

**456B.1 Definitions.**

As used in [this chapter](#) unless the context otherwise requires:

1. “*Commission*” means the natural resource commission.
2. “*Department*” means the department of natural resources created under [section 455A.2](#).
3. “*Director*” means the director of the department.
4. “*Protected wetlands*” means type 3, type 4, and type 5 wetlands as described in circular 39, “Wetlands of the United States”, 1971 Edition, published by the United States department of the interior. However, a protected wetland does not include land where an agricultural drainage well has been plugged causing a temporary wetland or land within a drainage district or levee district.
5. “*Wetlands*” means an area of two or more acres in a natural condition that is mostly under water or waterlogged during the spring growing season and is characterized by vegetation of hydric soils.

[86 Acts, ch 1245, §1846](#)

C87, §108.1

[90 Acts, ch 1199, §1](#)

C93, §456B.1

Referred to in [§427.1\(23\)\(a\)](#), [§459.102](#)