Aquatic Lands Management

Manage 2.6M acres of state-owned aquatic lands for a balance of public benefits:

- Encouraging direct public use and access
- Fostering water-dependent uses
- Ensuring environmental protection
- Utilizing renewable resources
- Generate revenue
Harbor Areas

Article XV: Areas of navigable waters forever reserved for navigation and commerce
BNR Involvement in Residential Use

1974

- Adopted Resolution No. 181
- Residential use (houseboats) considered a low priority use of public lands
- 1980 – Board adopted rule prohibiting houseboats in harbor areas
BNR Involvement in Residential Use (cont.)

2002

- Adopted current rules for residential use
- Allowed residential use of vessels in harbor areas
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