



South Carolina Beach Advocates
Position Statement

Statement issued by DHEC on Friday November 3, 2017

Based on comments received from landowners, community leaders, the conservation community, and others during the 30-day public comment period, the Department of Health and Environmental Control (Department) is extending the public comment period for the Proposed Beachfront Jurisdictional Lines (the "*current proposal*"), **until April 6, 2018**. As a result of this extension, the Department will begin to adopt final revised beachfront jurisdictional lines in May 2018 with all final revised lines published by December 31, 2018. A tentative adoption schedule for each beach will be available on the DHEC website on November 13, 2017.

The Department is extending the comment period to allow interested persons time to meet with Department staff, understand the Department's methodology in setting the jurisdictional lines and bring any additional information to the Department's attention for consideration. Comments may be submitted online or in writing. Please visit www.scdhec.gov/beachfrontlines for more information.

In 2016, S.C. Code Laws §48-39-280 was amended to prohibit the baseline from moving seaward from its position on December 31, 2017. The Department's decision to adopt revised lines after December 31 affects landowners who own property where the baseline was proposed to move seaward of the existing baseline under the Department's current proposal. To view the proposed lines for your property, please visit <https://gis.dhec.sc.gov/shoreline>.

Landowners who own property where the baseline was proposed to move **seaward** of the existing baseline, under the Department's current proposal, or landowners who contends other information may prove the baseline on your property should move seaward of the existing baseline, please contact the Department with the information requested below prior to December 4, 2017 to receive information and guidance on board review under S.C. Code Laws §44-1-60. Note that the Department will attempt to proactively reach out to these property owners. S.C. Code Laws §44-1-60(J) states "[a]ny statutory deadlines applicable to permitting and licensing programs administered by the department must be extended to all (sic) for this final review process." It is the Department's position that the December 31 date would be extended for landowners who file a timely request for review under S.C. Code Laws §44-1-60.

To receive information and guidance on board review, please provide the following information via electronic mail [ocrm-comments@dhec.sc.gov] or phone (843-953-0200) prior to December 4, 2017: Property Address; Name of Owner(s); Mailing Address of Owner(s); Contact Name; Contact Telephone Number; Contact Email Address.