

1 RASS MANAGEMENT AREAS PURSUANT TO SEAGRASS MANAGEMENT PLANS. DESIG-
2 NATION OF SUCH AREAS SHALL INCLUDE CONSIDERATION, ON A GEOGRAPHIC OR
3 ESTUARINE BASIS, OF LIKELY THREATS TO SEAGRASS.

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

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

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

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

25 S 13-0707. FERTILIZER REDUCTION IN COASTAL COMMUNITIES.

26 1. A PERSON IN A COASTAL COMMUNITY MAY NOT APPLY A FERTILIZER CONTAIN-
27 ING THE PLANT NUTRIENT PHOSPHORUS AFTER NOVEMBER FIRST AND BEFORE APRIL
28 FIRST.

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

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