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**TO:** Members, Joint Standing Committee on Energy and Natural Resources;  
Members, Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources;  
Members, Joint Standing Committee on Fisheries and Wildlife; and  
Members, Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government.

**FROM:** Mr. Robert Cope and the Honorable Patrick McGowan, Co-chairs, Physical Resources Sub-Committee; Special Commission on Governmental Restructuring.

**SUBJECT:** Special Commission on Governmental Restructuring: Natural Resource Issues

The Special Commission on Governmental Restructuring was established during the First Regular Session of the 115th Legislature (PL 1991, c. 139) to review the structure of state government and to report its recommendations to Legislature by December 15, 1991.

Our sub-committee, one of six working sub-committees established by the Commission, will be conducting a comprehensive examination of the role and structure of state government in the areas of natural resource management and regulation and the administration of natural resource programs. We will be making recommendations in those areas that are consistent with the Commission's mandate to streamline the administration of services through functional integration of similar operations and to consolidate, restructure and realign functions of government.

The next meeting of the Commission, and all its sub-committees, is scheduled for 9:00 a.m., on September 6, 1991, in the Legislative Council Chambers at the State House in Augusta. Subsequent meetings will be held every other Friday, through November 15th, at the same time and in the same location. We would like extend an open invitation to each of you to attend any of those meetings.

We are eager to listen to your ideas on the restructuring or consolidation of the agencies responsible for administering natural resource programs. We also encourage you to bring our attention to the natural resource policy issues or problems that you feel face the state in the short-term or the long-term.

Thank you. If you have any questions about the sub-committee, please call Patrick Norton, in the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis, at 289-1670 or Mark Dawson in the State Planning Office at 289-3261.

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