



# Town of Chichester Conservation Commission

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Subject: Proposed Re-adoption with amendments of Env-Wt 100-900

The Commission requests that the opportunities for conservation commissions to intervene on wetlands applications be provided to the greatest extent possible. This should include not only standard permit applications, but proposed low scrutiny projects, expedited permits and permit by notification (PBN). Conservation commission have local knowledge that is not available to the Department of Environmental Services, NH Natural Heritage Bureau, NH Fish and Game and consultants. To facilitate the ability to intervene notifications (submitting permit application copies) to towns and specifically conservation commission is needed for all types of permits.

Permit approval times will need to be extended from the very short issuance period of 5 days for a PBN to a recommended time of 15 business days. Conservation commissions should be required to make a specific request to intervene after notification. 15 days to intervene is needed for permit applications that are notified to the town to be distributed to the conservation commission, time to conduct preliminary review of the permit application and determine whether to intervene or not.

The proposed rules are very convoluted. There are too many references to other sections of the rules and conditions contained in other sections. Please attempt to simplify the structure of the rules so that conservation commission, applicants, consultants and the Department have clear and concise requirements to follow.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the proposed rules.

  
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