

# Administrative Procedures – Public Input Statement

## **Instructions:**

In completing the public input statement, an agency describes what it did do, or will do to maximize the involvement of the public in the development of the rule. This form must be completed for the following filings made during the rulemaking process:

- Proposed Rule Filing
- Final Proposed Filing
- Adopted Rule Filing
- Emergency Rule Filing

### 1. TITLE OF RULE FILING:

Acceptable Management Practices for Maintaining Water Quality on Logging Jobs in Vermont

### 2. ADOPTING AGENCY:

Agency of Natural Resources, Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation

### 3. PLEASE LIST THE STEPS THAT HAVE BEEN OR WILL BE TAKEN TO MAXIMIZE PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROPOSED RULE:

Input was solicited within ANR (FPR, DFW, and DEC). Comments were received and incorporated into the proposed rule amendment. Also, throughout the spring and summer of 2017, the proposed changes were discussed at Logger and Forester trainings across the state, as well as stakeholder meetings that were also attended by FPR staff. Input was received and incorporated into the proposed amendment to the rule. The amendment to the rule will be posted on the FP&R and ANR websites. Three public hearings will be hosted; one in the northern part of the state, one in the central part, and one in the southern part of the state. There will be a public comment period that ends 10 days after the last public hearing. A notice will be sent out to stakeholder groups.

4. BEYOND GENERAL ADVERTISEMENTS, PLEASE LIST THE PEOPLE AND ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN OR WILL BE INVOLVED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROPOSED RULE:

Input has been received and incorporated into the proposed amendment to the rule from FP&R, DEC, F&W, Vermont Agency of Natural Resources, Vermont Forest Products Association, Associated Industries of Vermont, Vermont Woodland Owners Association, Vermont Natural Resources Council, Vermont Forest Roundtable, Green Mountain National Forest, USDA Forest Service Northeastern Area State & Private Forestry, Vermont Natural Resource Conservation Service. Input was also received from participants (loggers, foresters, landowners) at several logger and forester training workshops throughout Vermont.

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