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SMALL BUSINESS COMPLIANCE GUIDE
Amendment to Subtitle 02 Fisheries Service
Regarding the Department's Regulations for Yellow Perch — Commercial Season
COMAR 08.02.21.03
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I. SUMMARY & FAQs

What has been proposed?

The Department proposed modifying the commercial yellow perch season in regulation to start a month earlier than the current regulation establishes.

Why is this change necessary?

The fishery has been opened December 1 by public notice for several years to allow for fish potters, and others, to harvest yellow perch against the commercial quota. This has been beneficial to commercial yellow perch permit holders, but has not created any overages in the yellow perch quota.

Who will this affect?

Commercial yellow perch permit holders. There are approximately 20 yellow perch permit holders who pay for a yellow perch permit annually that could benefit from being able to plan the start of their yellow perch harvest a month earlier every year.

Has this change been discussed with advisory bodies?

This idea was discussed with the Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission and Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission at their January 2024 meetings.

What is the specific regulatory action?

Amend Regulations .03 under COMAR 08.02.21 Yellow Perch.

II. RECORDKEEPING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

This proposal alone will not create any new recordkeeping or reporting requirements.

III. IMPLEMENTATION DATE

This regulation change is effective July 8, 2024.