

# Strategies for Success

*Wetlands Training Workshop for Consultants*

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# Getting Started

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# Freshwater Wetlands

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- Many disciplines here today
- All levels of experience – apprentices to company presidents
- All ‘getting started’ with the new Rules effective June 1, 2007
- It takes Teamwork!
- Fact sheets, guidance, draft Wetland BMP manual also available/upcoming

# How are the new Rules different?

- Not change scope of protection
- Improve language
- Less complex & more transparent
- Detailed table of contents
- Organized around application types
- Comprehensive requirements
- Some procedural revisions



# Rule 2.00: The Findings

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- **Adopts the *Public Policy* of the Act (RIGL 2-1-19) to preserve and protect the purity and integrity of all freshwater wetlands**
- **Describes wetland functions and values that are protected from adverse impacts (Rule 2.02)**

# Protects Functions and Values

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- **Wildlife and wildlife habitat**
- **Recreation and aesthetics**
- **Flood protection**
- **Surface and groundwater supplies**
- **Water quality protection and maintenance**



# Rule 3.02 & 3.03: DEM & CRMC

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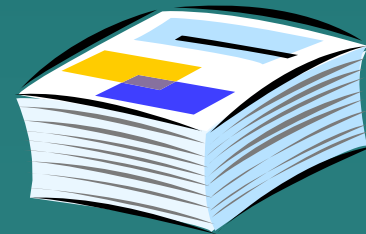
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**Interagency Meeting at DEM**

# Rule 4.00: Definitions

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- Edited, moved, and deleted
- Some NEW terms added
- Defined terms are *Italicized* in the Rules



# Rule 5.00: “Umbrella Rule”

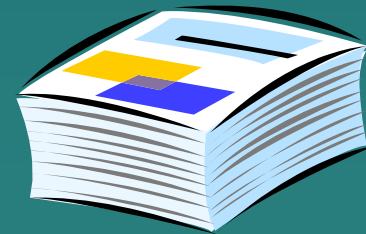
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- **Direct activities that cannot be undertaken without a permit (5.01A)**
- **Activities outside wetlands that may trigger need for a permit (5.01B)**
- **Application types and decisions that are available (5.02)**

# Application Types Available (5.02)

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- *Request for Regulatory Applicability (8.04)*
- *Application for Permit Transfer (11.04)*



# Rule 6.00: New Exempt Activities

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- Cutting for invasive species control (6.02K)
- Vertical addition to 2 stories (6.05 & 6.06)
- Planting in perimeter & riverbank (6.18)
- High & significant hazard dams (6.19)
- Cutting/clearing at low hazard dams (6.20)

