

II. Types of Economic Impact.

Impacted Entity	Revenue (R+/R-) Expenditure (E+/E-) Magnitude	
A. On issuing agency:		
Buoy Purchase	(E+)	\$1,300
B. On other State agencies:	NONE	
C. On local governments:	NONE	
	Benefit (+) Cost (-)	Magnitude
D. On regulated industries or trade groups:	NONE	
E. On other industries or trade groups:	NONE	
F. Direct and indirect effects on public:	NONE	

III. Assumptions. (Identified by Impact Letter and Number from Section II.)

A. This action requires the Department to purchase two new buoys to delineate the speed zone. The buoys are approximately \$650 each. The waterway improvement fund has money designated to mark waterways, which includes setting, retrieving, and maintaining buoys. The impact of this regulation is a one time purchase of two new buoys for marking the area. Staff will set, retrieve, and maintain buoys and Natural Resources Police officers will enforce the speed limit in the course of their normal duties.

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 Potomac River Boating Regulations, Regulatory Staff, Maryland Department of Natural Resources Fishing and Boating Services, 580 Taylor Ave., E-4, Annapolis MD 21401, or call 410-260-8300, or email to boatingpubliccomment.dnr@maryland.gov or complete the comment form at https://dnr.maryland.gov/boating/Pages/regulations/changes_boating.aspx. Comments will be accepted through January 12, 2026. A public hearing has not been scheduled.

.05 Potomac River Minimum Wake Zones.

A.—B. (text unchanged)

C. *Westmoreland State Park.*

(1) *Area. All of the waters of the Potomac River enclosed by a line beginning at a point at or near Lat. 38°10.447' N., Long. 76°52.746' W., then running 34° True to a point defined by Lat. 38°10.495' N., Long. 76°52.705' W., then running 113° True to a point defined by Lat. 38°10.340' N., Long. 76°52.248' W., then running 204° True to a point at or near Lat. 38°10.295' N., Long. 76°52.273' W., then running along the shore to the point of beginning.*

(2) *The area described in §C(1) of this regulation is a minimum wake zone during the boating season.*

JOSH KURTZ
Secretary of Natural Resources

08.18.25 South River

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

Notice of Proposed Action

[25-246-P]

The Secretary of Natural Resources proposes to amend Regulation .04 under **COMAR 08.18.25 South River.**

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this action is 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. 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.

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

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.04 South River North Shore.

A.—G. (text unchanged)

H. Duvall Creek [encompasses the area north of a line beginning at a point at or near Lat. 38° 55.733' N., Long. 76° 29.238' W., then running 115° (True) to a point at or near Lat. 38° 55.673' N., Long. 76° 29.073' W., and running to the head of the creek. This area has a 6-knot speed limit, during the boating season].

(1) *Area. All of the waters north of a line beginning at a point at or near Lat. 38° 55.652' N., Long. 76° 29.425' W., then running 116° True to a point at or near Lat. 38° 55.542' N., Long. 76° 29.140' W.*

(2) *The speed limit for the area described in §H(1) of this regulation is 6 knots during the boating season.*

I.—L. (text unchanged)

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