

Administrative Procedures – Public Input

Instructions:

In completing the public input statement, an agency describes the strategy prescribed by ICAR to maximize public input, what it did do, or will do to comply with that plan to maximize the involvement of the public in the development of the rule.

This form must accompany each filing made during the rulemaking process:

1. TITLE OF RULE FILING:

Vermont Wetland Rules

2. ADOPTING AGENCY:

Agency of Natural Resources

3. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE STRATEGY PRESCRIBED BY ICAR TO MAXIMIZE PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROPOSED RULE:

The Agency has taken adequate steps to involve the public in this proposed rulemaking. This rulemaking was initiated following a petition submitted by the Ripton Conservation Commission, and the Commission has been very involved in the pre-rulemaking review of the proposed changes. A public meeting to discuss the proposed changes was held prior to submission of this proposed rule change, and a public meeting will be held during the formal notice period.

4. PLEASE LIST THE STEPS THAT HAVE BEEN OR WILL BE TAKEN TO COMPLY WITH THAT STRATEGY:

The Ripton Conservation Commission conducted public outreach prior to filing the petition with the Department, and reviewed the proposed Class I change with both Green Mountain National Forest representatives (U.S. Forest Service) and the Department of Environmental Conservation. A public meeting was held by the Department on November 29, 2017 in Ripton, Vermont, to review the proposed Class I designation with interested members of the public. The Department opened a public comment period from October

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26, 2017 through December 11, 2017, and received comments from the public. The Department's response to those comments is provided in this rulemaking package.

5. BEYOND GENERAL ADVERTISEMENTS, PLEASE LIST THE PEOPLE AND ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN OR WILL BE INVOLVED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROPOSED RULE:

Ripton Conservation Commission

U.S. Forest Service

Bristol Conservation Commission

Tim Johnson

Barbara Nelson

Mark Nelson

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