

## **BOAT ACT ADVISORY COMMITTEE — Housekeeping**

### **What is being considered?**

The department would like to update the regulations for the Maryland Boat Act Advisory Committee. The Maryland Boat Act Advisory Committee is one of several advisory bodies for the department. The regulation will be updated by correcting references to statute, removing duplicative wording, and making the requirements consistent with other advisory bodies.

### **Why is this change necessary?**

A recent review of regulations discovered that the regulations for this committee have not been updated since 1991. Since the BAAC is one of several advisory bodies for the department, the requirements should be consistent with the other advisory bodies.

### **Who will this affect?**

Anyone serving on the Boat Act Advisory Committee.

### **Has this change been discussed with advisory bodies?**

The idea was presented to the Boat Act Advisory Committee (BAAC) at their meeting on April 29, 2021. The department and the BAAC will continue to gather and update information.

### **What is the specific regulatory action?**

Move COMAR 08.04.02 Maryland Boat Act Advisory Committee to the section of COMAR with other advisory bodies for the department. This would require repealing the current chapter and adopting new Regulation .02 under COMAR 08.01.01 Advisory Committees.

### **When will this be effective?**

The department expects this change to be effective in 2021, however the exact date cannot be determined. The department will follow our normal scoping and proposal procedures.

This idea is in the scoping process. The goal of scoping is to identify issues, potential impacts, and reasonable alternatives associated with the issues so that management actions can be developed. After the public has had an opportunity to comment on possible management actions during the scoping process, the department considers these comments and develops an appropriate management strategy.

If the action is necessary and appropriate, the rules will be promulgated following the Administrative Procedures Act described in Title 10, Subtitle 1 of the State Government Article Annotated Code of Maryland.

- The General Assembly's Administrative, Executive, and Legislative Review Committee reviews the regulatory proposal for fiscal and legal analysis.
- The proposal is printed by the Division of State Documents in the Maryland Register.
- A 30-day public comment period begins on the day of publication.
- After review of the comments, the department may adopt the changes.
- If the department adopts the changes, they become effective after a notice is published in the Maryland Register that announces approval and the effective date.

### **Additional Information and Links**

Code of Maryland Regulations:

[COMAR 08.04.02](#)

[COMAR 08.01.01](#)

Annotated Code of Maryland:

[Natural Resources Article, §1-102](#)

[Natural Resources Article, §8-704](#)

### **Notes Regarding This Summary**

This summary is prepared in accordance with the requirements of State Government Article, §10-110, Annotated Code of Maryland. It is intended to help you understand the potential or revised rules. This summary is not intended to replace or supersede these rules, but to facilitate understanding and compliance with the rules. The department will clarify or update the text of the summary as the idea moves through the regulatory process.