

Government of Punjab
Department of Forests and Wildlife Preservation
(Forest Branch)

NOTIFICATION

No 34/2/2018-FT-5/ 1192195/1 Chandigarh, dated the 21/3/2018

Whereas, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi vide its Notification No. G.S.R. 1203(E) dated 26.9.2017 has notified Wetlands (Conservation & Management) Rules, 2017.

And whereas, under sub rule 1 of Rule 5 of the said Rules, Central Government has constituted State Wetlands Authority in each State.

And whereas, as per Rule 5 (1)(xvii), one expert each in the fields of wetland ecology, hydrology, fisheries, landscape planning and socio-economics are to be nominated by the State Government.

Now therefore, in pursuance to the constitution of State Wetlands Authority by Central Government under Rule Rule 5(1) of the Wetlands (Conservation & Management) Rules, 2017, the Governor of Punjab is pleased to constitute Punjab State Wetlands Authority as follows:-

i)	Hon'ble Chief Minister, Punjab (Minister in-charge, Wildlife Preservation Department)	Chairperson
ii)	Addl. Chief Secretary, Department of Forests and Wildlife Preservation	Vice Chairperson
iii)	Secretary in-charge of the Department of Environment	Member ex-officio
iv)	Secretary in-charge of the Department of Forests	Member ex-officio
v)	Secretary in-charge of the Department of Urban Development	Member ex-officio
vi)	Secretary in-charge of the Department of Rural Development	Member ex-officio
vii)	Secretary in-charge of the Department of Water Resources	Member ex-officio
viii)	Secretary in-charge of the Department of Fisheries	Member ex-officio
ix)	Secretary in-charge of the Department of Irrigation and Flood Control	Member ex-officio
x)	Secretary in-charge of the Department of Tourism	Member ex-officio
xi)	Secretary in-charge of the Department of Revenue	Member ex-officio
xii)	Director, State Remote Sensing Centre	Member ex-officio
xiii)	Chief Wildlife Warden, Punjab	Member ex-officio
xiv)	Member Secretary, State Biodiversity Board	Member ex-officio
xv)	Member Secretary, State Pollution Control Board	Member ex-officio

xvi)	Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests of the Regional Office of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Chandigarh.	Member ex-officio
xvii)	Additional Secretary, Department of Forests and Wildlife Preservation	Member Secretary
	Experts	
xviii)(i)	Director, Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun or his expert representative	Expert in Wildlife and Wetland
(ii)	Director, WWF-India Rivers, Wetlands and Water Policy.	Expert in Hydrology
(iii)	Director & Warden, Fisheries Department, Punjab	Expert in Fisheries
(iv)	Chief Architect, Punjab	Expert in Landscape Planning
(v)	Head, Department of Economics, Punjabi University, Patiala	Expert in Socio-Economics.
	Co-opt Members	
xix)(i)	Sh. Jitendra Sharma, IFS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Punjab.	Head of Forest Department
(ii)	Dr. Satnam Singh Ladhar, Additional Director (Environment), Punjab State Council for Science & Technology.	Expert in Wetlands
(iii)	Mrs. Gitanjali Kanwar, Senior Project Officer, WWF-India, Harike.	Expert in River Conservation and Education

II) The State Wetlands Authority shall exercise the following powers and perform the following functions, namely:-

- (a) prepare a list of all wetlands of the State or Union Territory within three months from the date of publication of these rules;
- (b) prepare a list of wetlands to be notified, within six months from the date of publication of these rules; taking into cognizance any existing list of wetlands prepared/notified under other relevant State Acts;
- (c) recommend identified wetlands, based on their Brief Documents, for regulation under these rules;
- (d) prepare a comprehensive digital inventory of all wetlands within a period of one year from the date of publication of these rules and upload the same on a dedicated web portal to be developed by the Central Government for the said purpose; the inventory to be updated every ten years;
- (e) develop a comprehensive list of activities to be regulated and permitted within the notified wetlands and their zone of influence;
- (f) recommend additions, if any, to the list of prohibited activities for specific wetlands;
- (g) define strategies for conservation and wise use of wetlands within their jurisdiction; wise use being a principle for managing these ecosystems which incorporates sustainable uses (such as capture fisheries at subsistence level or harvest of aquatic plants) as being compatible with conservation, if ecosystem functions

(such as water storage, groundwater recharge, flood buffering) and values (such as recreation and cultural) are maintained or enhanced;

- (h) review integrated management plan for each of the notified wetlands (including trans-boundary wetlands in coordination with Central Government), and within these plans consider continuation and support to traditional uses of wetlands which are harmonized with ecological character;
- (i) in cases wherein lands within boundary of notified wetlands or wetlands complex have private tenancy rights, recommend mechanisms for maintenance of ecological character through promotional activities;
- (j) identify mechanisms for convergence of implementation of the management plan with the existing State/Union Territory level development plans and programmes;
- (k) ensure enforcement of these rules and other relevant Acts, rules and regulations and on half-yearly basis (June and December of each calendar year) inform the concerned State Government or Union Territory Administration or Central Government on the status of such notified wetlands through a reporting mechanism;
- (l) coordinate implementation of integrated management plans based on wise use principle through various line departments and other concerned agencies;
- (m) function as nodal authority for all wetland specific authorities within the State or Union Territory Administration;
- (n) issue necessary directions for conservation and sustainable management of wetlands to the respective implementing agencies;
- (o) undertake measures for enhancing awareness within stakeholders and local communities on values and functions of wetlands; and
- (p) Advise on any other matter suo-motu, or as referred by the State Government.

(III) The Authority shall, within ninety days of publication of these rules, shall constitute,—

- (a) a technical committee to review brief documents, management plans and advise on any technical matter referred by the Wetland Authority; and
- (b) a grievance committee consisting of four members to provide a mechanism for hearing and forwarding the grievances raised by public to the Authority;

(IV) Chief Wildlife Warden, Punjab shall be Chief Administrator of the State Wetlands Authority and his office will also be a Secretariat to the Authority.

(V) All Divisional Forest Officers (Wildlife and Territorial) under whose jurisdiction notified wetlands falls will be responsible for the implementation of Wetlands (Conservation & Management) Rules, 2017 and implementation of ongoing National Plan for conservation of aquatic ecosystem of MoEF&CC, Government of India.

(VI) The Committees referred to in sub-rule 5(6) of Wetlands Rules, 2017 shall meet at least once in every quarter to perform their functions.

(V) The Authority shall meet at least thrice in a year.

(VI) The term of non-official members of the Authority shall be for a period of two years.

Place: Chandigarh
Dated: 20-3-2018

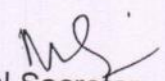
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Department of Forests and Wildlife Preservation.

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A copy of the above is forwarded to the followings for information and necessary action: -

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2. Addl. Chief Secretary, Department of Forests and Wildlife Preservation.
3. Secretary, Department of Environment, Government of Punjab.
4. Secretary, Department of Urban Development, Government of Punjab.
5. Secretary, Department of Rural Development, Government of Punjab.
6. Secretary, Department of Water Resources, Government of Punjab.
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15. Additional secretary in the Department of Forests & Wildlife Preservation.
16. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Punjab.
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18. Controller, Printing & Stationary, Punjab with a spare copy of notification for publication in Government Gazette.
19. Director, Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun.
20. Director, WWF-India, Rivers, Wetlands and Water Policy.
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