



Ohio Department of Natural Resources

TED STRICKLAND, GOVERNOR

SEAN D. LOGAN, DIRECTOR

September 28, 2007

Dear Submerged Land Leaseholder:

Under Governor Ted Strickland's newly announced policy regarding Submerged Land Leases (see attached) you will soon have the option of terminating or modifying your existing lease with the State of Ohio. This policy will apply to all leases which extend into areas within the limits of valid property deeds.

Since the change in policy was announced on July 13, 2007, we have been working to draft the Ohio Administrative Code rules, which will implement the governor's new policy. These newly drafted rules will be submitted to a subcommittee of the Coastal Resources Advisory Council for consideration and review. The Council represents a broad range of interests and consists of members from Ohio counties adjacent to Lake Erie. The goal of the subcommittee is to present the rules package, with recommendations, to the entire Council for review in November.

If the full Council approves the proposed rules, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources will proceed with soliciting public comment on the rules. After receiving and considering these comments, the rules will be presented to the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (JCARR), a body of elected state senators and representatives who review Ohio Administrative Code rules proposed by state agencies.

The rule-making process is designed to provide adequate time for public comment and input, and to assure that the rules that are adopted consider the interests of the people most affected. We hope to have the final rules in place in early 2008 and are working to ensure that the final rule package respects the rights of all shoreline property owners while protecting Ohio's valuable Lake Erie resource. For more information or to view the draft rules visit www.ohiodnr.com/coastal.

Thank you for your participation in this important process and your patience as we move forward with these changes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sean D. Logan".

Sean D. Logan, Director
Ohio Department of Natural Resources

