

Proposed Action on Regulations

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Symbol Key

- Roman type indicates existing text of regulation.
- *Italic type* indicates proposed new text.
- [Single brackets] indicate text proposed for deletion.

Promulgation of Regulations

An agency wishing to adopt, amend, or repeal regulations must first publish in the Maryland Register a notice of proposed action, a statement of purpose, an estimate of economic impact, an economic impact on small businesses, a notice giving the public an opportunity to comment on the proposal, and the text of the proposed regulations. The opportunity for public comment must be held open for at least 30 days after the proposal is published in the Maryland Register.

Following publication of the proposal in the Maryland Register, 45 days must pass before the agency may take final action on the proposal. When final action is taken, the agency must publish a notice in the Maryland Register. Final action takes effect 10 days after the notice is published, unless the agency specifies a later date. An agency may make changes in the text of a proposal. If the changes are not substantive, these changes are included in the notice of final action and published in the Maryland Register. If the changes are substantive, the agency must repropose the regulations, showing the changes that were made to the originally proposed text.

Proposed action on regulations may be withdrawn by the proposing agency any time before final action is taken. When an agency proposes action on regulations, but does not take final action within 1 year, the proposal is automatically withdrawn by operation of law, and a notice of withdrawal is published in the Maryland Register.

Title 08

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Subtitle 18 BOATING—SPEED LIMITS AND OPERATION OF VESSELS

08.18.26 Susquehanna River

Authority: Natural Resources Article, §§8-703 and 8-704, Annotated Code of Maryland

Notice of Proposed Action

[22-285-P]

The Secretary of Natural Resources proposes to amend Regulation **.06** under **COMAR 08.18.26 Susquehanna River**.

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this action is to expand the existing speed zone area both north and south in the Susquehanna River at Havre de Grace located within Harford County. The current regulated area has a 6-knot speed limit zone effective on Saturdays, Sunday, and State holidays during the boating season. However, due to unsafe vessel activities in the area the Department is extending those restrictions. This will mitigate demonstrated safety concerns to both life and property. Additionally, the new regulated speed zone area will promote safe vessel operations. The expanded area will have a 6-knot speed limit zone effective on Saturdays, Sunday, and State holidays during the boating season, consistent with the rule in the current speed zone.

Estimate of Economic Impact

The proposed action has no economic impact.

Economic Impact on Small Businesses

The proposed action has minimal or no economic impact on small businesses.

Impact on Individuals with Disabilities

The proposed action has no impact on individuals with disabilities.

Opportunity for Public Comment

Comments may be sent to Susquehanna River Regulations, Regulatory Staff, Department of Natural Resources Fishing and Boating Services, 580 Taylor Avenue, E-4, Annapolis, MD 21401, or call 410-260-8300, or email to boatingregspubliccomment.dnr@maryland.gov. Comments will be accepted through February 13, 2023. A public hearing has not been scheduled.

.06 Havre de Grace.

[Havre de Grace encompasses all of the area enclosed by a line beginning at the Alliance Street sea wall, at or near Lat. 39° 32.502'N., Long. 76° 5.037' W., then running 90° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 39° 32.502'N., Long. 76° 4.888' W., then running 355° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 39° 32.742'N., Long. 76° 4.913' W., then running 338° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 39° 32.870'N., Long. 76° 4.980' W., then running 272° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 39° 32.873'N., Long. 76° 5.128' W. This area has a 6-knot speed limit on Saturdays, Sundays, and State holidays during the boating season.]

A. Area. All of the waters enclosed by a line beginning at a point at or near Lat. 39° 32.262' N., Long. 76° 5.541' W., then running 176° to a point, at or near Lat. 39° 32.113' N., Long. 76° 5.526' W., then running along the North shore of Tydings Island Eastward to a point, at or near Lat. 39° 32.193' N., Long. 76° 5.31' W., then running 93° to a point, at or near Lat. 39° 32.177' N., Long. 76° 4.902' W., then running 2° to a point, at or near Lat. 39° 32.502' N., Long. 76° 4.888' W., then running 355° to a point, at or near Lat. 39° 32.742' N., Long. 76° 4.913' W., then running 338° to a point, at or near Lat. 39° 32.87' N., Long. 76° 4.98' W., then running 328° to a point, at or near Lat. 39° 33.226' N., Long. 76° 5.273' W., then running 252° to a point, at or near Lat. 39° 33.185' N., Long. 76° 5.438' W., then running South along shore to the point of beginning.

B. The speed limit for the area described in §A of this regulation is 6 knots on Saturdays, Sundays, and State holidays during the boating season.

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