



NHDES  
Wetland Program  
**Public Input Sessions**  
February – March  
2018





# Thank you

To all who assisted in the development of the draft rules, provided public comments, participated in workgroups and BMP review and revisions

# Topics Outline

1. Introduction
2. Background on Wetland Rules Process Initiative
3. A Rules Roadmap to Rule Changes
4. Next steps
5. Public Questions & Comments



# Wetlands Rules

## *Public Input Sessions*

Location	Address	Date and Time
Concord NHDES Headquarters	29 Hazen Drive, Concord - Auditorium	February 26 <sup>th</sup> 6-8 pm
Portsmouth NHDES Pease Field Office	222 International Drive, Suite 175	February 28 <sup>th</sup> 6-8 pm
Laconia City Hall	45 Beacon Street East	March 1 <sup>st</sup> 6:30-8:30 pm
Keene Public Library	60 Winter Street	March 5 <sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:30
Lancaster, North Country Resource Center	629B Main Street	March 7 <sup>th</sup> 5-7 pm

# Wetlands Program Rulemaking Anticipated Schedule

## Overall Schedule

February 2018 –  
April 20, 2018

Public Input  
Sessions &  
Receive Public  
Comments on  
draft rules

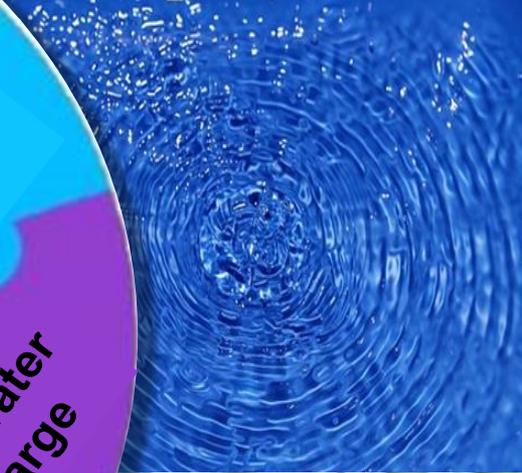
**We Are Here!**

Spring – early  
summer 2018

NHDES review of  
comments to  
determine next  
steps

**Goal:** Begin  
formal rulemaking  
in 2018

# RSA 482-A public purpose Wetland Function



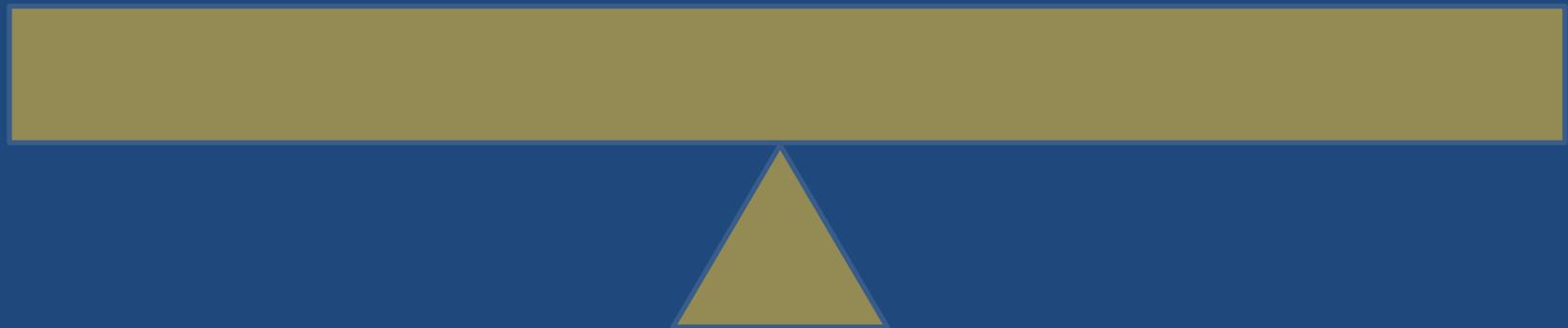
# NHDES role

- ✓ over 2,000 applications each year
- ✓ Wide range of activities & users
  - ❖ Logger to cut timber
  - ❖ Landowner to install a driveway
  - ❖ Road-agent to fix their culvert
  - ❖ Hiker to install a trail
  - ❖ Lake-front owner to install a dock
  - ❖ Developer to start or expand their business
  - ❖ NHDOT to expand a public highway

# Striking the Right Balance

**Aquatic  
Resource  
Protection**

**Permit  
impacts**

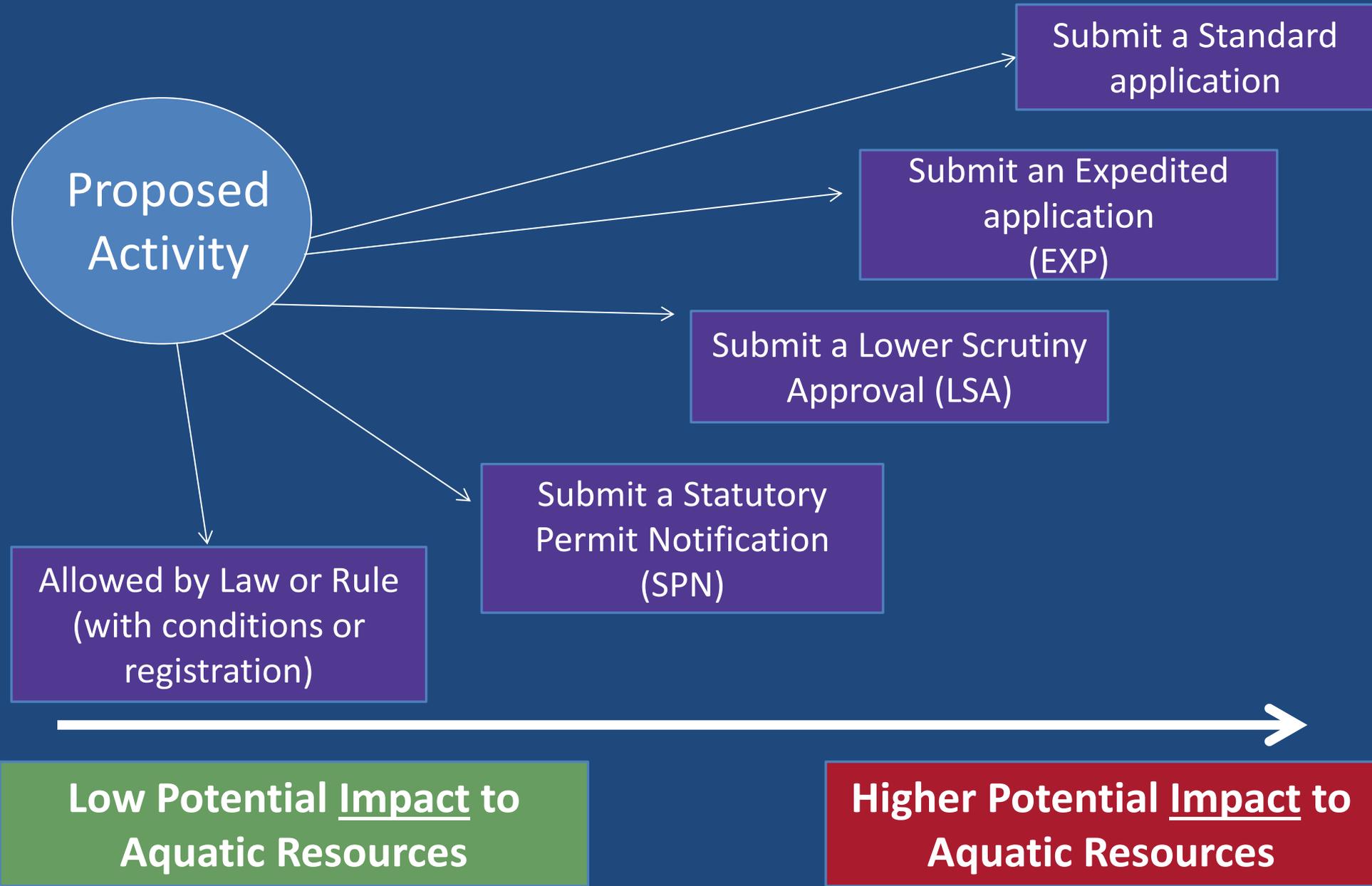


# Wetlands Program Rulemaking & Process Improvement Effort

## GOALS

- Enhance predictability and transparency
- Increase consistency and standardization
- Ensure scientifically-based decisions that are protective of New Hampshire's important natural resources

# Wetlands Permitting Processes



# NHDES Research & Discussion

Studied  
Process

Mapped  
wetland  
review  
process

Mapped new  
regulatory  
approach

30  
topics

scientific  
literature/  
current  
practice/other  
states & federal

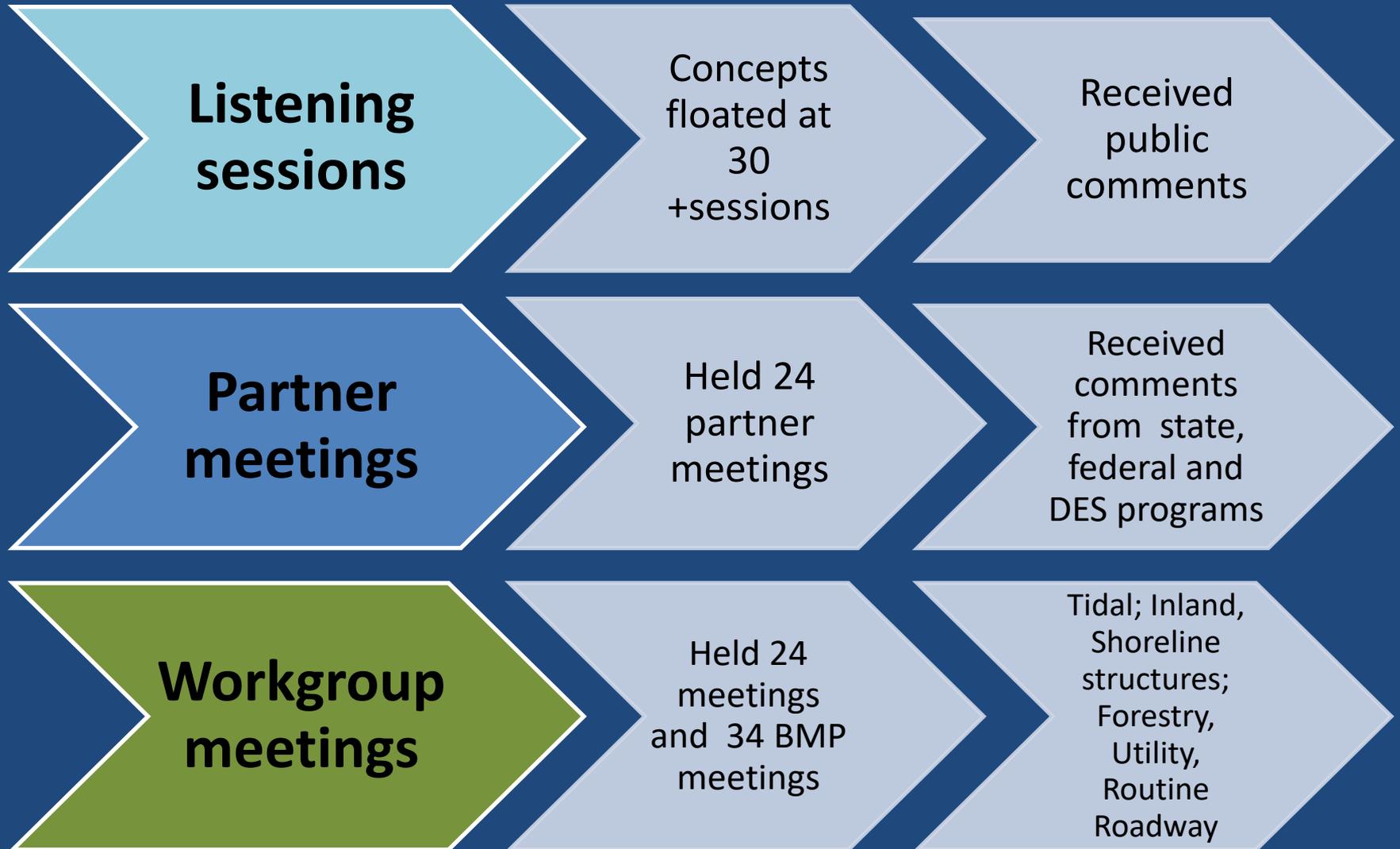
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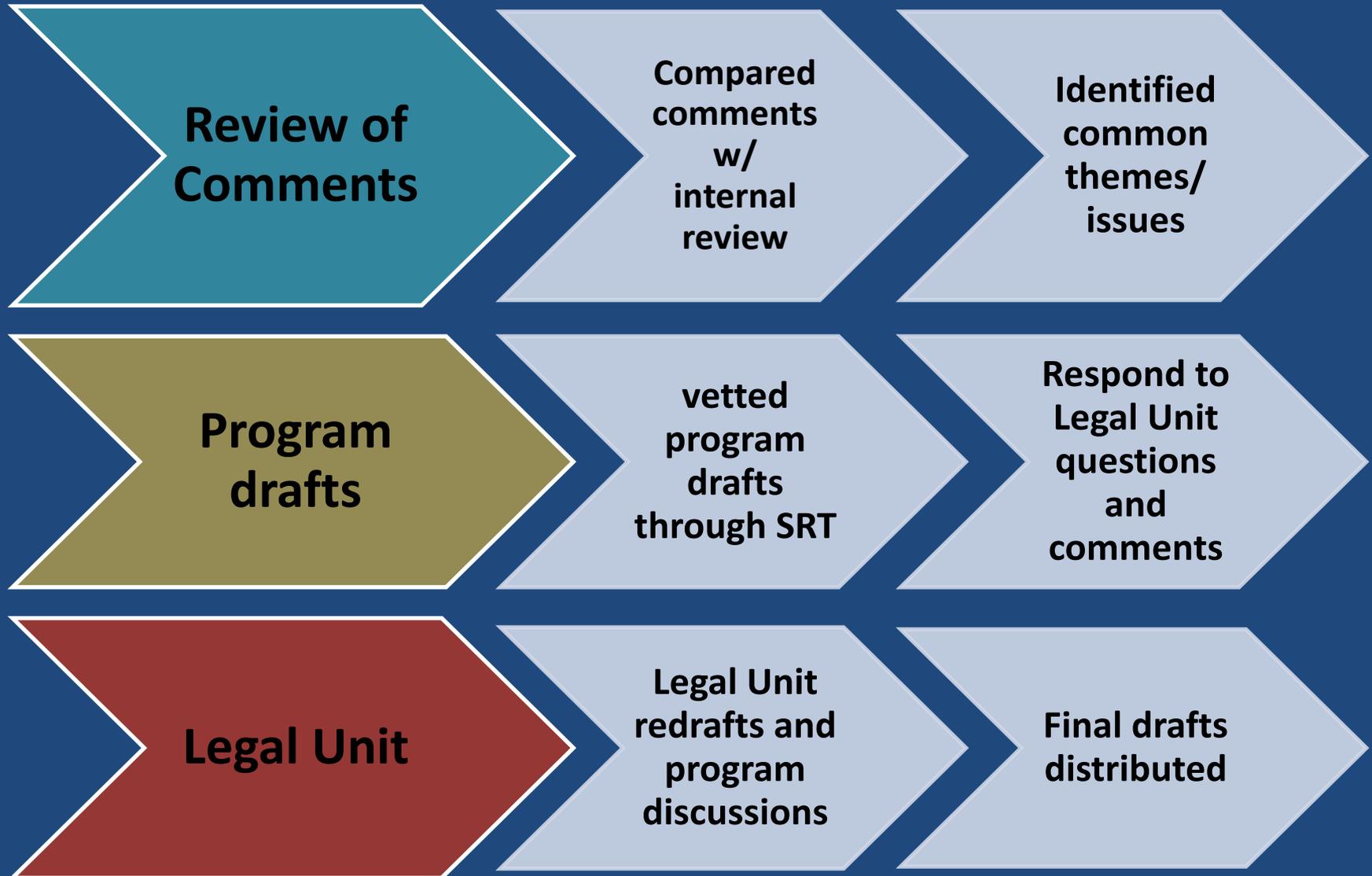
Proposals  
vetted  
through  
management

Senior Rules  
Team (SRT)  
met monthly  
since 2013

# Stakeholder Input



# NHDES Review & Rules Drafting



### 3. Rules Roadmap- Navigating the wetland rule changes



# Goal: Increase Clarity

## DEFINITIONS

**102- General**

**602- Tidal**

**701-Primes**

**902- Stream  
Crossings**



# Key *New* definitions Env-Wt 100

- 102.12 “Avoidance”
- 102.24 – 102.26 CAT1 – CAT2 – CAT 3
- 102.37 “Datacheck tool”
- 102.56 “Expedited permit” (EXP)
- 102.82 “Lower scrutiny approval” (LSA)
- 103.05 “Minimization”
- 103.06 “Minimization measures

“Avoidance (Env-Wt 102. 12) ”

“means not impacting jurisdictional areas if there is a practicable alternative”. (see 313.04)

# “Minimization Measures” (Env-Wt 103.06) & new BMP

“Means design techniques that address unavoidable adverse impacts based on the scale, location, and design of the proposed project, the function and values of the impacted resources, and practicability.”

# *Key New* definitions Env-Wt 100

- 103.10 “Need” (See Env-Wt 313)
- 103.28 “Protected species or habitat”
- 103.29 “Public docking structure”
- 103.33 “Public trust surface waters”
- 103.37 “Rehabilitation”

# “Need” 103.10 & 313.03

## Standard permits

Presumption of no need to impact:

- ✓ Tidal wetlands & waters
- ✓ Bog and freshwater marshes &
- ✓ Special resource areas

*Unless by clear & convincing evidence—  
balancing alternatives, reasonable use  
& practicability & consistency with RSA  
482-A:1*

# Key new definitions Env-Wt 100

- 103.54 “Significant function wetland”
- 103.54 “Special resource area”
- 103.59 “Standard permit”
- 103.68 “Top of bank”
- 103.74 “Water quality measures”

# “Special Resource Area” 103.58

- Means a jurisdictional area that:
  - (a) Is an Exemplary natural community (NHB)
  - (b) Documented rare, protected species or habitat
  - (c) Marsh with one acre or larger
  - (d) Very poorly drained scrub shrub wetland
  - (e) Peatlands or bog
  - (f) Floodplain wetlands on alluvial very poorly drained soils
  - (g) Designated Prime Wetlands
  - (h) Sand dune, tidal wetland, tidal water or undeveloped TBZ
  - (i) Tier 3 stream with cold water fishery
  - (j) Combination of a – I above

## “Top of bank” 103.68

“means the first break in slope above the ordinary high water mark of a surface water or wetland, usually identified by physical characteristics such as a change in topography or a change in vegetation type.”

# “Water quality measures” 103.74

“Means methods, practices, and devices that are designed and implemented to prevent or minimize erosion, siltation, or turbidity, or any combination thereof. The term includes but is not limited to phased construction, vegetated filter strips, geotextile silt fences, stormwater detention and infiltration systems, sediment detention basins, and other method, practice or device identified in Env-Wq 1506 – 1508.”

# *Key New Tidal Definitions Env-Wt 602*

602.01 “Accessory structure”

602.03 “Beach nourishment”

602.05 “Coastal erosion”

602.06 “Coastal functional assessment”

602.07 “Coastal hazards”

602.08 “Coastal lands”

60210 “Developed upland” (*REVISED*)

# *Key New Tidal Definitions Env-Wt 602*

602.14 “Extraordinary seaweed event”

602.15 “Federal navigation project” (FNP)

602.21 “Impervious surface”

602.23 “In-fill lot”

602.25 “Landscaping”

602.26 “Line of encroachment”

602.28 “Natural condition”

# *Key New Tidal Definitions 602*

602.33 “Qualified coastal professional”

602.35 “Seaweed removal season”

602.36 “ Sequential dredging”

602.49 “Transient public use access points”

602.50 “Working waterfront”

602.51 “Unaltered state”

# Key new Stream Crossing Definitions Env-Wt 900

- 902.03 “Bankfull depth”
- 902.07 “Connectivity” (Revised)
- 902.08 “Design Storm”
- 902.10 “Entrenchment ratio”
- 902.12 “Flood-prone width”
- 902.13 “Geomorphic compatibility”
- 902.15 “Hydraulic capacity”

# Key new Stream Crossing Definitions

## Env-Wt 900

- 902.16 “Longitudinal profile”
- 902.20 “Reference reach”
- 902.21 “Rehabilitation”
- 902.22 “Repair”
- 902.24 “Replacement”
- 902.25 “Self-mitigating”
- 902.26 “Sinuosity”

# Goal: Standardize Conditions



**Protection of Water  
Quality 307.03**

**Protection of Fishery &  
Breeding areas 307.04**

**Protected species &  
Critical Habitat 307.06**

**Designated Prime Wetlands  
307.08**

# Protection of Water Quality 307.03

## Surface Water Quality Standards

RSA 485-A, & A:8,- C

Env-Wq 1700



## Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act

RSA 483-B

Env-Wq 1400



## NH Stormwater Manual, Vol 3 (2008)

Silt controls Env Wq 1506

Env Wq 1508

# Protection of Fishery & Breeding Areas

307.04

**Avoid discharge in spawning or nursery areas**

Time construction

To avoid spawning/ breeding impacts



**Maintain cold water fish**

Dissolved Oxygen  
Concentrations

Env-Wq 1703.07



**Maintain temperatures – Env- Wq 1703.11**

Protect high quality waters

Env-Wq 1708.06

# Protection of Rare, Threatened or Endangered Species & Critical Habitat 307.06

No impact to a threatened or endangered species, a proposed listing or proposed critical habitat

Federal Endangered Species Act

16 USC Sec 1531



## State Endangered Species Conservation Act

RSA 212-A



## See data-check screening planning tool

NHB & Fish & Game & DES

for protected species & habitat

# Goal: Streamline Process



**Statutory Permit Notice  
(SPN) 308.04**

**Low Scrutiny  
Approval (LSA) 309**

**Expedited (EXP) 310**

**Standard 311**

# Statutory Permit by Notifications (SPN)

SPN

- **Temporary Seasonal Dock**
- **Timber Harvesting (minimum impact)**

SPN

- **Panning for gold or minerals**
- **Recreational Trails (minimum impact)**

SPN

- **Utility maintenance & repair (CAT1)**
- **Routine Roadway up to 48" culvert**

# Lower Scrutiny Approvals (LSA)

LSA

- Work Authorized by Rule or Registration
- **Routine Roadways beyond SPN**

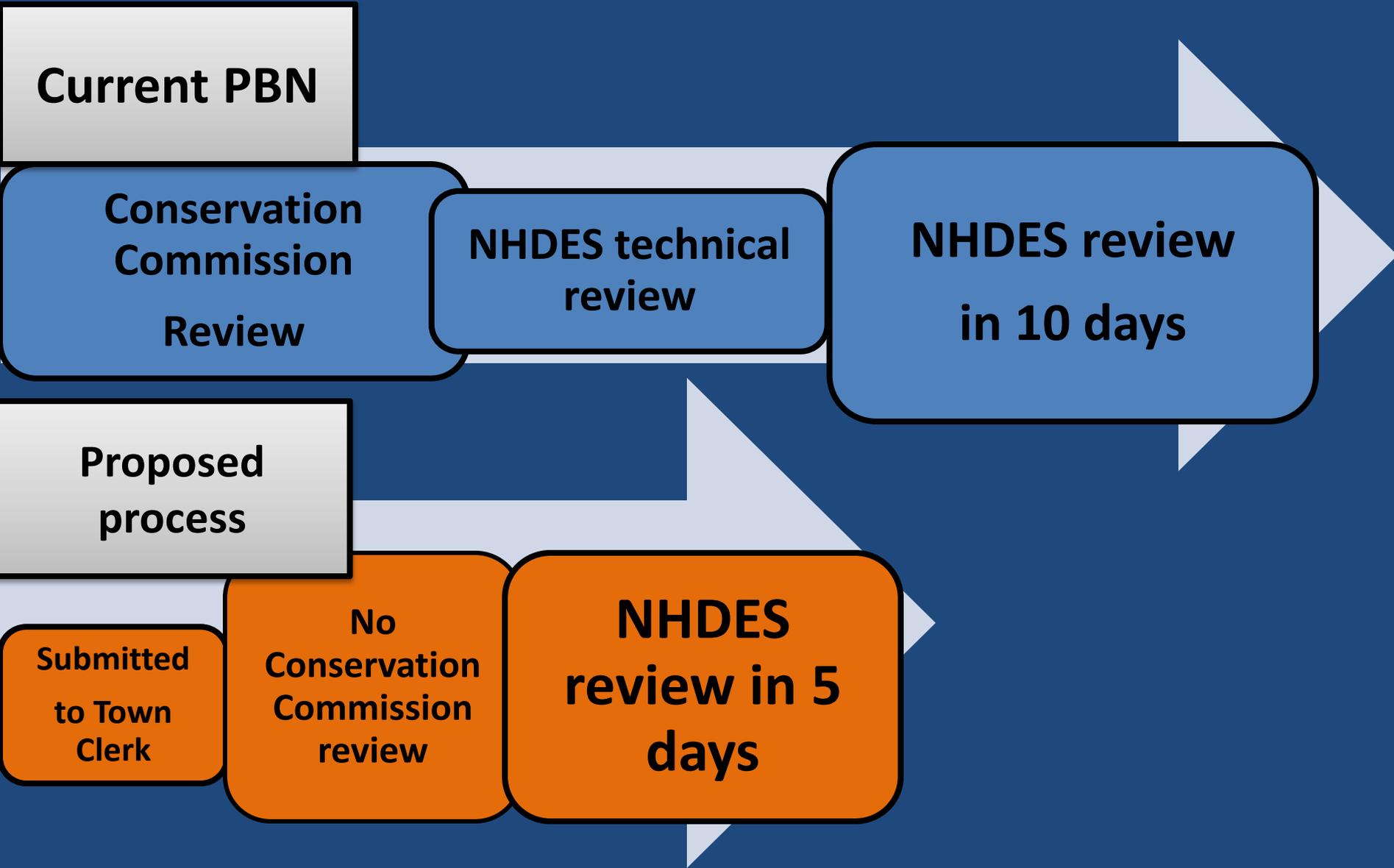
LSA

- **Low impact, minimum or CAT 1 projects**

LSA

- **NHDES to process within 5 business days**
- **NHDES to post permit to One-Stop**

# Goal – Streamline Review



# *New Streamlined projects (CAT1)*

LSA

- **Agriculture ( $\leq 3$  acres)**

LSA

- **< 3,000 SF driveway access**

LSA

- **Pond construction < 3 K SF**

# *New Streamlined projects (CAT1)*

LSA

- **< 10 cubic yard Beach-deck**

LSA

- **Vegetative & Bio-engineered Bank Stabilization < 50 LF**

LSA

- **Boardwalk Construction < 3 K SF**

# *New Streamlined projects (CAT1)*

LSA

- Tier 3 stream crossing *repairs*

RR-5

- In-kind headwall *repair*

RR-8

- Culvert inlet/outlet *Maintenance*

# *New Streamlined Tidal* projects (CAT1)

LSA

- **In-kind maintenance of Tidal shoreline stabilization projects**

LSA

- **Sand Dune restoration projects**

LSA

- **Structure construction in developed in-fill lots**

# Goal: Streamline Review

## Data Screening - 311



**Designated Rivers**

**Floodplains**

**Hydric Soils**

**Impaired Waters**

**Peatlands & marsh/scrub**

**NHB data-check/ WAP**

**Watershed size**

# Streamline Review

**Current  
Standard  
Process**

**Application filed w/  
Town Clerk & NHDES**

**NHDES- ARC**

**CC 14 day**

**LAC review**

**NHDES  
Technical  
review**

**NHDES  
issues  
decision**

**Proposed Process- CC & LAC  
review of draft & approval 30  
days prior to NHDES filing**

**30 days  
prior to  
filing**

**Application  
filed w/ Town  
Clerk &  
NHDES**

**NHDES  
technical  
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**NHDES  
issues  
decision**

# Goal: Standardize Process

## Env-Wt 300 rules



**Functional Assessment (p. 29)**

**Amendments (p. 30)**

**Completeness (p. 31)**

**Standard Evaluation (p. 32)**

**Demonstration of Need (p. 33)**

**Extensions & Transfers (p. 38)**

**Permit Amendment (p. 39)**

**Emergencies (p. 40)**

# Standard Evaluation Criteria 313

- Met demonstrated need – 313.03
- Avoid, minimize, & mitigate 313.03
- Standard conditions acknowledged 307
- Resource specific criteria met
- Project specific criteria met (500, 600 or 900)
- No adverse impact on abutting property

# Env- Wt 302.03 A/M/Mitigation

- Sequencing of Avoidance, minimization & mitigation clarified
- Special Resources area impacts require mitigation

# Standard Application Evaluation 313.05 (*new criteria or amended* listed)

- Displacement of floodwaters from floodplain wetlands or other areas known to flood onto adjacent properties.
- Whether the project proposes stormwater treatment or detention in wetlands or surface waters or would contribute additional loading to impaired waters such that the surface water quality standards in RSA 485-A or Env-Wq 1700 would not be met; &
- Whether project is designed to maintain wetland & stream hydrological connectivity, aquatic organism passage, & plant community features necessary to retain or restore wetlands and aquatic resource functions.

# Goal: Standardize Delineation & Classification



**Wetland Delineation &  
Classification 406**

**Basis for Project Classification 407**

**Resource Disqualifications 407.02**

**Size Thresholds 407.03**

**Project Type Exceptions 407.04**

**Projects in Special Resources 408**

# *Delineation Boundary & Plans*



406.01 Delineation Plan validity

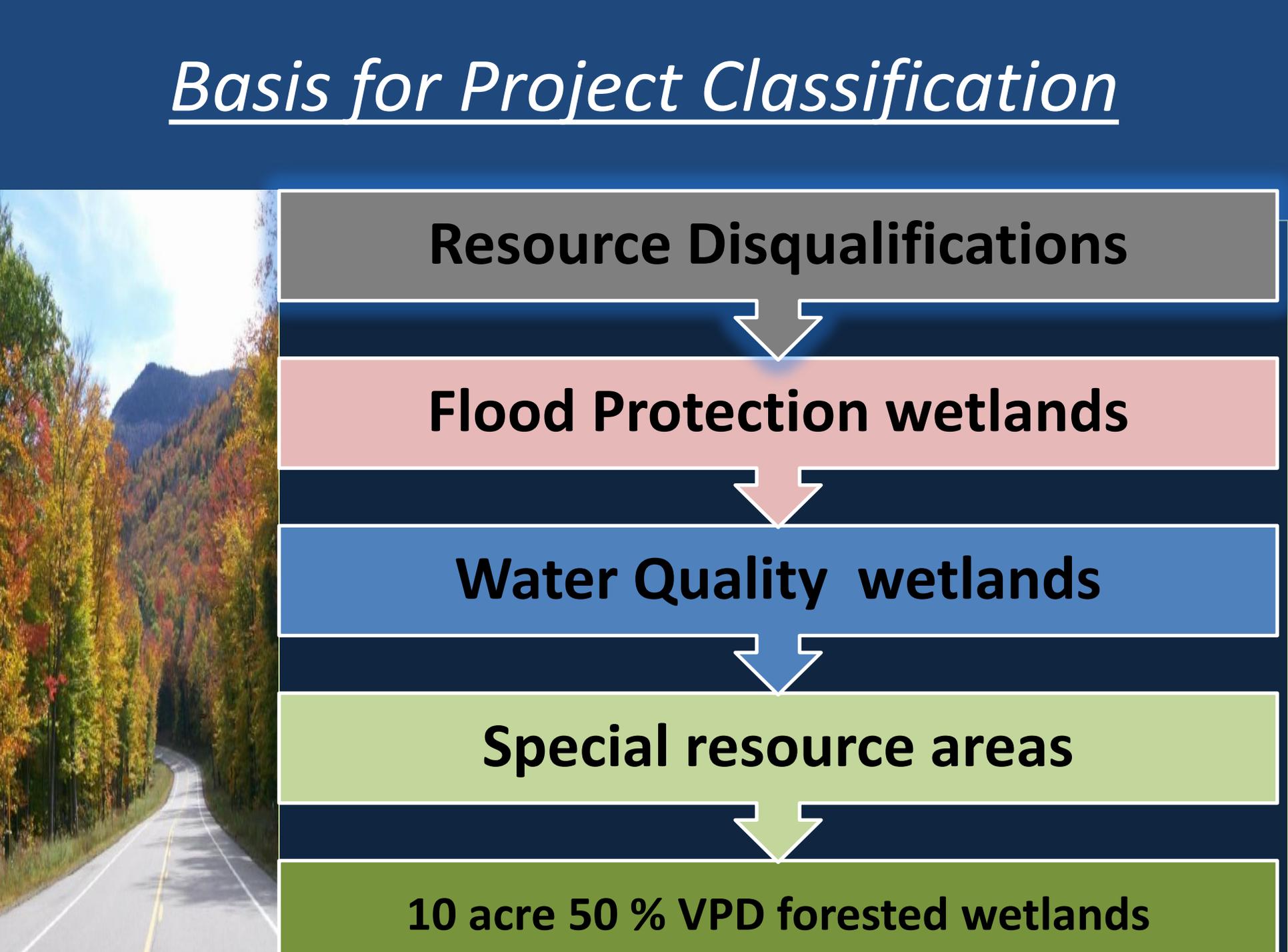
406.02 Boundary References updated

406.03 delineation exemptions

406.04 Delineation of streams

406.06 Classifications updated

# *Basis for Project Classification*



**Resource Disqualifications**

**Flood Protection wetlands**

**Water Quality wetlands**

**Special resource areas**

**10 acre 50 % VPD forested wetlands**

# Project Classification

**Resource Disqualifications**

**Size Thresholds**

**Project Type Exceptions**



# Project-Oriented standards

- Nontidal Projects – Env- Wt 500
- Tidal projects Env- Wt 600
- Stream Crossing project Env- Wt 900

# Goal – *Standardize plans & increase objectivity in reviews*

## Standardize plan requirements

**Delineation  
methods**

**Assessment  
methods**

### Resource specific analysis

**Non-tidal  
wetlands &  
streams**

**Coastal  
resources**

### Project specific criteria

**Information required  
Approval Criteria**

**Design Criteria &  
project classification**

*Goal: Standardize Project Criteria*  
*Project Specific Env-Wt 500 rules*



**Beach/Deck 511**

**Breakwaters 512**

**Docks 513; 514; 515**

**Bank Stabilization 516; 517; 518**

**Boathouses 519**

**Boat Launches 522**

# Goal: Standardize Project Criteria



**Ponds 523**

**Forestry 524**

**Utility 525**

**Agriculture 526**

**Trails & Paths 527**

**Residential/Commercial 529**

**Restoration/ Enhancement 530**

# Goal: Consolidate Tidal Requirements



**Data screen/assessment/plan 603**

**Demonstrated Need 604**

**Avoid/Minimization & Mitigation 605**

**Overwater Structures 607**

**Dredge 608 Tidal beach 609**

**Tidal buffer zone/ Shoreland 611**

# Env- Wt 600 Demonstration of Need Tidal Waters & Wetlands

- ❖ Optimize tidal wetland function & *self-sustaining stability* to storm surge
- ❖ Be designed & intended to protect upland infrastructure from *coastal hazards*
- ❖ Be limited to public infrastructure or restoration projects in the public interest

# See *New* Tidal mitigation rule

(d) Adverse impacts of project runoff on salinity levels in tidal environments.

## Env-Wt 605.03 Impacts Requiring Compensatory Mitigation.

(a) Subject to (b), below, compensatory mitigation shall be required for all impacts to tidal surface waters, tidal wetlands, the tidal buffer zone, or sand dunes, or any combination thereof, that are intended to remain when the proposed project is completed.

(b) Compensatory mitigation shall not be required for:

- (1) Low impact maintenance activities such as piling replacement, in-kind structure reconstruction, or sediment displacement from intake structures as limited in subsection (x);
- (2) Restoration of habitat or ecosystem pursuant to Env-Wt 407.04;
- (3) Maintenance dredge of an existing FNP that is on an active dredge cycle;
- (4) Construction of a tidal docking structure where the combined total of all surface coverage on the frontage is less than 2,000 square feet;
- (5) Work within an altered area of developed tidal buffer zone located greater than 75 feet from the salt marsh; or
- (6) Work within an altered area of the developed tidal buffer zone that is not adjacent to salt marsh and is less than 10,000 square feet of total impact.

## Env-Wt 605.04 Requirements for Compensatory Mitigation for Projects in Coastal Areas.

(a) The preferred form of compensatory mitigation for projects in coastal areas shall be as shown in table 605-1:

Table 605-1: Preferred Forms of Compensatory Mitigation for Projects in Coastal Areas

Type of Project	Preferred Forms of Compensatory Mitigation
Overwater Structures >2,000 SF total coverage	Permittee-responsible mitigation
Dredge - new tidal dredge or FNP expansion	Permittee-responsible mitigation
Tidal Buffer Zone (TBZ) - undeveloped lots - developed upland lot, in-fill lot if any impacts within 75 feet of a salt marsh - impacts >10,000 SF in developed TBZ not adjacent to salt marsh	Permittee-responsible on-site mitigation
Sand Dunes	Permittee responsible on-site mitigation

(b) Compensatory mitigation proposals for projects in the tidal buffer zone shall demonstrate one or both of the following:

- (1) Identification and preservation of site land area for marsh migration compatible with predicted sea level rise; and
- (2) Replacement or enhancement of buffer functions or living shorelines by following planting recommendations reflected in "Guidance for Considering the Use of Living Shorelines", NOAA

- See Table 605-1

- New criteria for tidal project mitigation

*Goal: Reflect statutory changes*  
*Env-Wt Prime Wetlands 700 rules*



**Definitions 701**

**Criteria/ Procedures 702**

**Maps & documents 703**

**Criteria for approval 704**

**Notice & appeal 705**

**Prime Wetland Waivers 706**

# Prime Wetland Statutory History

Env-Wt 701.02 Applicable Statutory Parameters. The statutory parameters that apply to a prime wetlands designated pursuant to RSA 482-A:15 or its predecessor statute shall be determined based on the date of the designation, as summarized in table 701-1, below:

Table 701-1: Prime Wetlands Parameters

Session Law	Effective Date	Statutory Parameters
1979, 431:5-6	Aug. 22, 1979	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Municipalities authorized to designate prime wetlands</li> <li>• NH Wetlands Board must notify local authority prior to issuing a permit for a project “in or adjacent to” designated prime wetlands</li> <li>• Board adopts rules to implement, establish criteria (OLS document #1825, eff. 10-5-81; see OLS Revision Notes for subsequent history)</li> <li>• No fixed buffers for prime wetlands, but rules establish requirements that apply to proposed work/activities that may impact prime wetlands, including no significant net loss of wetland function</li> <li>• “Adjacent” not defined</li> </ul>
2007, 211, 2	Aug. 24, 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “in or adjacent to” changed to “in or within 100 feet of”</li> </ul>
2009, 185:2	Sept. 11, 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Department must notify local authority prior to issuing a permit for projects “in or within 100 feet of” a designated prime wetlands</li> <li>• Waivers authorized for forest management work</li> </ul>
2012, 235:2	Aug. 17, 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requirements established for a prime wetlands to be at least 2 acres in size; to not consist of a water body only; to have at least 4 primary wetland functions, one of which must be wildlife habitat; and to be at least 50 feet wide at its narrowest point</li> <li>• Department must notify local authority prior to issuing a permit for projects in a designated prime wetlands or within 100 feet of any prime wetland where a 100 foot buffer was required at the time of designation (<i>i.e.</i>, on or after Sept. 11, 2009 but before August 17, 2012)</li> </ul>

# See new Prime Wetland Waiver sections

## PART Env-Wt 706 WAIVERS FOR ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH PRIME WETLANDS/BUFFERS

Env-Wt 706.01 Availability of Waivers for Forestry Activities. As provided in RSA 482-A:11, IV(b)(1), a property owner may request from the department a waiver to perform forest management work and related activities in the forested portion of a prime wetland/buffer that do not qualify under the notification process for forest management or timber harvest activities having minimum wetlands impacts because of the prime wetlands designation.

↓ Env-Wt 706.02 Requirements for Waiver Requests for Forestry Activities.

(a) The applicant for a waiver under Env-Wt 706.01 shall submit a written request for a waiver to the department at the same time the applicant submits the notification or permit application, as applicable.

(b) The waiver request shall include the following:

(1) The information required by RSA 482-A:11, IV(b)(1), as follows:

- a. A sketch of the property depicting the best approximate location of each prime wetland/buffer in which work is proposed and the location of proposed work, including access roads;
- b. A written description of the work to be performed and a copy of the notice of intent to cut, if applicable; and
- c. A list of the prime wetland values as identified by the municipality in designating each prime wetland under RSA 482-A:15;

(2) Such information as is required to demonstrate that there will be no significant net loss of wetlands values identified by the municipality when the prime wetland/buffer was designated; and

(3) As authorized by RSA 482-A:11, IV(b)(4)(B), a filing fee of:

- a. \$200 for projects that would otherwise qualify for a minimum impact forestry notice if it was not located in or near a designated prime wetlands/buffer;
- b. \$500 for minor impact projects that do not qualify under a., above, and are not major projects; and
- c. \$1,250 for major impact projects classified regardless of prime wetland designation; and

*Goal: Clarify & Streamline*  
*Env-Wt 900 Stream Crossing rules*



**Project classification 903**

**Information Required 903**

**Tier 4 - Tidal crossings 904**

**Repair, Rehabilitation or  
Replacement 904**

**Alternative Design 904**

# Stream Crossing Classification

Env-Wt 903.01 Summaries of Stream Crossing Classifications and Projects.

(a) Stream crossings shall be classified as described in Env-Wt 903.02(a), as summarized in Table 903-1:

Table 903-1: Summary of Stream Crossing Classifications

Type of Surface Water	Size of Contributing Watershed	Other Factors	Tier	Compensatory Mitigation Required?
Non-tidal	≤ 200 acres	None	1	No
Non-tidal	> 200 acres but < 640 acres	None	2	No, unless alternative design or waiver of criteria
Non-tidal	≥ 640 acres	None	3	Yes, unless self-mitigating
Non-tidal	All	Within designated river corridor Within 100-year flood plain Within fluvial erosion zone	3	Yes, at least for impacts to resources other than stream
Tidal	All	None	4	Yes, unless self-mitigating

Table 903-2: Summary of Stream Crossing Project Classifications

Project Classification →	Low Impact/CAT1	Minor Impact/CAT2	Major Impact/CAT3
Size of impact	< 50 linear feet (LF) EXCEPT Repair of existing legal structures with no waivers can be ≥ 50 LF	Single crossing or multiple crossings with total impact of ≥ 50 LF but < 200 LF	Single crossing or multiple crossings with total impact of ≥ 200 LF <b>or</b> classified as major based on resource
Type of Project ↓			
New Crossing	Tier 1 with no waivers	Tier 1 with waivers/ alternate design; Tier 2 with no waivers	All other new crossings
Repair	Tier 1 or Tier 2 with no waivers to 904.08; Tier 3 with no waivers to 904.09	Tier 1 or Tier 2 repairs needing waiver(s) to 904.08; Tier 4 that meets 904.09	All other repairs
Replacement	Tier 1 with no waivers to 904.08	Tier 2 with no waivers to 904.08	All other replacements
Rehabilitation	none	Tier 1 or Tier 2 with no waivers to 904.08	All other rehabilitations
Temporary Crossing	Tier 1 or Tier 2 with no waivers	none	All other temporary crossings

# Hydraulic Capacity Report 903.07

When an application for a standard permit for a stream crossing requires plans stamped by a P.E. and the existing stream crossing structure cannot convey the design storm flow, the applicant shall submit a hydraulic capacity report that includes drainage calculations and a narrative to demonstrate that the proposed stream crossing has sufficient hydraulic capacity to meet the applicable design standard.

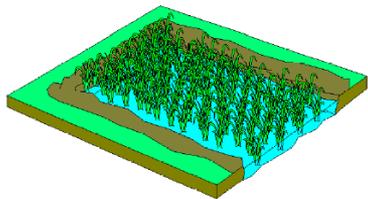
# “Self-Mitigating” defined

Env-Wt 902.25 “Self-mitigating” as applied to stream crossings means the design of the crossing incorporates measures or features to offset the loss of the affected resource’s functions and values in an area where the new functions and values are sustainable.

*Examples of self-mitigating measures or features include, but are not limited to, eliminating a barrier to aquatic organism passage, improving the hydraulic capacity of an under-sized crossing, and improving geomorphic compatibility.*

# Check out the new BMPs

- Agriculture – Dept of Agriculture
- Utility – NHDES w/ Utility Workgroup
- Routine Roadway – DOT
- Avoidance & Minimization Techniques (NHDES)



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WETLANDS PRACTICES  
FOR AGRICULTURE

JANUARY 22, 2016  
MARCH 2, 2016  
MARCH 14, 2016  
JANUARY 31, 2018

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## Best Management Practices Manual

Utility Maintenance in and Adjacent to  
Wetlands and Waterbodies in New Hampshire



New Hampshire Department of Natural and Cultural Resources

January 2018



Best Management Practices for  
Routine Roadway Maintenance  
Activities in New Hampshire



New Hampshire  
**DOT**  
Department of Transportation



2018

Wetlands  
Best Management  
Practice Techniques  
For Avoidance and Minimization



# BMP Review

- All NEW - Avoidance & Minimization BMP and review Project chapters <http://neiwpsc.org/2018/01/31/nh-des-seeking-public-input-wetlands-best-management/>
- See new Planning and nutrient management sections in Agriculture BMP manual.  
<https://www.agriculture.nh.gov/publications-forms/documents/draft-wetland-bmp.pdf>
- DOT Routine Roadway manual (*See new activities & proposed new forms*)  
[https://www.nh.gov/dot/org/projectdevelopment/environment/units/program-management/documents/Draft\\_V.3.pdf](https://www.nh.gov/dot/org/projectdevelopment/environment/units/program-management/documents/Draft_V.3.pdf)
- See new plans, BMPs, & photos in Utility manual
- <http://www.nhdfi.org/library/pdf/Planning/Utility%20BMP%20Manual%200Draft%20012618.pdf>

# Where do we go from here?

NHDES needs your feedback.

Comment deadline – April 20, 2018

Written comments are encouraged

Next steps – to be determined based on comments

# Any Comments?

## Submit anonymously at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/draft-wetlands-rules>

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