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I urge the DRBC to reject the proposed changes as written because they give the Executive Director too much power and keep the public from commenting on decisions that affect them. At the very least, the following changes should be integrated into the proposal: The public needs to have the opportunity to comment and the DRBC Commissioners the opportunity to vote on all DRBC permit decisions. The public needs to have access to information as described in the federal Freedom of Information Act, at a minimum. Also, a prescribed public access system that is clear, user-friendly and affordable needs to be set up. Requirements for approving the extension of a project need to be robust. The amount expended to decide if a project has been sufficiently invested in needs to be sufficient to ensure the project meets all necessary standards. Litigation by opposing parties should not be an acceptable excuse for lack of building or spending insufficient funds on a project they want extended. There needs to be a clear definition of the terms "Material Change" and "Materially".