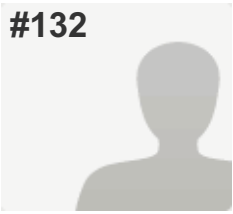


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PAGE 2: About Agencies Scheduled for Study

Q1: Please share any comments, suggestions or concerns you may have about these agencies. Please note your responses will be posted online and may be included in a Committee report.

Natural Resources, Department of

This agency has never adapted to being a true natural resource agency. The primary concern of the agency leadership is licensing, boat titling and law enforcement and this attitude has gotten much worse since selecting a Law Enforcement official to run the agency. More scientific endeavors of understanding ecosystems as well as short and long-term impacts from habitat loss and fragmentation, water availability & climate change, etc. are lost on the current executives. They are still in the mentality of the 1970s and 1980s old Wildlife Dept. with a very limited focus (with the exception of the Marine Resources in Charleston). Hydrology, geology, climatology, ecosystems management are not given much consideration by the current leadership. They are missing a tremendous opportunity to take a leadership role to enhance the wetlands and other habitats and increase biodiversity across the State. The current leadership also is not supportive of its employees other than Law Enforcement. Morale is at an all-time low as non-LE employees see obvious bias and favoritism directed toward a select few. Some very talented and hardworking staff have left this agency in the past several years because of these issues. The leadership seems oblivious to the issues or simply does not care as long as LE is taken care of. In my opinion, significant restructuring of this agency is warranted including possibly sending licensing and titling to another agency and LE to public safety. South Carolina needs a DNR that truly understands natural resources and is willing to hire (and retain) employees and implement modern technologies that can further those goals.

PAGE 3: There are three questions seeking general information.

Public Input to the South Carolina House of Representatives Legislative Oversight Committee

Q2: What is your age?

55-64 years old

Q3: Which best describes your current role?

State employee

Q4: In which county do you live?

Richland
