Ohio Sunset Review Committee
Agency Questionnaire

Agency Name Coastal Resources Advisory Council -- ORC 1506.12

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Agency's primary purpose and its various goals and objectives

The Coastal Resources Advisory Council is responsible for:

(A) advising the Director of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources on the implementation of the coastal management program;

(B) recommending to the Director such policies and legislation which preserves, protects, develops, and restores or enhances the coastal resources of the state;

(C) reviewing and making recommendations to the Director on the development of policies, plans, and programs for long-term, comprehensive coastal resource management; and

(D) recommending to the Director ways to enhance cooperation among governmental agencies who have an interest in coastal management and to encourage wise use and protection of the state's coastal resources. The council may request information and other assistance from those governmental agencies for this purpose.

Agency's past and anticipated workload, number of staff required to complete workload, and total number of staff

The Council is required to hold at least 1 meeting every 3 months and must keep a record of its proceedings, which must be open to the public for inspection. Special meetings may also be called by the chairperson.

Three staff members from ODNR's Office of Coastal Resources assist the Council with administrative duties. They spend approximately 150 hours/year combined making all council meeting arrangements, minutes, agendas, etc. They are not compensated for their work with the Council as their primary roles are to assist the Chief of the Office of Coastal Resources.

The Chief of the Office of Coastal Resources also attends Council meetings and participates in executive board meetings.

Agency's past and anticipated budgets and its sources of funding

Council members do not receive compensation. However, they can be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the discharge of duties.

The only money that is spent on Council reimbursements is for travel. Not all council members request to be reimbursed for their travel.

In 2015, the total amount of money expended for reimbursements to Council members over 4 meetings totaled $707. Those moneys were expended from Fund 5140 / ALI 725606, which is the Lake Erie Shoreline line item.

Number of members of its governing board or other governing entity and their compensation, if any

The Council consist of 19 members who represent a broad range of interests, experience, and knowledge relating to the management, use, conservation, protection, and development of coastal area resources. The Director must solicit names of qualified persons to serve on the council from the legislative authorities of counties, townships, municipal corporations, and other political subdivisions and from interest groups located in the coastal area.

Of the 19 total members:

- at least 1 member must be from each shoreline county;
- at least 1 member shall be a public official of a shoreline county;
- at least 1 member shall be a public official of a municipal corporation that is located in a shoreline county;
- at least 2 members shall be members of the Ohio Association of Realtors and whose place of business is located in the shoreline area;
- at least 2 members shall be individuals with experience in residential and/or commercial land development in the shoreline area;
- at least 3 members shall be individuals who own private shoreline property in a shoreline county; and
- no more than 10 members shall be from the same political party.

The members of the Council are appointed by the Director of ODNR to serve four-year terms.

Additional notes

ODNR values the work of the Coastal Resources Advisory Council, but feels that the same level of input can be offered to the Department through a less formalized and bureaucratic process. We are committed to maintaining the same level of communication and engagement between the Department and these valuable stakeholders, but in a more efficient manner.

The Council, recognizing this agency objective, has begun meeting informally to continue their mission of advising the Department on Ohio's Coastal Management Program and the promotion, protection, enhancement and encouragement of the wise use of resources in Lake Erie, its coast and its watershed. We appreciate their input and will continue to welcome it as we have in years past.

Therefore, ODNR recommends that the Coastal Resources Advisory Council be sunset by the Sunset Review Committee.