The Florida Program

Florida submitted its proposed Coastal Management Program to the U.S. Office of Coastal Zone Management in February 1981 and the program was approved in August 1981. Permits for dredging and filling in sovereign lands are regulated by statute. This program is under the responsibility of the Department of Florida Environmental Regulation with participation by the Department of Natural Resources.

The Alabama Program

In 1976, Alabama established the Alabama Coastal Area Act which provides the legal framework for the coastal zone program. The Coastal Area Board is the responsible agency. The Coastal Area Board is responsible for issuing dredge and dredge and fill material disposal permits.

The Mississippi Program

The Mississippi Coastal Wetlands Protection Law of 1973 formalizes public policy as "the preservation of the natural state of the coastal wetlands..., except where an alteration of specific wetlands would serve a higher public interest." The Bureau of Marine Resources under the Mississippi Department of Wildlife Conservation administers the program and is responsible for permitting activities in the wetlands including dredging and filling.