

# Regulations and Guidelines for The Clearing and Thinning of Wetlands

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As of November 1, 2013, the Department of Coastal Management will issue new regulations and guidelines for the clearing and thinning of wetlands. It is the responsibility of the property owner to comply with these rules and obtain all necessary permits. Interior as well as waterfront lots need to be aware of this. You need only a minimum number of "Wetland plants" to be governed by these regulations. The DCM website is:

<https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/water-resources/water-quality-permitting/401-buffer-permitting-branch>