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One of the instructions for this draft was to delete the definition for the term "department" from ch. 24. Because that term is used throughout chapters 23 through 29, the definition should not be deleted. It is, however, more appropriate that the definitions that are used throughout chs. 23 through 29 be placed at the beginning of chapter 23. Accordingly, this draft moves those definitions to chapter 23.

The instructions also requested that the term secretary be amended to mean the secretary of the board of commissioners of public lands. Because the term "secretary", under current law, is defined to mean the secretary of natural resources, and that term is used throughout chs. 23 through 29, it should not be amended. The draft does, however, renumber that definition so that it is located in ch. 23. Furthermore, under s. 24.55, the board of commissioners of public lands appoints an "executive secretary" rather than a "secretary". It is not necessary to create a definition for the term "executive secretary" because the relevant provisions in ch. 24 currently use the term "executive secretary" in a manner that makes it clear that those provisions concern the executive secretary for the board of commissioners of public lands.

Finally, the definitions currently located at the beginning of ch. 24 relate to natural resources and public lands administration generally, but they also apply to ch. 25 which concerns trust funds. Because most of those definitions aren't relevant to ch. 25, this draft provides that these definitions no longer apply to ch. 25.

If the treatment of these provisions is not consistent with your intent, please let me know and I will redraft accordingly.

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