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PROTECTING ACCESS TO THE SHORE



Proposed Rules will Roll Back Years of Progress: Public Access to the Shore

In April, the Christie Administration announced new rules that would dramatically reduce New Jersey's rights to view, use and enjoy rivers, bays and coast for fishing, swimming, surfing, kayaking, or enjoying a walk in the surf or along an urban waterfront. If implemented, these rules will roll back years of hard-won progress by the American Littoral Society and other coastal advocates by placing much of the control and public access squarely in the hands of local towns—a practice that has been disastrous for decades, as our more than forty years of litigation in this area demonstrates. Add to this the fact that what little protection these rules provide is totally unenforceable and negotiable, rendering

NJDEP has termed a "common sense" solution a "non-sense" solution.



The American Littoral Society strongly opposes the proposed rules and urges anyone who wants to exercise their right to enjoy New Jersey's coastal waterways (including Delaware Bay, the Atlantic Ocean, the Hudson/Raritan estuary) to make your voice heard at one of the public hearings. We also urge you to contact NJDEP Commissioner Robert Martin and demand that a 4th hearing be held outside of working hours (either on a weeknight or Saturday) so that the working people who will be most severely impacted by the proposed rules will actually be able to be part of the public discussion.

Check here for updates. We will post fact sheets on the rules early next week.

What You Can Do:

Attend a Public Hearing and Voice Your Opposition to these Rules

Thursday, May 12, 2011 at 11:00 A.M.
Liberty State Park Central Railroad Terminal Building
Blue Comet Auditorium, 1 Audrey Zapp Drive, Jersey City, NJ 07305

Tuesday, May 17, 2011 at 11:00 A.M.
Richard Stockton College of New Jersey
Townsend Residential Life Center Multi-Purpose Room
Jimmie Leeds Road, Pomona, NJ 08240

Monday, May 23, 2011 at 1:00 P.M.
Seaside Heights Municipal Court
2nd Floor Court Room
116 Sherman Road, Seaside Heights NJ 08751

Contact NJDEP Commissioner Martin and Demand a Hearing on a Weeknight or Saturday Bob Martin, NJDEP Commissioner, NJDEP