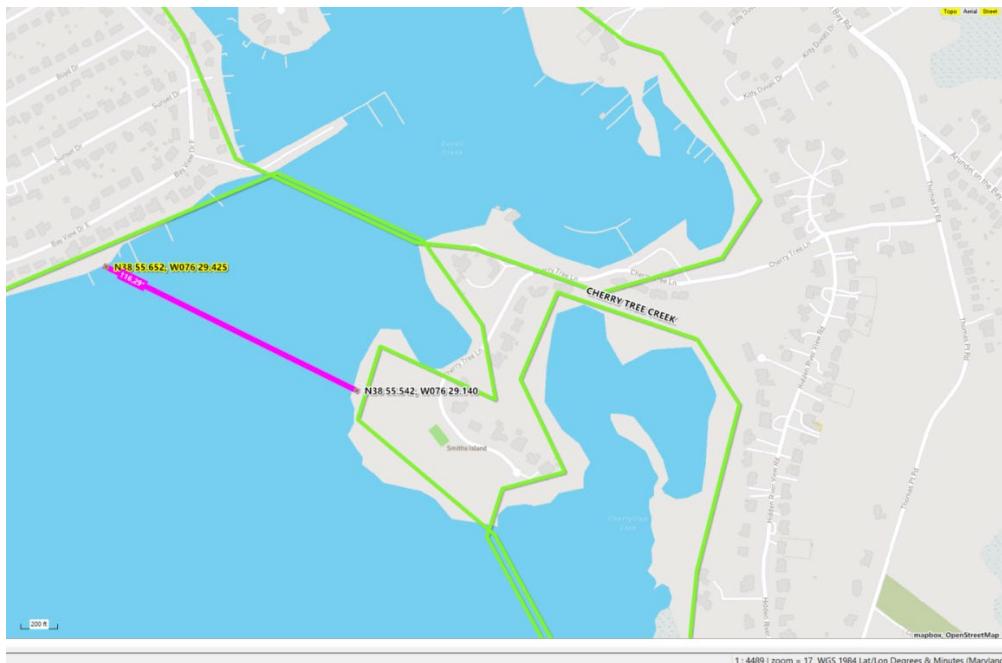


Anne Arundel County - South River – Duvall Creek

What was proposed?

The Department proposed to extend the current speed zone in Duvall Creek located in the South River to begin at the start of the Duvall Creek entrance channel. The proposed action extends the current speed zone limit of 6 knots during the boating season approximately 300 yards to the southwest.

Map of proposed change



Why is this change necessary?

The proposed action aligns the speed zone with the start of the channel and addresses safety and wake concerns by controlling boat speeds directly at the channel entrance.

Who will this affect?

All boaters operating in the vicinity of Duvall Creek in the South River.

What is the specific regulatory action?

Amend Regulation .05 under COMAR 08.18.25 South River.

Have these changes been discussed with advisory bodies or other interested individuals?

- The idea was scoped with the Boat Act Advisory Committee at their meeting in September 2025.
- The idea was scoped with the general public from June 23, 2025, through August 3, 2025.

Regulatory Process

The Department is following our normal procedures as this concept moved forward.

At the conclusion of the scoping process, the Department determined that the action is necessary and appropriate. The rules are being 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 was printed by the Division of State Documents in the Maryland Register on December 12, 2025.
- A 30 day public comment period began on the day of publication. The comment period ends January 12, 2026.
- 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.

Effective Date of Change

The Department projects that this change could be effective February 2026, however the exact date cannot be determined at this time.