

DHEC Decides

On December 18, 2008, the Office of Coastal Resource Management (OCRM), a division of the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) agreed to permit Kiawah Development Partners (KDP/KRA) to construct a 270' revetment in the area of Beachwalker Park. The original request had been for 2783' revetment and bulkhead on the Kiawah River. KDP/KRA, as well as approximately 30 people and organizations, appealed the decision. (See *TALK investigative articles on www.kiawah.org*)

The Board of DHEC held a review on January 8 to decide whether they would consider KDP's appeal of the previous OCRM decision. They decided against KDP's request to reconsider, allowing OCRM's decision to stand. KDP and the individuals who initially appealed the permit have the right to continue to appeal the permit. Were this to occur, the appeal would be addressed by the Administrative Law Court and no construction could take place until the appeal was resolved.