

AGENDA

SC DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD

260 D Epting Lane
West Columbia, SC 29172
October 23, 2025 10:00 am

Please use the following link and select the “Watch Live” button if you would like to watch the Board meeting: <https://www.dnr.sc.gov/>

1. Call to Order.....Dr. Mark Hartley, Chairman, SCDNR Board
2. Invocation
3. Pledge of Allegiance..... Duane Swygert, Vice Chairman, SCDNR Board
4. Chairman’s Comments
5. Introduction of Guests/Constituent Comments
(Comments are limited to 5 minutes).....Shannon Bobertz, Chief of Staff
6. Approval of Minutes of August 21, 2025 meeting
7. Agency Reports/Updates Dr. Thomas Mullikin, Director
8. Advisory Committee Reports
 - A. Land, Water and Conservation..... Hope Blackley, SCDNR Board Representative
 - B. Governor’s Cup Billfishing Series Carlisle Oxner, SCDNR Board Representative
 - C. Law Enforcement Duane Swygert, Chairman
 - D. Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Mike Hutchins, Chairman
 - E. Marine..... Jerry Lee, Chairman
 - F. Heritage Trust..... Dr. Mark Hartley, SCDNR Board Representative
 - G. Saltwater Recreational Fisheries.....Davy Hite, SCDNR Board Representative
9. Item(s) for Board Information
 - A. Climate Update Hope Mizzell, Land Water and Conservation Division
 - B. Mitigation Trust Fund Report..... Scott Speares, Chief Budget and Finance Officer
 - C. Updates from the Bat Cave – Accomplishments and Path Forward Jennifer Kindel
Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division
 - D. Personnel Item – Director Annual Review Eva Smith, Director, Human Resources
 - E. Proposed 2026 SCDNR Board Meeting Schedule
 - F. Legal Update Susan Porter, General Counsel
10. Item(s) for Board Action
 - A. Approval of Revisions to SCDNR Policies Susan Porter and Eva Smith
 - B. Approval of Expenditure from Mitigation Trust Fund – St. Stephen’s Fish
Lift Operations..... Ross Self, Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries
 - C. Approval of Expenditure from the Broad River Mitigation Trust Fund – Stream Culvert
Replacement within Lower Duncan Creek Sub-Watershed Elizabeth Miller
Office of Environmental Programs
 - D. Conservation District Commissioner Appointments, Reappointments and Commissioner
Emeritus Appointment.....Ken Rentiers, Deputy Director for Land, Water and Conservation

- E. Governor's Cup Billfishing Series Advisory Board ReappointmentBlaik Keppler
Deputy Director for Marine Resources
- F. Appointment of Governor's Cup Billfishing Series Advisory Board ChairmanBlaik Keppler
- G. Appointment of Governor's Cup Billfishing Series Advisory Board
Vice ChairmanBlaik Keppler
- H. Preliminary Approval of Property Purchase in Aiken CountyFran Varacalli
Office of Environmental Programs
- I. Preliminary Approval of Property Purchase in Horry CountyFran Varacalli
- J. Preliminary Approval of Property Purchase in Horry CountyFran Varacalli
- K. Preliminary Approval of Property Purchase in Horry CountyFran Varacalli
- L. Preliminary Approval of Property Purchase in Horry CountyFran Varacalli
- M. Preliminary Approval of Property Purchase in Horry CountyFran Varacalli
- N. Preliminary Approval of Property Purchase in Pickens County.....Fran Varacalli

- 11. Comments..... Board Members
- 12. Time and Location of Next Board Meeting..... Board Members
- 13. Adjournment