

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Mr. Eric Null
Deep Creek Lake Manager

FROM: Lt. Jeff Sweitzer
Area 8 Commander, Maryland Natural Resources Police

DATE: July 16, 2021

SUBJECT: Agrilaser and Canada Geese on Deep Creek Lake

Please accept this memorandum as an official opinion from the Maryland Natural Resources Police that the proposed use of a commercial product known as an “Agrilaser” by the general public would be illegal on Deep Creek Lake.

As you are aware, the Deep Creek Lake Natural Resources Management Area is established in COMAR (08.07.06.02(F)6) as part of Maryland state park system. The state park system includes four sub-designations that have specific management objectives including NRMAs (COMAR 08.07.06.02(B)1.)

COMAR 08.07.06.13(B)3 specifically would prohibit the use of the “Agrilaser”:
“In a State park an individual may not: ... feed, touch, tease, frighten, or intentionally disturb wildlife.”

This regulation is our primary objection to the use of the “Agrilaser.” An additional safety concern would be the impact on boat operator’s vision, intentional or unintentional, by direct or indirect shining of the laser on boats especially during nighttime hours.

Please contact me at 443-603-6965 or jeffrey.sweitzer@maryland.gov if you need additional information. Thank you for your attention to this matter and the opportunity to comment.

