

**TITLE 2: NATURAL RESOURCES**  
**DIVISION 4: LAND RESOURCES**

**§ 4748. Administrative Review.**

(a) Within 15 days of the date of service upon any person or party affected by findings, orders, or decisions of the agency made pursuant to Section 4747 of this Act may appeal to the Board of Public Lands by written notice. If no appeal is made to the Board within 15 days of the date of service of the original findings, orders or decisions, the findings, orders or decisions shall be unreviewable administratively or judicially.

(b) Upon review, the Board may at its discretion:

- (1) Restrict review to the existing record;
- (2) Supplement the record with new evidence;
- (3) Hear oral argument; or

(4) Hear the matter de novo, in which case the hearing shall be conducted pursuant to 1 CMC §§ 9109 and 9110.

(c) Upon completion of review, the Board of Public Lands shall confirm or modify the agency findings, order or decision in writing within 30 days. Any modification shall include supplemental findings. The Board's decision shall constitute final action for purposes of judicial review.

**Source:** PL 13-25, § 1(3)(11), modified.

**Commission Comment:** The Board of Public Lands, which succeeded the Marianas Public Lands Corporation, was abolished by PL 12-71, § 2 (a) and replaced with the Marianas Public Lands Authority without conforming amendments to other sections of the act as enacted by PL 12-33. See comment to 1 CMC § 2801 regarding other technical deficiencies contained in PL 12-71. Thereafter, PL 15-2, which was enacted on February 22, 2006, abolished the Marianas Public Lands Authority and created a Department of Public Lands in its place. PL 15-2 contained short title, legislative findings and declaration of policy, repealer, global amendment, transition, severability, and savings clauses. The Board of Public Lands was not included in the global amendment therein. See 1 CMC § 2801 for detailed information regarding PL 15-2.