

Housekeeping — DNR Ski Sticker Approved Vessel List

What is being considered?

The Department is considering updating the regulation for DNR Ski Stickers, specifically, the list of qualified vessels which are eligible to receive a ski sticker.

Why is this change necessary?

This change is necessary to update the list of qualified vessels permitted to receive a DNR Ski Sticker. Regulation .02 under COMAR 08.04.16 includes a list of qualified vessels. This mirrors 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 periodically updated. This list was last updated in COMAR in 2016 and must be updated in order to reflect the changes USA Water Ski & Wake Sports has made to their list in the interim.

Who will this affect?

Water Ski Towboat Vessels.

Has this change been discussed with stakeholders?

This topic was discussed at the Boat Act Advisory Committee's July 25th meeting.

What is the specific regulatory action?

Amend Regulation .02 under COMAR 08.04.16 Special Uses Areas.

When will this be effective?

The Department expects this change to be effective in the Fall of 2023, 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 08.04.07.02 DNR Ski Sticker.](#)

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.