



2016 Legislative Session Update

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CPRA Proposed Legislation

- HCR 2
- Approves FY 2017 Coastal Annual Plan
- Rep. Stuart Bishop- Chairman of the House Natural Resources Committee
- Total Expenditures: \$736 Million
- Considered by four legislative committees and full chambers on both sides of the Legislature



HB 238 by Rep. Zeringue

- Legislation relating to the appointment of the CPRA Executive Director of the CPRA and the chain of command within the organization.
- Provides that the executive director is appointed by the governor but serves at the pleasure of the executive assistant for coastal activities.
- Assigned to House Natural Resources Committee.

HB 241 by Rep. Zeringue

- Legislation regarding the budgetary and administrative services for the CPRA.
- Moves “back office functions” from the Department of Natural Resources Office of Management and Finance for those services to CPRA.s
- Back office functions: accounting, grant monitoring, contract management, fleet and inventory management, and human resources.

HB 640 by Rep. Leger

- Authorizes the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority board to establish a natural resource damages restoration bank program to offset damages sustained as a result of oil spills in coastal areas of the state.
- Allows for private investments in Master Plan Projects which will accomplish larger restoration goals and objectives due to small oil spills.
- Requires establishment of the bank through promulgation of rules and regulations under the Administrative Procedure Act.
- Authorizes the board to establish a compensation schedule for the unauthorized discharge of oil in the coastal areas of the state.

HB 902 by Rep. Leopold

- Provides a phased process by which the oyster lease moratorium can be lifted.
- Moratorium to be lifted in phases
 - **Phase I:** Avenol Leases
 - **Phase II:** Allow current lessees to expand an existing lease by incorporating immediate adjacent water bottoms with a limit of up to 500 feet.
 - **Phase III:** Right of first refusal by private leaseholders for new leases in the area that are under private leases
 - **Phase IV:** Instructs the Department of WLF to develop a lottery system to issue new leases.
 - **Phase V:** A second lottery for new leases.

Senate Resolution on Bonding Possibilities

- A resolution requesting the Coastal Protection and Restoration Financing Corporation to study the feasibility of bonding out the revenues associated with the BP Oil Spill.
- The corporation will be required to issue a report to the Legislature on options for the State to consider for bonding possibilities

Legislation Impacting CPRA Funding

SB 182 by Sen. Ward

SB 214 by Sen. Walsworth

SB 315 by Sen. Donahue

HB 477 by Rep. Ivey

HB 504 by Rep. Ivey

HB 509 by Rep. Miller

HB 512 by Rep. Shadoin

Legislation Currently Under Review

HB 603 by Rep. Leger

HB 508 by Rep. Morris

HB 716 by Rep. Morris

HB 646 by Rep. Harris

HB 829 by Rep. Harris