

Aquatic Reserve Program Proposal Process

Stage 1 - Nomination & Evaluation

1. Request & Receive Nominations: July 2007 thru May 2008
2. DNR evaluation & public outreach: June 2008 – ongoing
3. Science Panel evaluation & site visit: Spring 2009
4. Commissioner of Public Lands Review: Spring 2009
 - a. Science panel recommendations
 - b. Public outreach results
 - c. Determine number of reserves
 - d. Identify conflicting uses
 - e. Determine best public benefit



Stage 2 – Planning & SEPA

1. Develop Draft Management Plan: Summer 2009
 - a. Stakeholder participation
2. SEPA Public Review of Draft Plan: Fall 2009



Stage 3 – Formal Decision

1. Commissioner's decision on adoption: Fall 2009
 - a. Order signed
 - b. Plan adopted
 - c. Implementation begins