

SCR 127

REQUESTING THE STATE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A
MANAGEMENT AUDIT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND
AND NATURAL RESOURCES' DIVISION OF BOATING
AND OCEAN RECREATION.

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**Before the Senate Committee on
WATER AND LAND**

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**In consideration of
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 127
REQUESTING THE STATE AUDITOR CONDUCT A MANAGEMENT AUDIT OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES' DIVISION OF
BOATING AND OCEAN RECREATION**

Senate Concurrent Resolution 127 requests that the Legislative Auditor perform a management audit of the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation (DOBOR) of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department). **The Department offers the following comments.**

First, DOBOR provides funding to the Department's Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement (DOCARE) for enforcement. DOCARE is a separate administrative entity that provides resource enforcement for the entire Department. Budget and personnel constraints have been a challenge for DOCARE. Additional legislative support for DOCARE would benefit the entire Department, including DOBOR. Second, through fee increases and development of fast lands, DOBOR has increased its revenue stream and is addressing issues related to its facilities. It has completed over \$100 million in capital improvement projects over the last ten years on harbors and ramps. Third, DOBOR has explored the feasibility of seven day a week operations and concluded that its current staffing level is inadequate. Additional harbor and maintenance positions and funding would be required. Finally, DOBOR welcomes the suggestion that it consider best practices from other states or local governments that deal with similar management and capacity challenges. Department staff is encouraged to pursue learning and continuing education opportunities as resources allow.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this resolution.

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