

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Proposed action on regulations may be withdrawn by the proposing agency any time before final action is taken.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an agency proposes action on regulations, but does not take final action within 1 year, the proposal is automatically withdrawn by operation of law, and a notice of withdrawal is published in the Maryland Register.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 02 FISHERIES SERVICE

08.02.13 Fishing Licenses—Point Assignment, License Revocation and Suspension Schedule and Criteria, and Hearing Procedure

Authority: Natural Resources Article, §4-206, Annotated Code of Maryland

Notice of Proposed Action

[23-213-P]

The Secretary of Natural Resources proposes to amend Regulation .06 under **COMAR 08.02.13 Fishing Licenses — Point Assignment, License Revocation and Suspension Schedule and Criteria, and Hearing Procedure**.

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this action is to require individuals who have the Northern Snakehead License and the Blue and Flathead Catfish Finfish Troline License to submit monthly reports, similar to the rest of the commercial licensees who harvest finfish from Maryland's tidal waters. These are new licenses created by the General Assembly that were not included when the reporting regulations were first written because these licenses did not exist. The Department generally requires commercial licensees to submit monthly harvest reports to account for any activity taken under the authorization of that license. Currently, all finfish harvesters with the exception of Northern Snakehead License and Blue and Flathead Catfish Finfish Troline License holders are required to submit the Commercial Finfish Log on a monthly basis. By adding these two license types to the Department's reporting regulation, all commercial finfish harvesters will be required to submit the same type of information. Commercial harvest reports are an

important source of abundance data. Both the harvest information and the effort information (amount of work it took to land the harvest) are important indicators and assist in the Department's management of the State's fish resources.

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 Snakehead & Catfish License Reporting, Regulatory Staff, Department of Natural Resources, Fishing and Boating Services, 580 Taylor Ave., E-4, Annapolis, MD 21401, or call 410-260-8300, or submit comment to <https://dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/pages/regulations/changes.aspx#comment>. Comments will be accepted through November 20, 2023. A public hearing has not been scheduled.

.06 Commercial Fishing Records.

A.—B. (text unchanged)

C. Reports.

(1) During the appropriate open seasons, the following reports shall be submitted to the Department monthly:

License Type or Authorization	Required Report
Finfish-Hook and Line — Clam Harvester	(text unchanged)
<i>Northern Snakehead License</i>	<i>Daily Commercial Fisheries Catch Log</i>
<i>Blue and Flathead Catfish Finfish Troline License</i>	<i>Daily Commercial Fisheries Catch Log</i>

(2)—(3) (text unchanged)
D.—K. (text unchanged)

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Subtitle 04 BOATING

08.04.16 Special Uses Areas

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

Notice of Proposed Action

[23-218-P]

The Secretary of Natural Resources proposes to amend Regulation .02 under **COMAR 08.04.16 Special Uses Areas**.

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this action is to update the list of registered vessels that may request a DNR Ski Sticker. The current regulation includes a list of qualified vessels, and permits the Department to issue a DNR Ski Sticker to owners of a registered qualified vessel. The Department is updating its list of qualified vessels with the Approved Tournament Towboats list approved and developed by USA Water Ski & Wake Sports. USA Water Ski & Wake Sports is the national governing body of organized water skiing and wakeboarding in the United States. USA Water Ski & Wake Sports is also a member of the International Waterski & Wakeboard Federation (world governing body). The USA Water Ski and Wake Sport’s towboat approval process includes performing a series of 11 tests and sub-tests which include power and acceleration and centerline deviation. Additionally, the USA Water Ski and Wake Sport Approved Tournament Towboats list is updated annually. Thus, the Department is proposing to update its list of qualified vessels to mirror this governing body’s list.

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 Housekeeping, DNR Ski Sticker Regulations, Regulatory Staff, Fishing and Boating Services, Department of Natural Resources, 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 November 20, 2023. A public hearing has not been scheduled.

.02 DNR Ski Sticker.

A. — D. (text unchanged)

E. Vessel owners may request a DNR Ski Sticker if they have a registered vessel listed below:

(existing table proposed for repeal)

<i>Year(s) Approved</i>	<i>Manufacturer</i>	<i>Model</i>
1985—1989	American Skier	Advance
1990—1993	American Skier	Legend
1994—1997	American Skier	TBX
2000—2004	American Skier	TBX Pro
1984, 1990	American Skier	Volante
1983—1985	American Skier	Not Applicable

<i>Year(s) Approved</i>	<i>Manufacturer</i>	<i>Model</i>
1987	Baha	Ski Sport
1994—1995	Bimini Boats	Bimini Skier/Skier Pro Team 190
1993—1994	Brendella	Barefooter
1997	Brendella	Calabria
1993-1995	Brendella	Pro Comp
1990—1994	Brendella	Shortline Comp
1988—1989	Brendella	Ski Brendella
1993	Brendella	Sport Comp
1990—1991	Brendella	Super Comp
1986	Century	Tournament Skier
1993—1994	Cheyenne Boats	20’ Elite
1989—1991	Cheyenne Boats	Cheyenne
1998—1999	Cobalt	203
2019—2023	Correct Craft/Nautique	Ski Nautique
2003—2009	Correct Craft/Nautique	Ski Nautique 196
2010—2023	Correct Craft/Nautique	Ski Nautique 200
2011	Correct Craft/Nautique	Sport Nautique 200
1999—2001	Correct Craft/Nautique	206
2006—2008	Correct Craft/Nautique	211V
2005	Correct Craft/Nautique	211V (Class C only)
2003—2004, 2009	Correct Craft/Nautique	216V
1988—1992	Correct Craft	Barefoot Nautique
1983—2002, 2019—2020	Correct Craft/Nautique	Ski Nautique
1993—1994	Correct Craft/Nautique	Ski Nautique 1:1
1992, 1994—1995, 1998—2000	Correct Craft/Nautique	Ski Nautique Open Bow
1988	Correct Craft/Nautique	Ski Nautique, Direct Drive
1984	Correct Craft/Nautique	Ski Tique
1993—1995, 2000	Correct Craft/Nautique	Sport Nautique
1987	Eliminator	Comp Skier
1986—1989	Fineline/Ski Centurion	Barefoot Warrior O/B 200hp
1992—1993	Fineline/Ski Centurion	Bimini Skier
2011—2018	Fineline/Ski Centurion	Carbon Pro
1999—2001	Fineline/Ski Centurion	Eclipse
1988—1989, 1998, 2008	Fineline/Ski Centurion	Falcon
1990	Fineline/Ski Centurion	Falcon Barefoot
2008	Fineline/Ski Centurion	Falcon V—Drive