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**Testimony of
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**Before the House Committee on
WATER, LAND AND OCEAN RESOURCES**

**Monday, March 30, 2009
9:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 325**

**In consideration of
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 250/HOUSE RESOLUTION 219 –
REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO
REVIEW ALL BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, COUNCILS, COMMITTEES, WORKING
GROUPS, AND TASK FORCES TO DETERMINE WHICH OF THESE CAN BE
ELIMINATED**

House Concurrent Resolution 250/House Resolution 219 requests the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) to review the possible elimination of boards, commissions, councils, committees, working groups, and task forces that have completed their tasks or become ineffective or dysfunctional. While the Department appreciates the intent of these resolutions, given the uncertainties of the fiscal situation, the impact on the Department's operating budget, the need to direct new efforts to apply for federal stimulus grants, which will come with additional reporting requirements, the Department's personnel and fiscal resources are being spread thin. As an alternative, this Committee might consider requesting the Boards and Commission staff of the Office of the Governor to take on the review as called for in these resolutions, since this is a task that more appropriately belongs there.

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