

**TITLE 2: NATURAL RESOURCES**  
**DIVISION 1: MARITIME AND COASTAL RESOURCES**

**§ 1211. Purpose.**

The purpose of this chapter is to provide for water and non-water-dependent uses of Commonwealth-owned submerged lands and to provide for the exploration, development of, and extraction of petroleum deposits or mineral deposits in submerged lands of the Northern Mariana Islands and to provide that the Department of Lands and Natural Resources shall establish procedures for the granting of water- and non-water-dependent uses and for the granting of exploration or development licenses and permits for the extraction of petroleum or mineral deposits. Except as provided by 2 CMC § 1222(b), all leases, licenses or permits shall be approved by law.

**Source:** PL 1-23, § 2; amended by PL 6-13, § 2, art. 1 (§ 1211); PL 10-14, § 3, modified.