

AN ACT

relating to the abolition of the Coastal Coordination Council and the transfer of its functions to the General Land Office.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subsection (g), Section 201.026, Agriculture Code, is amended to read as follows:

(g) In an area that the state board identifies as having or having the potential to develop agricultural or silvicultural nonpoint source water quality problems or an area within the "coastal zone" designated by the commissioner of the General Land Office [~~Coastal Coordination Council~~], the state board shall establish a water quality management plan certification program that provides, through local soil and water conservation districts, for the development, supervision, and monitoring of individual water quality management plans for agricultural and silvicultural lands. Each plan must be developed, maintained, and implemented under rules and criteria adopted by the state board and comply with state water quality standards established by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. The state board shall certify a plan that satisfies the state board's rules and criteria and complies with state water quality standards established by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality under the commission's exclusive authority to set water quality standards for all water in the state.

SECTION 2. Section 33.004, Natural Resources Code, is

1 amended by adding Subdivision (2-a) to read as follows:

2 (2-a) "Committee" means the Coastal Coordination
3 Advisory Committee.

4 SECTION 3. Section 33.051, Natural Resources Code, is
5 amended to read as follows:

6 Sec. 33.051. GENERAL DUTY. The board, the commissioner
7 [~~council~~], the land office, and the network shall perform the
8 duties provided in this subchapter.

9 SECTION 4. Subsection (a), Section 33.052, Natural
10 Resources Code, is amended to read as follows:

11 (a) The commissioner shall develop a continuing
12 comprehensive coastal management program pursuant to the policies
13 stated in Section 33.202 [~~of this code. The program is not~~
14 ~~effective until approved by a majority of the council under Section~~
15 ~~33.204 of this code~~].

16 SECTION 5. Subsection (b), Section 33.052, Natural
17 Resources Code, as amended by Chapters 165 (S.B. 971) and 416 (H.B.
18 3226), Acts of the 74th Legislature, Regular Session, 1995, is
19 reenacted and amended to read as follows:

20 (b) In developing the program, the land office shall act as
21 the lead agency to coordinate and implement a comprehensive coastal
22 management program [~~develop a long-term plan~~] for the management of
23 uses affecting coastal natural resource areas, in cooperation with
24 other state agencies that have duties relating to coastal matters[~~7~~
25 ~~including those agencies represented on the council~~]. The program
26 shall implement the policies stated in Section 33.202 [~~of this~~
27 ~~code~~] and shall include the elements listed in Section 33.053 [~~of~~

1 ~~this code~~].

2 SECTION 6. Subsection (e), Section 33.052, Natural
3 Resources Code, is amended to read as follows:

4 (e) This section does not add to or subtract from the duties
5 and responsibilities of a state agency other than the land office,
6 the commissioner [~~council~~], and the board.

7 SECTION 7. Section 33.055, Natural Resources Code, is
8 amended to read as follows:

9 Sec. 33.055. PUBLIC HEARINGS TO CONSIDER COASTAL MANAGEMENT
10 PROGRAM. In developing, reviewing, or amending the coastal
11 management program, after due notice to affected persons and the
12 public generally, the commissioner [~~and the council~~] shall hold or
13 have held public hearings as the commissioner determines [~~and the~~
14 ~~council determine~~] to be appropriate.

15 SECTION 8. Subsections (a), (e), (f), and (g), Section
16 33.204, Natural Resources Code, are amended to read as follows:

17 (a) The commissioner [~~council~~] by rule shall adopt goals and
18 policies of the coastal management program. A goal or policy may
19 not require an agency or subdivision to perform an action that would
20 exceed the constitutional or statutory authority of the agency or
21 subdivision to which the goal or policy applies.

22 (e) In conducting consistency reviews under Section 33.205
23 [~~of this code~~], the commissioner [~~council~~] shall receive and
24 consider the oral or written testimony of any person regarding the
25 coastal management program as the testimony relates to the agency
26 or subdivision action or federal agency action or activity or outer
27 continental shelf plan under review. The commissioner [~~council~~]

1 may reasonably limit the length and format of the testimony and the
2 time at which it will be received. Notice of the period during
3 which the testimony will be received shall be published in the Texas
4 Register and in a newspaper of general circulation in each county
5 directly affected by the matter under review before the
6 commencement of that period. The commissioner [~~council~~] shall
7 consider only the record before the agency or subdivision involved
8 in the matter under review, the agency's or subdivision's findings,
9 applicable laws and rules, any additional information provided by
10 that agency or subdivision, and public testimony under this
11 subsection, provided that if the agency or subdivision did not hold
12 a hearing, make a record, or make findings, the commissioner
13 [~~council~~] may hold a hearing and make findings necessary to a
14 complete and thorough review.

15 (f) [~~The land office shall assist the council in carrying~~
16 ~~out its duties. The council members may not receive compensation~~
17 ~~for services but may receive reimbursement for actual and necessary~~
18 ~~expenses.~~] The land office, in coordination with other agencies
19 and subdivisions, shall prepare an annual report on the
20 effectiveness of the coastal management program. [~~The land office~~
21 ~~shall submit the report to the council for approval.~~] On or before
22 January 15 of each odd-numbered year, the land office shall send to
23 the legislature each of the previous two annual reports.

24 (g) The commissioner [~~council~~] may award grants to projects
25 that further the goals and policies of the coastal management
26 program [~~council~~]. The commissioner [~~council~~] shall establish the
27 procedures for making any determination related to awarding a

1 grant.

2 SECTION 9. Section 33.2041, Natural Resources Code, is
3 amended to read as follows:

4 Sec. 33.2041. COASTAL COORDINATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
5 ~~[COMPOSITION OF COUNCIL, TERMS]~~. (a) The commissioner by rule
6 shall establish the Coastal Coordination Advisory Committee to
7 advise the commissioner on matters related to the coastal
8 management program. The committee ~~[council]~~ shall consist of:

9 (1) a representative of each of the following entities
10 designated by the presiding officer of that entity ~~[ex officio~~
11 ~~members]~~:

12 (A) the land office ~~[commissioner]~~;

13 (B) the ~~[presiding officer of the]~~ Parks and
14 Wildlife Department ~~[Commission or a member of the commission~~
15 ~~designated by the presiding officer]~~;

16 (C) the ~~[presiding officer of the]~~ Texas
17 Commission on Environmental Quality ~~[Natural Resource Conservation~~
18 ~~Commission or a member of the commission designated by the~~
19 ~~presiding officer]~~;

20 (D) ~~[a member of]~~ the Railroad Commission of
21 Texas ~~[appointed by that commission]~~;

22 (E) the ~~[presiding officer of the]~~ Texas Water
23 Development Board ~~[or a member of the board designated by the~~
24 ~~presiding officer]~~;

25 (F) the ~~[presiding officer of the]~~ Texas
26 Department of Transportation ~~[Commission or a member of the~~
27 ~~commission designated by the presiding officer]~~;

1 (G) [~~a member of~~] the State Soil and Water
2 Conservation Board [~~appointed by that board~~]; and

3 (H) the [~~director of the~~] Texas [~~A&M University~~]
4 Sea Grant College Program to serve as a nonvoting member; and

5 (2) the following members to be appointed by the
6 commissioner [~~governor with the advice and consent of the senate to~~
7 ~~serve a two-year term~~]:

8 (A) a city or county elected official who resides
9 in the coastal area;

10 (B) an owner of a business located in the coastal
11 area who resides in the coastal area;

12 (C) a resident from the coastal area; and

13 (D) a representative of agriculture.

14 (b) The commissioner by rule shall establish the terms of
15 office for and duties of committee members [~~terms of the positions~~
16 ~~on the council held by the city or county elected official who~~
17 ~~resides in the coastal area and the resident from the coastal area~~
18 ~~expire May 31 of each even-numbered year. The terms of the~~
19 ~~positions on the council held by the owner of a business located in~~
20 ~~the coastal area who resides in the coastal area and the~~
21 ~~representative of agriculture expire May 31 of each odd-numbered~~
22 ~~year~~].

23 (c) Chapter 2110, Government Code, does not apply to the
24 size, composition, or duration of the committee [~~Appointments to~~
25 ~~the council shall be made without regard to the race, color,~~
26 ~~disability, sex, religion, age, or national origin of the~~
27 ~~appointees~~].

1 SECTION 10. The heading to Section 33.205, Natural
2 Resources Code, is amended to read as follows:

3 Sec. 33.205. CONSISTENCY WITH COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM;
4 COMMISSIONER [~~COUNCIL~~] REVIEW.

5 SECTION 11. Section 33.205, Natural Resources Code, is
6 amended by amending Subsections (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), and
7 (h) and adding Subsections (f-1) and (f-2) to read as follows:

8 (b) An agency or subdivision subject to the requirements of
9 Subsection (a) shall affirm that it has taken into account the goals
10 and policies of the coastal management program by issuing a written
11 determination that a proposed agency or subdivision action
12 described by Section 33.2051 or 33.2053 is consistent with the
13 program goals and policies.

14 (c) The commissioner [~~council~~] may [~~not~~] review a proposed
15 agency or subdivision action subject to the requirements of
16 Subsections (a) and (b) [~~of this section~~] for consistency with the
17 goals and policies of the coastal management program if [~~unless~~]:

18 (1) the consistency determination for the proposed
19 action was contested by:

20 (A) a [~~council~~] member of the committee or an
21 agency that was a party in a formal hearing under Chapter 2001,
22 Government Code, or in an alternative dispute resolution process;
23 or

24 (B) another [~~a council member or other~~] person by
25 the filing of written comments with the agency before the action was
26 proposed if the proposed action is one for which a formal hearing
27 under Chapter 2001, Government Code, is not available;

1 (2) a person described by Subdivision (1) [~~of this~~
2 ~~subsection~~] files a request for referral alleging a significant
3 unresolved dispute regarding the proposed action's consistency
4 with the goals and policies of the coastal management program; and

5 (3) any three members of the committee [~~council~~] other
6 than the representative [~~director~~] of the Texas [~~A&M University~~]
7 Sea Grant College Program agree that there is a significant
8 unresolved dispute regarding the proposed action's consistency
9 with the goals and policies of the coastal management program and
10 the matter is referred to the commissioner for review [~~placed on the~~
11 ~~agenda for a council meeting~~].

12 (d) If consistency review thresholds are in effect under
13 Section 33.2052, the commissioner [~~council~~] may not review a
14 proposed action subject to the requirements of Subsections (a) and
15 (b) for consistency with the goals and policies of the coastal
16 management program unless the requirements of Subsection (c) are
17 satisfied and:

18 (1) if the proposed action is one for which a formal
19 hearing under Chapter 2001, Government Code, is available:

20 (A) the action exceeds the applicable thresholds
21 and the agency's consistency determination was contested in a
22 formal hearing or in an alternative dispute resolution process; or

23 (B) the action does not exceed the applicable
24 thresholds but may directly and adversely affect a critical area,
25 critical dune area, coastal park, wildlife management area or
26 preserve, or gulf beach and a state agency contested the agency's
27 consistency determination in a formal hearing; or

1 (2) if the proposed action is one for which a formal
2 hearing under Chapter 2001, Government Code, is not available to
3 contest the agency's determination, the action exceeds the
4 applicable thresholds.

5 (e) The commissioner [~~council~~] must consider and act on a
6 matter referred under Subsection (c) or (d) before the 26th day
7 after the date the agency or subdivision proposed the action. For
8 purposes of this section, an action subject to the contested case
9 provisions of Chapter 2001, Government Code, is proposed when
10 notice of a decision or order is issued under Section 2001.142,
11 Government Code.

12 (f) The commissioner [~~council~~] by rule shall establish a
13 process by which an applicant for a permit or other proposed action
14 described in Section 33.2053, or an agency or subdivision proposing
15 an action, may request and receive a preliminary consistency
16 review. The rules shall:

17 (1) create a permitting assistance group composed of
18 representatives of committee [~~council~~] member agencies and other
19 interested committee [~~council~~] members to coordinate the
20 preliminary reviews; and

21 (2) require that the following written information be
22 produced not later than the 45th day after the date of the request
23 for preliminary review:

24 (A) a statement from each agency or subdivision
25 required to permit or approve the project as to whether the agency
26 or subdivision anticipates approving or denying the application;

27 (B) if an agency or subdivision intends to deny

1 an application, the agency's or subdivision's explanation of the
2 grounds for denial and recommendations for resolving the grounds in
3 a way that would allow the application to be approved;

4 (C) if enough information is already available, a
5 preliminary finding as to whether the project is likely to be found
6 consistent with the goals and policies of the coastal management
7 program; and

8 (D) if the project is likely to be found
9 inconsistent with the goals and policies of the coastal management
10 program, an explanation and recommendation for resolving the
11 inconsistency in a way that would allow the project to be found
12 consistent.

13 (f-1) Not later than January 1, 2012, the commissioner shall
14 evaluate the functions, including any pending initiatives,
15 membership, and usefulness of the permitting assistance group
16 established under Subsection (f). The evaluation must include
17 input from all members of the permitting assistance group and the
18 committee. This subsection expires April 1, 2012.

19 (f-2) The commissioner may adopt rules as necessary to:

20 (1) restructure or abolish the permitting assistance
21 group;

22 (2) expand the functions of the permitting assistance
23 group; or

24 (3) add members to the permitting assistance group.

25 (g) The commissioner [~~council~~] by rule shall establish a
26 process by which an individual or small business may request and
27 receive assistance with filing applications for permits or other

1 proposed actions described by Section 33.2053. The rules shall
2 provide for:

3 (1) the coordination of preapplication assistance
4 through the permitting assistance group; and

5 (2) the provision of the following, by the permitting
6 assistance group, to an individual or a small business, on request:

7 (A) a list of the permits or other approvals
8 necessary for the project;

9 (B) a simple, understandable statement of all
10 permit requirements;

11 (C) a coordinated schedule for each agency's or
12 subdivision's decision on the action;

13 (D) a list of all the information the agencies or
14 subdivisions need to declare the applications for the permits or
15 other approvals administratively complete;

16 (E) assistance in completing the applications as
17 needed; and

18 (F) if enough information is already available, a
19 preliminary finding as to whether the project is likely to be found
20 consistent with the goals and policies of the coastal management
21 program.

22 (h) If an agency, subdivision, or applicant has received a
23 preliminary finding of consistency under Subsection (f)(2)(C) or
24 (g)(2)(F) and a request for referral was filed on that action under
25 Subsection (c)(2), the commissioner [~~council~~] may accept the
26 request for referral only if the agency or subdivision has
27 substantially changed the permit or proposed action since the

1 preliminary finding was issued.

2 SECTION 12. Subsection (e), Section 33.2051, Natural
3 Resources Code, is amended to read as follows:

4 (e) The commissioner [~~council~~] may not review a proposed
5 rule of the [~~Texas~~] Department of Agriculture.

6 SECTION 13. Section 33.2052, Natural Resources Code, is
7 amended to read as follows:

8 Sec. 33.2052. CERTIFICATION OF AGENCY RULES; AGENCY ACTIONS
9 CONSIDERED CONSISTENT. (a) The commissioner [~~council~~] by rule
10 shall establish and may modify a process by which an agency may
11 submit rules and rule amendments described by Section 33.2051 to
12 the commissioner [~~council~~] for review and certification for
13 consistency with the goals and policies of the coastal management
14 program.

15 (b) The process must provide that an agency may submit to
16 the commissioner [~~council~~] consistency review thresholds for the
17 agency's actions described in Section 33.2053. After the
18 commissioner [~~council~~] certifies that an agency's rules are
19 consistent and approves the agency's thresholds, the agency's
20 consistency determination under Section 33.205(b) for an action is
21 final and is not subject to referral and review, except as provided
22 by Section 33.205(d).

23 (c) The commissioner [~~council~~] by rule shall provide that
24 the commissioner [~~council~~] may revoke a [~~its~~] certification under
25 Subsection (b) if the commissioner [~~council~~] finds that an agency
26 has:

27 (1) implemented certified rules in a manner that

1 conflicts with the goals and policies of the coastal management
2 program; or

3 (2) amended certified rules in a manner inconsistent
4 with the goals and policies of the coastal management program.

5 SECTION 14. Subsections (j) and (k), Section 33.2053,
6 Natural Resources Code, are amended to read as follows:

7 (j) An action to renew, amend, or modify an existing permit,
8 certificate, lease, easement, approval, or other action is not an
9 action under this section if the action is taken under a rule that
10 the commissioner [~~council~~] has certified under Section 33.2052 and:

11 (1) for a wastewater discharge permit, if the action
12 is not a major permit modification that would:

13 (A) increase pollutant loads to coastal waters;
14 or

15 (B) result in relocation of an outfall to a
16 critical area;

17 (2) for solid, hazardous, or nonhazardous waste
18 permits, if the action is not a Class III modification under rules
19 of the Texas [~~Natural Resource Conservation~~] Commission on
20 Environmental Quality; or

21 (3) for any other action, if the action:

22 (A) only extends the period of the existing
23 authorization and does not authorize new or additional work or
24 activity; or

25 (B) is not directly relevant to Sections
26 33.205(a) and (b).

27 (k) The commissioner [~~council~~] shall establish a program

1 boundary to limit the geographic area in which the requirements of
2 Sections 33.205(a) and (b) apply. The boundary is the coastal
3 facility designation line as defined by Appendix 1 to 31 TAC Section
4 19.2 as that appendix existed on the effective date of this section,
5 as modified by Section 33.203(7). Except as provided by
6 Subsections (f)(8)-(10), this subchapter does not apply to an
7 agency action authorizing an activity outside the program boundary.

8 SECTION 15. Section 33.206, Natural Resources Code, is
9 amended to read as follows:

10 Sec. 33.206. [~~COUNCIL~~] ACTION BY COMMISSIONER OR ATTORNEY
11 GENERAL. (a) A proposed action is consistent with the goals and
12 policies of the coastal management program and approved by the
13 commissioner [~~council~~] unless [~~, on the affirmative vote of at least~~
14 ~~two-thirds of the members of the council,~~] the commissioner
15 [~~council~~] determines the action to be inconsistent with the coastal
16 management program and protests the action.

17 (b) If the commissioner [~~council~~] protests the proposed
18 action, the commissioner [~~council~~] shall report the commissioner's
19 [~~its~~] findings on the matter to the agency or subdivision. The
20 report shall specify how the proposed action is inconsistent with
21 the goals and policies of the coastal management program and
22 include specific recommendations of the commissioner [~~council~~]
23 regarding how the proposed action may be modified or amended to make
24 it consistent with the program. Before the 21st day after the date
25 the agency or subdivision receives the report, the agency or
26 subdivision shall review the findings and recommendations and
27 determine whether to modify or amend the proposed action to make it

1 consistent with the goals and policies of the coastal management
2 program and shall notify the commissioner [~~council~~] of its
3 decision.

4 (c) If an agency or subdivision does not modify or amend a
5 proposed action to be consistent with the goals and policies of the
6 coastal management program, the commissioner [~~council~~] shall
7 request the attorney general to issue an opinion on the consistency
8 of the proposed action with the coastal management program. The
9 agency or subdivision is stayed from taking the proposed action
10 until the attorney general issues the opinion. The attorney
11 general shall issue an opinion before the 26th day after the date
12 the commissioner [~~council~~] requests the opinion.

13 (d) The commissioner [~~council~~] shall adopt guidance and
14 procedural rules for the review of federal actions, activities, and
15 outer continental shelf plans that incorporate the provisions of
16 federal regulations governing those reviews. The guidance and
17 rules shall provide that the commissioner [~~chair~~] or any three
18 committee members may request additional information from a federal
19 agency or additional time for review as provided by the federal
20 regulations.

21 (e) The commissioner [~~council~~] shall review any federal
22 action, activity, or outer continental shelf plan that any three
23 committee members [~~of the council~~] agree presents a significant
24 unresolved issue regarding consistency with the goals and policies
25 of the coastal management program [~~and place the matter on the~~
26 ~~agenda of a meeting of the council for review~~].

27 (f) [~~If an activity requiring an agency or subdivision~~

1 ~~action described by Section 33.2053 that falls below thresholds in~~
2 ~~effect under Section 33.2052 also requires an equivalent federal~~
3 ~~permit or license, the council may only determine the agency or~~
4 ~~subdivision action's consistency.]~~ If an activity requiring an
5 agency or subdivision action described by Section 33.2053 that
6 falls above thresholds in effect under Section 33.2052 also
7 requires an equivalent federal permit or license, the commissioner
8 ~~[council]~~ may determine the consistency of the agency or
9 subdivision action or the federal license or permit, but not both.
10 The determination regarding the consistency of an action made by
11 the commissioner ~~[council]~~ under this subsection constitutes the
12 state's determination regarding consistency of the equivalent
13 agency or subdivision action or federal action.

14 (g) Notwithstanding the other provisions of this
15 subchapter, on request for referral, the commissioner may not
16 review a consistency determination of the land office, the
17 commissioner, or the board. The commissioner shall refer a request
18 for a review of the consistency of such an action to the attorney
19 general not later than the second day after the date the
20 commissioner receives the request. The attorney general shall
21 determine whether the action is consistent with the goals and
22 policies of the coastal management program in accordance with the
23 applicable provisions of this subchapter governing determinations
24 by the commissioner. If the attorney general determines the action
25 to be inconsistent with the goals and policies of the coastal
26 management program, the attorney general may protest the action in
27 accordance with the provisions of this subchapter governing

1 protests by the commissioner. A protest by the attorney general has
2 the same effect as a protest by the commissioner. The attorney
3 general may adopt rules as necessary to implement this subsection
4 ~~[If, after review, the council finds a proposed federal agency~~
5 ~~action or activity or outer continental shelf plan is inconsistent~~
6 ~~with the coastal management program, and the federal agency does~~
7 ~~not modify the action, activity, or outer continental shelf plan to~~
8 ~~achieve consistency with the program, the governor, with the~~
9 ~~assistance of the chair of the council, may seek mediation of the~~
10 ~~matter in accordance with federal law].~~

11 ~~[(h) The council may not protest a proposed action by an~~
12 ~~agency or subdivision pertaining to an application filed with that~~
13 ~~agency or subdivision before the date the coastal management~~
14 ~~program is adopted.]~~

15 SECTION 16. Section 33.207, Natural Resources Code, is
16 amended to read as follows:

17 Sec. 33.207. COMMISSIONER [~~COUNCIL~~] RECOMMENDATIONS. In
18 addition to the report required by Section 33.206, the commissioner
19 [~~council~~]:

20 (1) may periodically submit recommendations to an
21 agency or subdivision designed to encourage the agency or
22 subdivision to carry out its functions in a manner consistent with
23 the coastal management program, including recommendations for
24 methods to simplify governmental procedures and changes in
25 applicable rules or statutes; and

26 (2) shall report to the legislature on:

27 (A) recommended statutory changes needed to make

1 more effective and efficient use of public funds and provide for
2 more effective and efficient management of coastal natural resource
3 areas, including recommendations on methods to simplify
4 governmental procedures;

5 (B) agency or subdivision actions that are not
6 consistent with the coastal management program; and

7 (C) population growth of, infrastructure needs
8 of, and use of resources on the coast.

9 SECTION 17. Subsections (b) and (c), Section 33.208,
10 Natural Resources Code, are amended to read as follows:

11 (b) If the attorney general issues an opinion under Section
12 33.206(c) that a proposed agency or subdivision action is
13 inconsistent with the coastal management program and the agency or
14 subdivision fails to implement the commissioner's [~~council's~~]
15 recommendation regarding the action, the attorney general shall
16 file suit in a district court of Travis County to enforce this
17 subchapter. The court shall consider the attorney general's
18 opinion in determining whether the proposed action is consistent
19 with the coastal management program.

20 (c) Notwithstanding the request of an opinion from, or the
21 filing of suit by, the attorney general, the commissioner [~~council~~]
22 and the agency or subdivision may enter into a settlement agreement
23 with regard to the proposed agency or subdivision action. If the
24 commissioner [~~council~~] and the agency or subdivision enter into a
25 settlement agreement, the commissioner [~~council~~] may rescind the
26 commissioner's [~~its~~] request for an opinion from the attorney
27 general.

1 SECTION 18. Section 33.209, Natural Resources Code, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 Sec. 33.209. PROHIBITION ON SPECIAL AREA MANAGEMENT PLANS.
4 The land office [~~council~~] may not develop or approve a special area
5 management plan, including a plan for an area designated under the
6 national estuary program.

7 SECTION 19. The following provisions of the Natural
8 Resources Code are repealed:

- 9 (1) Subdivision (13), Section 33.004;
- 10 (2) Subsection (c), Section 33.052;
- 11 (3) Subdivision (20), Section 33.203;
- 12 (4) Subsections (b), (c), and (d), Section 33.204;
- 13 (5) Section 33.2042;
- 14 (6) Section 33.2043;
- 15 (7) Section 33.2044;
- 16 (8) Section 33.2045;
- 17 (9) Subsection (g), Section 33.2053;
- 18 (10) Section 33.211; and
- 19 (11) Section 33.212.

20 SECTION 20. (a) Effective September 1, 2011, the Coastal
21 Coordination Council is abolished and the powers and duties of the
22 council are transferred to the General Land Office in accordance
23 with Chapter 33, Natural Resources Code, as amended by this Act.

24 (b) As soon as possible after the effective date of this
25 Act, the presiding officers of the appropriate entities shall
26 appoint the members of the Coastal Coordination Advisory Committee
27 in accordance with Section 33.2041, Natural Resources Code, as

1 amended by this Act.

2 (c) All rules of the Coastal Coordination Council are
3 continued in effect as rules of the General Land Office until
4 superseded by a rule of the land office. A certification issued by
5 the council is continued in effect as provided by the law in effect
6 immediately before the effective date of this Act. A complaint,
7 investigation, contested case, or other proceeding pending on the
8 effective date of this Act is continued without change in status
9 after the effective date of this Act. An activity conducted by the
10 council is considered to be an activity conducted by the land
11 office.

12 (d) A reference in another law or an administrative rule to
13 the Coastal Coordination Council means the General Land Office.

14 (e) On September 1, 2011, or as soon as is possible after
15 that date, the commissioner of the General Land Office shall adopt a
16 comprehensive plan to ensure the smooth transition of all programs
17 operated by the Coastal Coordination Council before September 1,
18 2011, from the council to the land office. During the transition,
19 the General Land Office shall consult with the National Oceanic and
20 Atmospheric Administration as necessary to ensure continued
21 compliance with federal requirements and to maintain federal
22 approval of the Texas Coastal Management Program.

23 (f) All money, records, property, and equipment in the
24 possession of the Coastal Coordination Council on September 1,
25 2012, shall be transferred to the possession of the General Land
26 Office on September 1, 2012, or as soon as possible after that date.

27 SECTION 21. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 656 passed the Senate on April 5, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; and that the Senate concurred in House amendments on May 9, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 656 passed the House, with amendments, on May 5, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 143, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor