

# A Guide to the Records of the Virginia Secretary of Natural Resources, 2002-2014 (bulk 2009-2013)

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## **Historical Information**

In 1970, the Governor's Management Commission Study recommended the creation of six "Deputy Governors" to assist the Chief Executive in his managerial duties. Compatible functions of government were grouped under these administrative heads, who would serve as the Governor's top management team. The Office of Secretary of Commerce and Resources was created on April 8, 1972. The Secretary of Commerce and Resources was responsible for assisting the Governor in implementing policies for the conservation and use of natural resources, for promoting economic development, providing managerial guidance and direction to Commerce and Resources agencies, and developing and promoting Commerce and Resources programs and budgets. In 1984 the Secretariat was split into two separate offices, the Secretary of Economic Development and the Secretary of Natural Resources.

The Secretary of Natural Resources is a member of the Governor's Cabinet, and is appointed by the governor, and is subject to confirmation by the General Assembly. The Secretary of Natural Resources was responsible for the direction of, or had jurisdiction over, the following state agencies and boards: Department of Conservation and Recreation, Department of Environmental Quality, Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, Department of Historic Resources, Marine Resources Commission, Museum of Natural History, and the Virginia Council on Indians. The Secretary of Natural Resources also served as the chairman of the Virginia Land Conservation Foundation, and was a Board Member of the Chesapeake Bay Commission. Additionally, the Secretary of Natural Resources was responsible for many smaller boards and commissions related to water control, pollution, rivers, waste management, and other environmental and recreational issues.

Douglas W. Domenech was appointed Secretary of Natural Resources in January 2010 and served for the entire administration of Governor Robert F. McDonnell. Maureen Matson served as Deputy Secretary of Natural Resources; Sara Benghauser served as Assistant Secretary of Natural Resources; and Anthony Moore served as Deputy Secretary for Chesapeake Bay Restoration.

## **Scope and Content**

Records, 2002-2014 (bulk 2009-2013), created and maintained by Secretary of Natural Resources, Douglas W. Domenech, during the administration of Governor Robert F. McDonnell (2010-2014). The records include agendas, correspondence, decision briefs, memorandum, presentations, programs, reports, studies, and other working papers. There is correspondence and subject files that relate to Secretary Domenech, the state agencies that he oversees, environmental organizations that operate in Virginia, and projects initiated by Governor McDonnell. Legislative files contain material related to bills that were either under the purview of the Secretary of Natural Resources or upon which the Secretary wished to comment.

Wherever possible, the original order of the files has been maintained.

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Included are files regarding the Chickahominy Indian Tribe and the Indian Tribes of Virginia Federal Recognition Act of 2009 (S. 1178). Also included is a file regarding the establishment of The Hand Site historical highway marker for the Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indians of Southampton County, Virginia. Other files include federal projects such as energy efficiency and offshore wind; land and easement acquisitions by the Dept. of Conservation and Recreation; Governor's Commission on Economic Development and Job Creation; uranium mining; Smith Mountain Lake shoreline management; oyster management; and invasive species, among others.

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### **Scope and Content**

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Included are legislative action summaries which often contain a summary of the bill; a summary of constituents who would be affected; the recommendation of the agency within the Secretary of Natural Resources as to whether the Governor should sign, veto, or amend the bill; and the recommendation of the Secretary as to whether the Governor should sign, veto, or amend the bill. Legislative action summaries are also included in other series.

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