are forwarded to the Federal agency sponsoring the proposed activity. The Federal agency must respond to the State Process Recommendation.

The A/P and Clearinghouse review programs can be integrated by designating an A/P reviewer to receive notices of Federal activities from the Clearinghouse. The A/P Management Conference (consisting of the Technical Committee, the Policy Committee, and the two Citizen's Advisory Committees), would submit to the Clearinghouse a list of Federal project categories to be reviewed for CCMP consistency. The A/P reviewer might consult with other State agency reviewers (e.g., in the Division of Environmental Management) to determine consistency with CCMP goals. The A/P comments would be submitted to the Clearinghouse and consolidated in the State Process Recommendation, or submitted as a dissenting comment to the responsible Federal agency.

DCM coordinates the Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Consistency Program. In addition to Federal financial assistance and direct development activities, DCM is authorized to review Federal licensing and permitting decisions and NEPA documents for consistency with the North Carolina Coastal Management Program. The Coastal Management Program is a network of State agency statutes aimed at enhancing coastal resources. DCM reviews consistency determinations prepared by the Federal agency sponsoring a proposed activity, or private applicants who must receive a Federal permit. DCM can confirm the submitted consistency determination, request project modifications, or deny the consistency determination and halt the project (unless the decision is overturned in a Federal appeal to the Secretary of Commerce). The majority of DCM's decisions are based upon mandatory and enforceable provisions of the Coastal Management Program (e.g., potential violations of regulations or land use plans). DCM relies upon other State agencies to provide technical information to document conflicts with the water quality provisions in the Coastal Management Program.

The A/P and CZM consistency review programs can only be integrated by incorporating the CCMP goals into the Coastal Management Program. The CCMP goals could be adopted as a package into the Coastal Management Program exclusively for consistency review purposes. This strategy would require approval by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, but would not require approval by the North Carolina Coastal Resources Commission. Alternatively, individual CCMP goals could be incorporated into local land use plans, or introduced as new regulations by State agencies. However, these integration strategies require approval by the Coastal Resources Commission, which could stall implementation. After integrating the CCMP goals into the Coastal Management Program, DCM would route consistency determinations to an A/P reviewer for input. If the A/P program is terminated, DCM can take over responsibility for determining consistency with CCMP goals.

The A/P Management Conference should pursue integration with the DCM consistency program. The Management Conference would have to: (1) designate an A/P reviewer, (2) ensure that Federal program categories selected by the Management Conference are eligible for DCM