



2. FOR EACH DESIGNATED SEAGRASS MANAGEMENT AREA, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP AND ADOPT A SEAGRASS MANAGEMENT PLAN TO GUIDE THE DEVELOPMENT OF RULES AND REGULATIONS PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION. SUCH PLAN SHALL BE DEVELOPED AFTER CONSULTATION WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, REPRESENTATIVES OF RECREATIONAL BOATING INTERESTS, THE MARINE INDUSTRY, AFFECTED PROPERTY OWNERS AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS, SO AS TO EFFECTIVELY MANAGE AND PROTECT SEAGRASS BEDS AND SEAGRASS RESTORATION EFFORTS. IN ADDITION, SEAGRASS MANAGEMENT PLANS SHALL SEEK TO PRESERVE TRADITIONAL RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING RECREATIONAL BOATING AND MARINA OPERATIONS, AS WELL AS FINFISHING, SHELLFISHING AND TOURISM WHILE ENSURING SUCH ACTIVITIES DO NOT THREATEN SEAGRASS BEDS OR NEGATE SEAGRASS RESTORATION EFFORTS.

3. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO RESTRICT THE USE OF MECHANICAL-POWERED FISHING OR SHELLFISHING GEAR WHICH MAY IMPACT SEAGRASS BEDS, INCLUDING CHURNING, DREDGES, RAKES AND TONGS.

4. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL IDENTIFY PESTICIDES AND HERBICIDES THAT ARE TOXIC TO SEAGRASS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING RESTRICTING THEIR USE IN COASTAL AREAS.

5. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL MAKE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE IMPORTANCE OF SEAGRASS PROTECTION AND THE STATUS OF SEAGRASS RESTORATION EFFORTS AVAILABLE ON THE DEPARTMENT WEBSITE.

S 13-0707. FERTILIZER REDUCTION IN COASTAL COMMUNITIES.

1. A PERSON IN A COASTAL COMMUNITY MAY NOT APPLY A FERTILIZER CONTAINING THE PLANT NUTRIENT PHOSPHORUS AFTER NOVEMBER FIRST AND BEFORE APRIL FIRST.

2. ANY LOCAL LAW OR ORDINANCE OF ANY COUNTY, OR OF ANY CITY WITH A POPULATION OF ONE MILLION OR MORE, WHICH IS INCONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS TITLE SHALL NOT BE PREEMPTED IF SUCH LOCAL LAW OR ORDINANCE PROVIDES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION EQUAL TO OR GREATER THAN THE PROVISIONS OF THIS TITLE.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred fiftieth day after it shall have become a law.