

Inland Wetlands Agency Regulation Amendments

Submission by Email

The Connecticut Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Act establishes a specific timeline for the amendment of municipal inland wetlands agency regulations. The timeline begins when an amendment is proposed. The amendment *and* the notice of the public hearing must be submitted to the Commissioner of DEEP at least 35 days before such hearing on the amendment is held. A public hearing on the amendment must be held within 65 days after the receipt of the amendment proposal, and the hearing must finish within 35 days after it started. The municipal inland wetlands agency must take action on the amendment proposal within 65 days after the hearing ends. Further, the agency must submit the final adopted amendment language to the Commissioner of DEEP not later than 10 days after adoption.

The DEEP's Wetlands Management Section (WMS) has created a dedicated email address for the submission of amendment proposals and final adopted amendment language. Please use: DEEP.Municipal.Inland.Wetland.Reg@ct.gov

In the subject line of the email you *must* include: the year, town/city name, proposed/adopted regs (e.g., 2015, Town of _____, Proposed Regs). Please submit your documents (e.g., regulations, hearing notice, cover letter) in PDF format. A brief reply email acknowledging receipt of your regulations will be sent to you.

Attention: this email address is solely for the submission of municipal inland wetlands agency regulation amendment proposals and final adopted regulations. Other correspondence or requests submitted through this email address will *not* be answered.

If you are unable to submit your regulations electronically, you may continue to mail a paper copy to: Cheryl A. Chase, Director, DEEP Inland Water Resources Division, 79 Elm Street - 3rd Floor, Hartford, CT 06106.

Finally, the WMS has prepared guidance and assembled information to assist you in the regulation amendment process. In order to ensure that your proposed amendments conform to the Connecticut Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Act and accomplish your objectives, the WMS strongly suggests consultation with your town attorney. The WMS does not provide a review of your entire set of regulations; however, the WMS is available to answer questions or discuss concerns you may have regarding specific amendments. Please feel free to contact the WMS at (860) 424-3019.

