERMIT ISSUED BY 18 19 THE UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS UNDER 72 FR 11091 TO 11198 (MARCH 12, 2007), INCLUDING ALL GENERAL CONDITIONS, REGIONAL 20 CONDITIONS, AND CONDITIONS IMPOSED BY THIS STATE PURSUANT TO A 21 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION UNDER SECTION 401 OF TITLE IV OF THE 22 FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT, 33 USC 1341, OR A COASTAL ZONE 23 MANAGEMENT CONSISTENCY DETERMINATION UNDER SECTION 307 OF THE 24 COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT ACT OF 1972, 16 USC 1456. 25

26 (P) (*l*)—"Ordinary high-water mark" means that term as it is
 27 defined—THE ORDINARY HIGH-WATER MARK AS SPECIFIED in section 32502.

(Q) (m)—"Path" means a temporary access walkway from the
 upland riparian property directly to the shoreline across swales
 with standing water, not exceeding 6 feet in bottom width and
 consisting of sand and pebbles obtained from the exposed,
 nonvegetated bottomlands or from the upland riparian property.

6 (R) (n) "Person" means an individual, sole proprietorship,
7 partnership, corporation, association, municipality, this state, an
8 instrumentality or agency of this state, the federal government, an
9 instrumentality or agency of the federal government, or other legal
10 entity.

(S) "RAPID WETLAND ASSESSMENT" MEANS A METHOD FOR GENERALLY
 ASSESSING THE FUNCTIONS, VALUES, AND CONDITION OF INDIVIDUAL
 WETLANDS BASED ON EXISTING DATA AND FIELD INDICATORS.

14 (T) (o) "Removal of vegetation" means the manual or mechanized 15 removal of vegetation, other than the manual de minimis removal of 16 vegetation.

17 (U) "WATER DEPENDENT" MEANS REQUIRING ACCESS OR PROXIMITY TO
18 OR SITING WITHIN AN AQUATIC SITE TO FULFILL ITS BASIC PURPOSE.

19 (V) (p)—"Wetland" means land characterized by the presence of 20 water at a frequency and duration sufficient to support, and that 21 under normal circumstances does support, wetland vegetation or 22 aquatic life, and is commonly referred to as a bog, swamp, or 23 marsh, and which is any of the following:

24 (i) Contiguous to the Great Lakes or Lake St. Clair, an inland
25 lake or pond, or a river or stream.

26 (*ii*) Not contiguous to the Great Lakes, an inland lake or pond,
27 or a river or stream; and more than 5 acres in size. ; except this

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1 subparagraph shall not be of effect, except for the purpose of

2 inventorying, in counties of less than 100,000 population until the

3 department certifies to the commission it has substantially

4 completed its inventory of wetlands in that county.

5 (iii) Not contiguous to the Great Lakes, an inland lake or pond, or a river or stream; and 5 acres or less in size if the department 6 determines that protection of the area is essential to the 7 preservation of the natural resources of the state from pollution, 8 9 impairment, or destruction and the department has so notified the owner. ; except this subparagraph may be utilized regardless of 10 11 wetland size in a county in which subparagraph (ii) is of no effect; 12 except for the purpose of inventorying, at the time.

(2) THE DEPARTMENT AND LOCAL UNITS OF GOVERNMENT SHALL APPLY
THE TECHNICAL WETLAND DELINEATION STANDARDS SET FORTH IN THE U.S.
ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS JANUARY 1987 WETLAND DELINEATION MANUAL,
TECHNICAL REPORT Y-87-1, AND APPROPRIATE REGIONAL U.S. ARMY CORPS
OF ENGINEERS SUPPLEMENTS, IN IDENTIFYING WETLAND BOUNDARIES UNDER
THIS PART, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, SECTION 30307.

19 Sec. 30303. (1) The department may enter into an agreement to 20 make contracts with the federal government, other state agencies, 21 local units of government, private agencies, or persons for the 22 purposes of making studies for the efficient preservation, 23 management, protection, and use of wetland resources. A study shall 24 be available as a public record for distribution at cost as provided in section 4 of the freedom of information act, Act No. 25 26 442 of the Public Acts of 1976, being section 15.234 of the 27 Michigan Compiled Laws 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.234.

1 (2) WITHIN 180 DAYS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE 2009 2 AMENDATORY ACT THAT ADDED THIS SUBSECTION, THE COMMISSION OF 3 AGRICULTURE IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL 4 QUALITY SHALL IDENTIFY AT LEAST 2,500 ACRES OF LAND SUITABLE FOR 5 CRANBERRY PRODUCTION ACTIVITIES. PRIORITY SHALL BE GIVEN TO UPLAND 6 SITES, SITES THAT HAVE BEEN DRAINED FOR AGRICULTURAL USE AND ARE NO LONGER WETLAND, AND SITES THAT HAVE BEEN DRAINED FOR AGRICULTURAL 7 USE AND CONTINUE TO BE WETLAND. THE DEPARTMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT 8 9 OF AGRICULTURE SHALL MAKE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC A MAP OF THE 10 AREAS IDENTIFIED AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION. THE MAP IS FOR 11 INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES AND DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A REGULATORY 12 DETERMINATION FOR PURPOSES OF THIS PART.

(3) AFTER 2,000 ACRES OF SITES IDENTIFIED UNDER SUBSECTION (2)
HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED FOR CRANBERRY PRODUCTION ACTIVITIES, AT LEAST
AN ADDITIONAL 2,500 ACRES SHALL BE IDENTIFIED AS PROVIDED IN
SUBSECTION (2).

17 SEC. 30303B. (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL IMPLEMENT A PILOT 18 PROGRAM TO FACILITATE THE ROLE OF LOCAL UNITS OF GOVERNMENT, 19 CONSERVATION DISTRICTS, NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, AND WETLAND 20 PROFESSIONALS IN ASSISTING PERSONS SEEKING SUCH ASSISTANCE WITH 21 COMPLETING PERMIT APPLICATIONS, AVOIDING AND MINIMIZING IMPACTS 22 FROM A PROPOSED PROJECT, USING BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES IN A 23 PROPOSED PROJECT, AND OTHERWISE COMPLYING WITH THIS PART. THE GOALS 24 OF THE PILOT PROGRAM INCLUDE INCREASING THE EFFICIENCY OF THE 25 PERMITTING PROCESS THROUGH BETTER UTILIZATION OF ALL AVAILABLE 26 RESOURCES, INCLUDING DEPARTMENT STAFF, WHILE PROTECTING THE WETLAND 27 OF THIS STATE. THE PILOT PROGRAM SHALL NOT AFFECT THE DEPARTMENT'S

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1 AUTHORITY TO MAKE REGULATORY DECISIONS IN ANY WAY.

2 (2) WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE AMENDATORY 3 ACT THAT ADDED THIS SECTION, THE DIRECTOR SHALL DESIGNATE AT LEAST 4 3 ENTITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PILOT PROGRAM, WITH THE GOAL OF 5 SELECTING AT LEAST 1 LOCAL UNIT OF GOVERNMENT, 1 CONSERVATION 6 DISTRICT, AND 1 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION. A PROPOSED DESIGNATION UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE POSTED ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE 7 FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT FOR AT LEAST 21 DAYS BEFORE THE 8 9 DESIGNATION IS MADE.

10 (3) BY APRIL 1, 2012, THE DEPARTMENT AND ENTITIES
11 PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAM UNDER SUBSECTION (2) SHALL REPORT TO
12 THE COUNCIL ON PROGRAM RESULTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FURTHER
13 REFINING THE PROGRAM.

14 (4) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012. 15 SEC. 30303D. (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL IMPLEMENT A PILOT PROGRAM FOR ASSISTING LOCAL UNITS OF GOVERNMENT AND PARTNERING 16 17 INDIVIDUALS OR ENTITIES IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF WETLAND MITIGATION 18 BANKS. THIS ASSISTANCE SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, 19 SUPPLYING MAPS OF POTENTIAL WETLAND RESTORATION AREAS FOR SITE 20 SELECTION, REVIEWING POTENTIAL SITES FOR MITIGATION BANKS, AND, IF 21 THE MITIGATION BANK SPONSOR IS A COUNTY WITH A POPULATION OF 22 500,000 OR MORE, EXPEDITING REVIEW OF CONCEPTUAL DESIGN PLANS.

(2) WITHIN 180 DAYS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE AMENDATORY
ACT THAT ADDED THIS SECTION, THE DIRECTOR SHALL DESIGNATE 2
COUNTIES WITH A POPULATION OF 500,000 OR MORE. THOSE COUNTIES, OR
MUNICIPALITIES AND PARTNERING INDIVIDUALS OR ENTITIES IN THOSE
COUNTIES, ARE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PILOT PROGRAM. A

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PROPOSED DESIGNATION UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE POSTED ON THE
 DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE FOR AT LEAST 21 DAYS BEFORE THE DESIGNATION IS
 MADE, FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT.

4 (3) BY APRIL 1, 2012, THE DEPARTMENT AND ENTITIES
5 PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAM UNDER SUBSECTION (2) SHALL REPORT TO
6 THE COUNCIL ON PROGRAM RESULTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FURTHER
7 REFINING THE PROGRAM.

(4) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012.

9 SEC. 30305B. (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONSIDER CONSTRUCTION OF
10 CRANBERRY BEDS, INCLUDING ASSOCIATED DIKES AND WATER CONTROL
11 STRUCTURES ASSOCIATED WITH DIKES, SUCH AS HEADGATES, WEIRS, AND
12 DROP INLET STRUCTURES, TO BE A WATER DEPENDENT ACTIVITY.

13 (2) THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH CRANBERRY
14 OPERATIONS ARE NOT CONSIDERED TO BE WATER DEPENDENT:

15 (A) THE CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS, DITCHES, RESERVOIRS, AND PUMP
 16 HOUSES THAT ARE USED DURING THE CULTIVATION OF CRANBERRIES.

17 (B) THE CONSTRUCTION OF SECONDARY SUPPORT FACILITIES FOR
18 SHIPPING, STORAGE, PACKAGING, PARKING, AND SIMILAR PURPOSES.

(3) THE DEMONSTRATION BY AN APPLICANT UNDER SECTION 30311 THAT
THERE IS NO FEASIBLE AND PRUDENT ALTERNATIVE TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF
CRANBERRY BEDS, INCLUDING DIKES AND WATER CONTROL STRUCTURES
ASSOCIATED WITH DIKES, IS NOT SUBJECT TO EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING
PRESUMPTIONS:

24 (A) THAT FEASIBLE AND PRUDENT ALTERNATIVES THAT DO NOT INVOLVE
25 A WETLAND ARE AVAILABLE.

26 (B) THAT A FEASIBLE AND PRUDENT ALTERNATIVE THAT DOES NOT
 27 AFFECT A WETLAND WILL HAVE LESS ADVERSE EFFECTS ON THE AQUATIC

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Sec. 30306. (1) Except as provided in section 30307(6), to
obtain a permit for a use or development listed in section 30304, a
person shall file an application with the department on a form
provided by the department. The application shall include all of
the following:

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(a) The person's name and address.

(b) The location of the wetland.

9 (c) A description of the wetland on which the use or10 development is to be made.

11 (d) A statement and appropriate drawings describing the12 proposed use or development.

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(e) The wetland owner's name and address.

(f) An environmental assessment of the proposed use or development if requested by the department. , which THE assessment shall include the effects upon wetland benefits and the effects upon the water quality, flow, and levels, and the wildlife, fish, and vegetation within a contiguous lake, river, or stream.

19 (2) For the purposes of subsection (1), a proposed use or 20 development of a wetland shall be considered as a single permit 21 application under this part if the scope, extent, and purpose of a 22 use or development are made known at the time of the application 23 for the permit.

24 (3) Except as provided in subsections (4) and (5), an
25 application for a permit submitted under subsection (1) shall be
26 accompanied by the following fee, AS APPLICABLE:

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(a) For a project in a category of activities for which a

1 general permit is issued under section 30312, a fee of \$100.00.

(b) For a permit for the removal of vegetation in an area that
is not more than 100 feet wide or the width of the property,
whichever is less, or the mowing of vegetation in excess of what is
allowed in section 30305(2)(p)(ii) UNDER A GENERAL PERMIT, in the
area between the ordinary high-water mark and the water's edge, a
fee of \$50.00.

8 (c) For a major project, including any of the following, a fee9 of \$2,000.00:

10 (i) Filling or draining of 1 acre or more of coastal or inland11 wetland.

12 (*ii*) 10,000 cubic yards or more of wetland fill.

13 (*iii*) A new golf course <u>impacting</u> **AFFECTING** wetland.

14 (*iv*) A subdivision *impacting* **AFFECTING** wetland.

15 (v) A condominium impacting AFFECTING wetland.

16 (d) For all other projects, a fee of \$500.00.

17 (4) A project that requires review and approval under this
18 part and 1 or more of the following is subject to only the single
19 highest permit fee required under this part or the following:

- **20** (a) Section 3104.
- **21** (b) Part 301.
- **22** (c) Part 323.

23 (d) Part 325.

24 (e) Section 117 of the land division act, 1967 PA 288, MCL25 560.117.

26 (5) If work has been done in violation of a permit requirement27 under this part and restoration is not ordered by the department,

the department may accept an application for a permit if the
 application is accompanied by a fee equal to twice the permit fee
 OTHERWISE required under this section.

4 (6) If the department determines that a permit is not required
5 under this part, the department shall promptly refund the fee paid
6 under this section.

7 Sec. 30306b. (1) If a preapplication meeting is requested in writing by the landowner or another person who is authorized in 8 9 writing by the landowner, the department shall meet with the person 10 or his or her representatives to review a proposed project or a 11 proposed permit application in its entirety. The preapplication 12 meeting shall take place at the department's district office for 13 the district that includes the project site or at the project site 14 itself, as specified in the request.

15 (2) Except as provided in this subsection, the request shall
16 be accompanied by a fee. The fee for a preapplication meeting at
17 the district office is \$150.00. The fee for a preapplication
18 meeting at the project site is \$250.00 for the first acre or
19 portion of an acre of project area, plus \$50.00 for each acre or
20 portion of an acre in excess of the first acre, but not to exceed a
21 fee of \$1,000.00. However, if BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING APPLY:

(A) IF the location of the project is a single family
residential lot that is less than 1 acre in size, there is no fee
for a preapplication meeting at the district office, and the fee
for a preapplication meeting at the project site is \$100.00.

26 (B) THERE IS NO FEE FOR A PREAPPLICATION MEETING FOR CRANBERRY
 27 PRODUCTION ACTIVITIES, WHETHER AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE OR PROJECT

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1 SITE. THIS SUBDIVISION DOES NOT APPLY ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2012.

2 (3) If the person withdraws the request at least 24 hours 3 before the preapplication meeting, the department may agree with 4 the person to reschedule the meeting or shall promptly refund the 5 fee and need not meet as provided in this section. Otherwise, if, 6 after agreeing to the time and place for a preapplication meeting, the person is not represented at the meeting, the person shall 7 forfeit the fee for the meeting. If, after agreeing to the time and 8 9 place for a preapplication meeting, the department is not 10 represented at the meeting, the department shall refund the fee and 11 send a representative to a rescheduled meeting to be held within 10 12 days of AFTER the first scheduled meeting date.

13 (4) Any written agreement provided by the department as a 14 result of the preapplication meeting regarding the need to obtain a 15 permit is binding on the department for 2 years from AFTER the date 16 of the agreement.

Sec. 30311. (1) A permit for an activity listed in section 30304 shall not be approved unless the department determines that the issuance of a permit is in the public interest, that the permit is necessary to realize the benefits derived from the activity, and that the activity is otherwise lawful.

(2) In determining whether the activity is in the public
interest, the benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue
from the proposal shall be balanced against the reasonably
foreseeable detriments of the activity. The decision shall reflect
the national and state concern for the protection of natural
resources from pollution, impairment, and destruction. The

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1 following general criteria shall be considered:

2 (a) The relative extent of the public and private need for the3 proposed activity.

4 (b) The availability of feasible and prudent alternative
5 locations and methods to accomplish the expected benefits from the
6 activity.

7 (c) The extent and permanence of the beneficial or detrimental
8 effects that the proposed activity may have on the public and
9 private uses to which the area is suited, including the benefits
10 the wetland provides.

(d) The probable impact EFFECTS of each proposal in relation
to the cumulative effect EFFECTS created by other existing and
anticipated activities in the watershed.

14 (e) The probable impact EFFECTS on recognized historic,
15 cultural, scenic, ecological, or recreational values and on the
16 public health or fish or wildlife.

17 (f) The size of the wetland being considered.

18 (g) The amount of remaining wetland in the general area.

19 (h) Proximity to any waterway.

20 (i) Economic value, both public and private, of the proposed21 land change to the general area.

(3) In considering a permit application, the department shall
give serious consideration to findings of necessity for the
proposed activity which have been made by other state agencies.

(4) A permit shall not be issued unless it is shown that an
unacceptable disruption will not result to the aquatic resources.
In determining whether a disruption to the aquatic resources is

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unacceptable, the criteria set forth in section 30302 and
 subsection (2) shall be considered. A permit shall not be issued
 unless the applicant also shows either of the following:

4 (a) The proposed activity is primarily dependent upon being5 located in the wetland.

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(b) A feasible and prudent alternative does not exist.

(5) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT A NEW GUIDANCE DOCUMENT FOR THE 7 EVALUATION OF FEASIBLE AND PRUDENT ALTERNATIVES WITHIN 1 YEAR AFTER 8 THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE 2009 AMENDATORY ACT THAT ADDED THIS 9 SUBSECTION. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP THE GUIDANCE DOCUMENT IN 10 CONSULTATION WITH INTERESTED PARTIES, INCLUDING THE COUNCIL. IN 11 12 DEVELOPING THE GUIDANCE DOCUMENT, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL INTERPRET RULES PROMULGATED UNDER THIS PART PERTAINING TO EVALUATION OF 13 FEASIBLE AND PRUDENT ALTERNATIVES TO NOT BE MORE RESTRICTIVE THAN 14 FEDERAL RULES. 15

(6) BEFORE THE GUIDANCE DOCUMENT UNDER SUBSECTION (5) TAKES
EFFECT, THE DEPARTMENT AND A PERMIT APPLICANT MAY AGREE TO AN
EXTENSION OF THE PROCESSING PERIOD SPECIFIED UNDER SECTION 1301 FOR
A PERMIT UNDER SECTION 30304 IF DEPARTMENT STAFF HAVE PROPOSED
DENYING THE PERMIT BECAUSE OF THE AVAILABILITY OF FEASIBLE AND
PRUDENT ALTERNATIVES. NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION 1307(1), THE
EXTENSION SHALL BE FOR NOT MORE THAN 45 DAYS.

23 SEC. 30311B. (1) A PERMIT ISSUED UNDER THIS PART SHALL NOT BE 24 VALID FOR MORE THAN 5 YEARS.

(2) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ESTABLISH A REASONABLE TIME WHEN THE
CONSTRUCTION, DEVELOPMENT, OR USE AUTHORIZED UNDER ANY PERMIT
ISSUED UNDER THIS PART IS TO BE COMPLETED OR TERMINATED.

1 (3) THE DEPARTMENT MAY IMPOSE ON ANY PERMIT OR AUTHORIZATION 2 UNDER A GENERAL PERMIT UNDER THIS PART CONDITIONS DESIGNED TO DO 3 ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

4 (A) REMOVE OR REDUCE AN IMPAIRMENT TO WETLAND BENEFITS, AS SET
5 FORTH IN SECTION 30302, THAT WOULD OTHERWISE RESULT FROM THE
6 PROJECT.

7 (B) IMPROVE THE WATER QUALITY THAT WOULD OTHERWISE RESULT FROM
8 THE PROJECT.

9 (C) REMOVE OR REDUCE THE EFFECT OF A DISCHARGE OF FILL 10 MATERIAL.

(4) THE DEPARTMENT MAY IMPOSE A CONDITION ON AN AUTHORIZATION
 UNDER A GENERAL PERMIT UNDER SUBSECTION (3) ONLY AFTER CONSULTATION
 WITH THE APPLICANT OR APPLICANT'S AGENT.

14 SEC. 30311D. (1) THE DEPARTMENT MAY IMPOSE AS A CONDITION ON
15 ANY PERMIT, OTHER THAN A GENERAL PERMIT, UNDER THIS PART A
16 REQUIREMENT FOR COMPENSATORY WETLAND MITIGATION. THE DEPARTMENT MAY
17 APPROVE 1 OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING METHODS OF COMPENSATORY WETLAND
18 MITIGATION:

19 (A) THE ACQUISITION OF APPROVED CREDITS FROM A WETLAND20 MITIGATION BANK.

(B) THE RESTORATION OF PREVIOUSLY EXISTING WETLAND. THE
 RESTORATION OF PREVIOUSLY EXISTING WETLAND IS PREFERRED OVER THE
 CREATION OF NEW WETLAND WHERE NONE PREVIOUSLY EXISTED.

(C) THE CREATION OF NEW WETLANDS, IF THE PERMIT APPLICANT
 DEMONSTRATES THAT ECOLOGICAL CONDITIONS NECESSARY FOR ESTABLISHMENT
 OF A SELF-SUSTAINING WETLAND ECOSYSTEM EXIST OR WILL BE CREATED.

27 (D) THE PRESERVATION OF EXCEPTIONAL WETLANDS.

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1 (2) IF COMPENSATORY WETLAND MITIGATION UNDER SUBSECTION 2 (1) (B), (C), OR (D) IS REQUIRED, A PERMIT APPLICANT SHALL SUBMIT A 3 MITIGATION PLAN TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR APPROVAL. IN APPROVING A 4 COMPENSATORY MITIGATION PLAN, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONSIDER HOW THE 5 LOCATION AND TYPE OF WETLAND MITIGATION SUPPORTS THE SUSTAINABILITY 6 OR IMPROVEMENT OF AQUATIC RESOURCES IN THE WATERSHED WHERE THE ACTIVITY IS PERMITTED. THE PERMIT APPLICANT SHALL PROVIDE FOR 7 PERMANENT PROTECTION OF THE WETLAND BENEFITS OF THE WETLAND 8 9 MITIGATION SITE. THE DEPARTMENT MAY ACCEPT A CONSERVATION EASEMENT 10 TO PROTECT WETLAND MITIGATION AND ASSOCIATED UPLAND.

(3) IF A PERMITTEE CARRIES OUT COMPENSATORY WETLAND MITIGATION
 UNDER SUBSECTION (1) (B), (C), OR (D) IN COOPERATION WITH PUBLIC
 AGENCIES, PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS, OR OTHER PARTIES, THE PERMITTEE
 REMAINS FULLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COMPENSATORY WETLAND MITIGATION.

15 (4) THE DEPARTMENT MAY REQUIRE FINANCIAL ASSURANCE TO ENSURE THAT COMPENSATORY WETLAND MITIGATION IS ACCOMPLISHED AS SPECIFIED. 16 17 TO ENSURE THAT WETLAND BENEFITS ARE REPLACED BY COMPENSATORY 18 WETLAND MITIGATION, THE DEPARTMENT MAY RELEASE FINANCIAL ASSURANCE 19 ONLY AFTER THE PERMIT APPLICANT OR MITIGATION BANK SPONSOR HAS 20 COMPLETED MONITORING OF THE MITIGATION SITE AND DEMONSTRATED 21 COMPLIANCE WITH PERFORMANCE STANDARDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH A SCHEDULE 22 IN THE PERMIT OR MITIGATION BANKING AGREEMENT.

23 Sec. 30312. (1) AFTER PROVIDING NOTICE AND AN OPPORTUNITY FOR 24 A PUBLIC HEARING, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH MINOR PROJECT 25 CATEGORIES OF ACTIVITIES THAT ARE SIMILAR IN NATURE, HAVE MINIMAL 26 ADVERSE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS WHEN PERFORMED SEPARATELY, AND WILL 27 HAVE ONLY MINIMAL CUMULATIVE ADVERSE EFFECTS ON THE ENVIRONMENT.

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1 THE DEPARTMENT MAY ACT UPON AN APPLICATION RECEIVED PURSUANT TO 2 SECTION 30306 FOR AN ACTIVITY WITHIN A MINOR PROJECT CATEGORY 3 WITHOUT HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING OR PROVIDING NOTICE PURSUANT TO 4 SECTION 30307(1) OR (3). A MINOR PROJECT CATEGORY SHALL NOT BE 5 VALID FOR MORE THAN 5 YEARS, BUT MAY BE REESTABLISHED. ALL OTHER 6 PROVISIONS OF THIS PART, EXCEPT PROVISIONS APPLICABLE ONLY TO 7 GENERAL PERMITS, ARE APPLICABLE TO A MINOR PROJECT.

8 (2) (1) The department, after notice and opportunity for a public hearing, may issue general permits on a statewide basis or 9 within a local unit of government for a category of activities if 10 11 the department determines that the activities are similar in 12 nature, will cause only minimal adverse environmental effects when performed separately, and will have only minimal cumulative adverse 13 14 effect EFFECTS on the environment. A general permit issued under this subsection shall be based on the requirements of this part and 15 the rules promulgated under this part, and shall set forth the 16 17 requirements and standards that shall apply to an activity authorized by the general permit. A GENERAL PERMIT SHALL NOT BE 18 19 VALID FOR MORE THAN 5 YEARS, BUT MAY BE REISSUED. 20 (2) The department may impose conditions on a permit for a use

21 or development if the conditions are designed to remove an

22 impairment to the wetland benefits, to mitigate the impact of a

23 discharge of fill material, or to otherwise improve the water

24 quality.

25 (3) The department may establish a reasonable time when the

26 construction, development, or use is to be completed or terminated.

27 A general permit shall not be valid for more than 5 years.

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(3) (4) A general permit under this section may be issued for
 the mowing of vegetation or the removal of vegetation in the area
 between the ordinary high-water mark and the water's edge. An
 application under this subsection may be submitted by a local unit
 of government on behalf of property owners within its jurisdiction
 or by 1 or more adjacent property owners for riparian property
 located within the same county.

(4) BEFORE AUTHORIZING A SPECIFIC PROJECT TO PROCEED UNDER A 8 GENERAL PERMIT, THE DEPARTMENT MAY PROVIDE NOTICE PURSUANT TO 9 SECTION 30307(3) BUT SHALL NOT HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING AND SHALL NOT 10 11 TYPICALLY REQUIRE A SITE INSPECTION. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE AN 12 AUTHORIZATION UNDER A GENERAL PERMIT IF THE CONDITIONS OF THE GENERAL PERMIT AND THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 30311 ARE MET. 13 HOWEVER, IN DETERMINING WHETHER TO ISSUE AN AUTHORIZATION UNDER A 14 GENERAL PERMIT, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOT CONSIDER OFF-SITE 15 ALTERNATIVES TO BE FEASIBLE AND PRUDENT ALTERNATIVES. 16

17 (5) IF THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES THAT ACTIVITY IN A PROPOSED
18 PROJECT, ALTHOUGH WITHIN A MINOR PROJECT CATEGORY OR A GENERAL
19 PERMIT, IS LIKELY TO CAUSE MORE THAN MINIMAL ADVERSE EFFECTS ON
20 AQUATIC RESOURCES, INCLUDING HIGH-VALUE AQUATIC HABITATS, THE
21 DEPARTMENT MAY REQUIRE THAT THE APPLICATION BE PROCESSED UNDER
22 SECTION 30307.

(6) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COORDINATE GENERAL PERMIT AND MINOR
 PROJECT CATEGORIES UNDER THIS PART AND PARTS 301 AND 325 CONSISTENT
 WITH NATIONWIDE PERMITS, AS APPROPRIATE.

SEC. 30312B. (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROPOSE NEW OR MAINTAIN
 EXISTING GENERAL PERMITS UNDER THIS PART EQUIVALENT TO THE

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FOLLOWING NATIONWIDE PERMITS, TO THE EXTENT APPLICABLE TO WETLAND,
 WITHOUT FURTHER LIMITATIONS:

- 3 (A) MAINTENANCE.
- 4 (B) SCIENTIFIC MEASURING DEVICES.

5 (C) SURVEY ACTIVITIES.

6 (D) OIL SPILL CLEANUP.

7 (E) MOIST SOIL MANAGEMENT.

8 (F) CLEANUP OF HAZARDOUS AND TOXIC WASTE.

9 (G) STORM WATER MANAGEMENT FACILITIES.

10 (H) PIPELINE SAFETY PROGRAM DESIGNATED TIME SENSITIVE
11 INSPECTIONS AND REPAIRS.

12 (2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROPOSE NEW OR MAINTAIN EXISTING 13 GENERAL PERMITS OR MINOR PROJECT CATEGORIES EQUIVALENT TO THE 14 FOLLOWING NATIONWIDE PERMITS, TO THE EXTENT APPLICABLE TO WETLAND, 15 BUT SUBJECT TO ADDITIONAL LIMITATIONS BASED ON BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES, ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS, OTHER STATUTES, AND OTHER AGENCY 16 17 CONSIDERATIONS AND FINDINGS THAT MAY BE ESTABLISHED BY THE 18 DEPARTMENT AFTER PROVIDING NOTICE AND AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC 19 COMMENT:

20 (A) OUTFALL STRUCTURES AND ASSOCIATED INTAKE STRUCTURES.

- 21 (B) MINOR DISCHARGES.
- 22 (C) UTILITY LINE ACTIVITIES.

23 (D) EXPANSION OF EXISTING CRANBERRY PRODUCTION ACTIVITIES.

24 (3) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROPOSE NEW OR MAINTAIN EXISTING

25 GENERAL PERMITS OR MINOR PROJECT CATEGORIES FOR THE FOLLOWING:

26 (A) TEMPORARY RECREATIONAL STRUCTURES.

27 (B) LINEAR TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS.

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1 (C) AQUATIC HABITAT RESTORATION, ESTABLISHMENT, AND

2 ENHANCEMENT ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING REVERSION OF TEMPORARY WETLAND3 RESTORATIONS.

- 4 (D) RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS.
- 5 (E) COMPLETED ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS.

6 (F) TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION, ACCESS, AND DEWATERING.

7 (G) CRANBERRY PRODUCTION ACTIVITIES.

8 (H) AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITIES.

9 (I) RESHAPING EXISTING DRAINAGE DITCHES.

10 (J) RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.

(4) WITHIN 180 DAYS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE AMENDATORY 11 12 ACT THAT ADDED THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PURSUE AN 13 AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS FOR THE CORPS TO ISSUE STATE PROGRAMMATIC GENERAL PERMITS UNDER SECTION 14 15 404(E) OF TITLE IV OF THE FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT, 33 16 USC 1344, FOR ACTIVITIES IN WATERS OVER WHICH THE CORPS RETAINS JURISDICTION UNDER SECTION 10 OF THE RIVERS AND HARBORS 17 18 APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 1899, 33 USC 403.

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(5) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012.

20 SEC. 30312D. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP A PROGRAM TO 21 FACILITATE ECOLOGICALLY RESPONSIBLE VOLUNTARY WETLAND RESTORATION 22 AND ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS IN COORDINATION WITH STATE, FEDERAL, 23 TRIBAL, AND NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS SPECIALIZING IN WETLAND 24 RESTORATION AND CONSERVATION. THE PROGRAM SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE 25 LIMITED TO, ENHANCING COORDINATION, CONSISTENCY, AND OPERATIONAL 26 PROCEDURES AND IMPROVING AND STREAMLINING THE PERMITTING PROCESS, 27 TO FACILITATE A NET GAIN IN WETLAND QUANTITY, QUALITY, OR BOTH.

Sec. 30317. (1) The civil fines collected under this part
 shall be forwarded to the state treasurer for deposit in the
 general fund of the state. The fees collected under this part shall
 be deposited in the land and water management permit fee fund
 created in section 30113.

6 (2) SUBSECTION (1) DOES NOT APPLY TO FINES OR FEES COLLECTED
7 UNDER AN ORDINANCE ADOPTED UNDER SECTION 30307(4).

(3) Subject to section 30113, the department shall expend 8 9 money from the land and water management permit fee fund, upon 10 appropriation, to support guidance for property owners and 11 applicants, permit processing, compliance inspections, and 12 enforcement activities under this part. Not more than 90 days after 13 the end of each state fiscal year, ending after 1997, the 14 department shall prepare a report describing how money from the 15 land and water management permit fee fund was expended during that fiscal year and an evaluation of the current statutory and 16 department rules, bulletins, and letters definition of a wetland 17 18 and any appropriate changes to that definition in the first report 19 submitted to the legislature under this section and shall submit 20 the report to the standing committees of the house of 21 representatives and the senate that primarily address issues 22 pertaining to the protection of natural resources and the 23 environment, and the appropriations committees in the house of 24 representatives and the senate. Other than civil fines and costs, 25 the disposition of which is governed by section 8379 of the revised 26 judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.8379, or criminal 27 fines, funds collected by a local unit of government under an

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ordinance authorized under section 30307(4) shall be deposited in
 the general fund of the local unit of government.

SEC. 30325. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PURSUE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE
UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY TO EXPAND THE
CATEGORIES OF DISCHARGES SUBJECT TO THE WAIVER FROM THE
REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 404(J) OF TITLE IV OF THE FEDERAL WATER
POLLUTION CONTROL ACT, 33 USC 1344, PURSUANT TO SECTION 404(K) OF
TITLE IV OF THE FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT, 33 USC 1344.

9 SEC. 30327. THE DEPARTMENT MAY PROVIDE CERTIFICATIONS UNDER
10 SECTION 401 OF TITLE IV OF THE FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT,
11 33 USC 1341.

SEC. 30329. (1) THE WETLAND ADVISORY COUNCIL IS CREATED WITHIN
THE DEPARTMENT. THE COUNCIL SHALL CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING:

14 (A) THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE. THE
15 DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT SHALL INVITE A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
16 UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
17 UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, AND A REPRESENTATIVE
18 OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE NATURAL RESOURCE
19 CONSERVATION SERVICE TO ALSO SERVE AS MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.

20 (B) THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES OR HIS
21 OR HER DESIGNEE.

(C) THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE OR HIS ORHER DESIGNEE.

24 (D) THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE SENATE MAJORITY25 LEADER:

26 (i) ONE INDIVIDUAL REPRESENTING A STATEWIDE ASSOCIATION OF HOME
27 BUILDERS.

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(*ii*) ONE INDIVIDUAL REPRESENTING A STATEWIDE CONSERVATION
 ORGANIZATION.

3 (*iii*) ONE INDIVIDUAL REPRESENTING A STATEWIDE ASSOCIATION OF
4 LOCAL UNITS OF GOVERNMENT.

5 (*iv*) ONE INDIVIDUAL REPRESENTING A STATEWIDE ASSOCIATION OF
6 MANUFACTURERS.

7 (E) THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE
8 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

9 (i) ONE INDIVIDUAL REPRESENTING A STATEWIDE ENVIRONMENTAL
10 PROTECTION ORGANIZATION.

11 (*ii*) ONE INDIVIDUAL REPRESENTING THE LARGEST GENERAL STATEWIDE
12 FARM ORGANIZATION.

13 (*iii*) ONE INDIVIDUAL REPRESENTING A STATEWIDE ASSOCIATION OF
14 REALTORS.

15 (*iv*) ONE DRAIN COMMISSIONER REPRESENTING AN ASSOCIATION OF
 16 COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONERS.

17 (F) THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR:

18 (*i*) ONE INDIVIDUAL REPRESENTING A WATERSHED ORGANIZATION.

19 (*ii*) ONE INDIVIDUAL REPRESENTING NATURAL GAS OR ELECTRIC
20 UTILITIES.

21 (*iii*) ONE INDIVIDUAL REPRESENTING A CONSERVATION DISTRICT.

22 (*iv*) ONE INDIVIDUAL REPRESENTING A STATEWIDE ASSOCIATION OF
23 BUSINESSES.

24 (v) ONE INDIVIDUAL REPRESENTING THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

25 (vi) A UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR WITH EXPERTISE IN WETLAND SCIENCE.

26 (vii) A WETLAND PROFESSIONAL WHO REGULARLY SUBMITS APPLICATIONS
27 FOR PERMITS AND OBTAINS PERMITS FROM THE DEPARTMENT.

(2) THE APPOINTMENTS TO THE COUNCIL UNDER SUBSECTION (1) SHALL
 BE MADE NOT LATER THAN 30 DAYS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE
 AMENDATORY ACT THAT ADDED THIS SECTION.

4 (3) AN APPOINTED MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL SHALL SERVE FOR A TERM
5 OF 3 YEARS. IF A VACANCY OCCURS ON THE COUNCIL, THE VACANCY SHALL
6 BE FILLED FOR THE UNEXPIRED TERM IN THE SAME MANNER AS THE ORIGINAL
7 APPOINTMENT. THE APPOINTING OFFICER MAY REMOVE A MEMBER OF THE
8 COUNCIL FOR INCOMPETENCE, DERELICTION OF DUTY, MALFEASANCE,
9 MISFEASANCE, OR NONFEASANCE IN OFFICE, OR ANY OTHER GOOD CAUSE.

(4) THE FIRST MEETING OF THE COUNCIL SHALL BE CALLED BY THE
DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT. AT THE FIRST MEETING, THE COUNCIL SHALL
ELECT FROM AMONG ITS MEMBERS A CHAIRPERSON AND ANY OTHER OFFICERS
THAT IT CONSIDERS NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE. AFTER THE FIRST
MEETING, THE COUNCIL SHALL MEET AT LEAST QUARTERLY, OR MORE
FREQUENTLY AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIRPERSON OR IF REQUESTED BY 2 OR
MORE MEMBERS.

17 (5) A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL CONSTITUTE A
18 QUORUM FOR THE TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS AT A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.
19 A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS PRESENT AND SERVING ARE REQUIRED FOR
20 OFFICIAL ACTION OF THE COUNCIL.

(6) THE BUSINESS THAT THE COUNCIL MAY PERFORM SHALL BE
CONDUCTED AT A PUBLIC MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD IN COMPLIANCE
WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT, 1976 PA 267, MCL 15.261 TO 15.275. A
WRITING PREPARED, OWNED, USED, IN THE POSSESSION OF, OR RETAINED BY
THE COUNCIL IN THE PERFORMANCE OF AN OFFICIAL FUNCTION IS SUBJECT
TO THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 TO
15.246.

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(7) MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL SHALL SERVE WITHOUT COMPENSATION.
 HOWEVER, A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL REPRESENTING THE DEPARTMENT OF
 NATURAL RESOURCES, THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, OR THE DEPARTMENT
 SHALL SERVE WITHOUT ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION.

5 (8) BY OCTOBER 1, 2010, THE COUNCIL SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO 6 THE GOVERNOR, THE DEPARTMENT, AND THE STANDING COMMITTEES AND 7 APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEES OF THE LEGISLATURE WITH PRIMARY 8 RESPONSIBILITY OVER ISSUES PERTAINING TO NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE 9 ENVIRONMENT. THE REPORT SHALL EVALUATE AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON 10 ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

(A) IMPROVING THE OVERALL EFFICIENCY OF THE PROGRAM UNDER THIS
PART, INCLUDING ALL OF THE FOLLOWING ASPECTS OF THE PERMIT
APPLICATION, REVIEW, AND DECISION-MAKING PROCESS:

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(*i*) THE QUALITY OF APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED.

(*ii*) THE EFFECT OF MANDATORY DECISION-MAKING TIME FRAMES ON
MEETING THE PURPOSES OF THIS PART, AND, IF APPROPRIATE, THE TIME
FRAMES THAT SHOULD APPLY TO DECISION-MAKING UNDER THIS PART.

18 (B) THE FEASIBLE AND PRUDENT ALTERNATIVE STANDARD UNDER
19 SECTION 30311 AND CONSISTENT APPLICATION OF THE STANDARD.

20 (C) THE POINT IN THE DEPARTMENT'S PROCESS OF DECISION-MAKING
21 ON A PERMIT APPLICATION AT WHICH THE POSSIBILITY OF MITIGATION
22 SHOULD BE CONSIDERED.

(D) ACTIONS NECESSARY TO ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT MEASURES
DETERMINED BY THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY TO
SUPPORT CONSISTENCY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 404 OF TITLE
IV OF THE FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT, 33 USC 1344, AS SET
FORTH IN "FINAL REPORT RESULTS OF THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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 QUALITY'S SECTION 404 PROGRAM", DATED MAY 2008.

3 (9) BY OCTOBER 1, 2012, THE COUNCIL SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO
4 THE GOVERNOR, THE DEPARTMENT, AND THE STANDING COMMITTEES AND
5 APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEES OF THE LEGISLATURE WITH PRIMARY
6 RESPONSIBILITY OVER ISSUES PERTAINING TO NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE
7 ENVIRONMENT. THE REPORT SHALL EVALUATE AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON
8 ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

9 (A) IMPROVING COORDINATION AND REDUCING DUPLICATION OF EFFORT 10 WITH THE UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS.

(B) POTENTIAL LONG-TERM CHANGES IN PROGRAM STRUCTURE,
12 INCLUDING ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

(i) SCIENTIFIC METHODS TO ACHIEVE MORE CONSISTENT AND ACCURATE
DETERMINATIONS OF WETLAND FUNCTIONS AND VALUES FOR REVIEWING
APPLICATIONS FOR PERMITS, WATERSHED PLANNING, CONSERVATION PLANS,
AND OTHER PURPOSES. THESE METHODS INCLUDE RAPID WETLAND ASSESSMENT
AND LANDSCAPE LEVEL WETLAND ASSESSMENT.

18 (*ii*) THE APPROPRIATE ROLE OF LOCAL UNITS OF GOVERNMENT AND
19 CONSERVATION DISTRICTS IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF THIS PART.

(*iii*) A CERTIFICATION PROCESS FOR WETLAND PROFESSIONALS. THE
 COUNCIL SHALL CONSIDER INFORMATION REPORTED UNDER SECTION 30303B IN
 EVALUATING AND MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS UNDER THIS SUBPARAGRAPH.

23 (*iv*) THE DEFINITION OF WETLAND AND WETLAND DELINEATION METHODS,
24 INCLUDING THE ROLE OF HYDRIC SOILS AS A FACTOR IN WETLAND

25 DELINEATION. IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS UNDER THIS SUBPARAGRAPH, THE 26 COUNCIL SHALL EVALUATE DIFFERENCES IN THE STATE AND FEDERAL WETLAND 27 PROGRAMS.

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(C) THE APPROPRIATE MEANS AND LEVEL OF PROGRAM FUNDING UNDER
 THIS PART.

3 (D) MINOR PROJECT CATEGORIES AND GENERAL PERMITS UNDER SECTION
4 30312B(1) TO (3).

5 (E) THE APPROPRIATENESS OF STATE PROGRAMMATIC GENERAL PERMITS 6 UNDER SECTION 404(E) OF TITLE IV OF THE FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT, 33 USC 1344, FOR ACTIVITIES IN WATERS OVER WHICH THE 7 CORPS RETAINS JURISDICTION UNDER SECTION 10 OF THE RIVERS AND 8 9 HARBORS APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 1899, 33 USC 403, AS A MEANS OF 10 REDUCING REGULATORY BURDENS FROM DUAL FEDERAL AND STATE REGULATION. 11 (F) THE PROMOTION OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF WETLAND MITIGATION 12 BANKS.

(G) WAYS FOR THE PUBLIC AND INTERESTED PARTIES TO ADVISE THE
 DEPARTMENT ON A CONTINUING BASIS CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATION AND
 ENFORCEMENT OF THIS PART.

16 (H) APPROPRIATE REGULATION OF THE SITING, CONSTRUCTION, AND
17 OPERATION OF CRANBERRY PRODUCTION ACTIVITIES, IN LIGHT OF THE
18 BENEFIT OF CRANBERRY PRODUCTION ACTIVITIES TO THE ECONOMY, THE
19 REGULATORY APPROACH OF OTHER STATES, AND OTHER FACTORS.

(10) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2013.

21 Sec. 32512a. (1) AFTER PROVIDING NOTICE AND AN OPPORTUNITY FOR 22 A PUBLIC HEARING, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH MINOR PROJECT 23 CATEGORIES OF ACTIVITIES THAT ARE SIMILAR IN NATURE, HAVE MINIMAL 24 ADVERSE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS WHEN PERFORMED SEPARATELY, AND WILL 25 HAVE ONLY MINIMAL CUMULATIVE ADVERSE EFFECTS ON THE ENVIRONMENT. 26 THE DEPARTMENT MAY ACT UPON AN APPLICATION RECEIVED PURSUANT TO 27 SECTION 32513 FOR AN ACTIVITY WITHIN A MINOR PROJECT CATEGORY

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WITHOUT PROVIDING NOTICE PURSUANT TO SECTION 32514. A MINOR PROJECT
 CATEGORY SHALL NOT BE VALID FOR MORE THAN 5 YEARS, BUT MAY BE
 REESTABLISHED. ALL OTHER PROVISIONS OF THIS PART, EXCEPT PROVISIONS
 APPLICABLE ONLY TO GENERAL PERMITS, ARE APPLICABLE TO A MINOR
 PROJECT.

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(2) (1) The department, after notice and opportunity for a 6 7 public hearing, may SHALL issue general permits on a statewide basis or within a local unit of government for a category of 8 9 activities if the department determines that the activities are 10 similar in nature, will cause only minimal adverse environmental 11 effects when performed separately, and will have only minimal 12 cumulative adverse effect EFFECTS on the environment. A general 13 permit issued under this subsection shall be based on the 14 requirements of this part and the rules promulgated under this part, and shall set forth the requirements and standards that shall 15 apply to an activity authorized by the general permit. BEFORE 16 17 AUTHORIZING A SPECIFIC PROJECT TO PROCEED UNDER A GENERAL PERMIT, THE DEPARTMENT MAY PROVIDE NOTICE PURSUANT TO SECTION 32514 BUT 18 SHALL NOT HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING AND SHALL NOT TYPICALLY REQUIRE A 19 20 SITE INSPECTION.

(2) A general permit issued under this section shall not be
 valid for more than 5 years, BUT MAY BE REISSUED.

(3) A general permit under this section may be issued for the
mowing of vegetation or the removal of vegetation in the area
between the ordinary high-water mark and the water's edge. An
application under this subsection may be submitted by a local unit
of government on behalf of property owners within its jurisdiction

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or by 1 or more adjacent property owners for riparian property
 located within the same county.

Sec. 32513. (1) Before TO OBTAIN A PERMIT FOR any work or
connection specified in section 32512, or 32512a is undertaken, a
person shall file an application with the department of
environmental quality setting forth ON A FORM PROVIDED BY THE
DEPARTMENT. THE APPLICATION SHALL INCLUDE ALL OF the following:
(a) The name and address of the applicant.

9 (b) The legal description of the lands included in the10 project.

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(c) A summary statement of the purpose of the project.

(d) A map or diagram showing the proposal on an adequate scale
with contours and cross-section profiles of the waterway to be
constructed.

15 (e) Other information required by the department. of
16 environmental quality.

17 (2) Except as provided in subsections (3) and (4), until
18 October 1, 2011, an application for a permit under this section
19 shall be accompanied by a fee according to the following schedule
20 FEE, AS APPLICABLE:

(a) For a project in a category of activities for which a
general permit is issued under section 32512a, a fee of \$100.00.

(b) For activities included in the minor project category as described in rules promulgated under this part and for a permit for the removal of vegetation in an area that is not more than 100 feet wide or the width of the property, whichever is less, or the mowing of vegetation in excess of what is allowed in section

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32512(2)(a)(ii) UNDER A GENERAL PERMIT, in the area between the

ordinary high-water mark and the water's edge, a fee of \$50.00.

(c) For construction or expansion of a marina, a fee of:

4 (i) \$50.00 for an expansion of 1-10 slips to an existing 5 permitted marina. 6 (ii) \$100.00 for a new marina with 1-10 proposed marina slips. 7 (iii) \$250.00 for an expansion of 11-50 slips to an existing permitted marina, plus \$10.00 for each slip over 50. 8 9 (iv) \$500.00 for a new marina with 11-50 proposed marina slips, plus \$10.00 for each slip over 50. 10 11 (v) \$1,500.00 if an existing permitted marina proposes 12 maintenance dredging of 10,000 cubic yards or more or the addition of seawalls, bulkheads, or revetments of 500 feet or more. 13 14 (d) For major projects other than a project described in subdivision (c)(v), involving any of the following, a fee of 15 16 \$2,000.00:

17 (i) Dredging of 10,000 cubic yards or more.

18 (*ii*) Filling of 10,000 cubic yards or more.

19 (*iii*) Seawalls, bulkheads, or revetment of 500 feet or more.

20 (*iv*) Filling or draining of 1 acre or more of coastal wetland.

(v) New dredging or upland boat basin excavation in areas ofsuspected contamination.

23 (vi) New breakwater or channel jetty.

24 (vii) Shore protection, such as groins and underwater
25 stabilizers, that extend 150 feet or more on Great Lakes
26 bottomlands.

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(viii) New commercial dock or wharf of 300 feet or more in

1 length.

2 (e) For all other projects not listed in subdivisions (a)
3 through TO (d), \$500.00.

4 (3) A project that requires review and approval under this
5 part and 1 or more of the following is subject to only the single
6 highest permit fee required under this part or the following:

- 7 (a) Part 301.
- 8 (b) Part 303.

9 (c) Part 323.

10 (d) Section 3104.

11 (e) Section 117 of the land division act, 1967 PA 288, MCL12 560.117.

(4) If work has been done in violation of a permit requirement under this part and restoration is not ordered by the department, of environmental quality, the department of environmental quality may accept an application for a permit if the application is accompanied by a fee equal to 2 times the permit fee OTHERWISE required under this section.

19 (5) The department of environmental quality shall forward all 20 fees collected under this section to the state treasurer for 21 deposit into the land and water management permit fee fund created 22 in section 30113.

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