

.01 Inspection of Public Records.

A. In this regulation, "sociological information" means:

- (1) Social Security number;*
- (2) Individual taxpayer identification number;*
- (3) Federal employer identification number;*
- (4) Personal street address;*
- (5) Personal phone number;*
- (6) Personal e-mail address;*
- (7) Date of birth;*
- (8) Information regarding marital status, dependents, or relatives;*
- (9) Information regarding employment status, including employment application;*
- (10) Medical or psychiatric history;*
- (11) Medical assistance;*
- (12) Educational history; and*
- (13) Driver's license number.*

[A.] *B. All public records maintained by the Comptroller, other than those which the Comptroller is authorized or required to hold confidential under the Public Information Act, the Tax-General Article, or other law, shall be open for inspection at any time during regular business hours. A person seeking the right to inspect a public record maintained by the Comptroller, other than by means of written request, who is advised by the custodian that the Comptroller is authorized or required to hold the record confidential under the Public Information Act, may pursue [his] the request by making written application to the Comptroller of the Treasury, State Treasury Building, Annapolis, Maryland.*

[B.] *C. — [C.] D. (text unchanged)*

[D.] *E. The grant of a request for public inspection includes the right to copy the public record or to have it copied by the Comptroller's Office. If the Comptroller grants a request to inspect a public record, in whole or in part, the notice mailed to the applicant shall include the date, time, and place of the inspection, and the name of the employee of [his] the Comptroller's office to be contacted by the applicant for this purpose.*

[E.] *F. If the Comptroller denies, in whole or in part, a written request for the inspection of a public record in his possession, [he] the Comptroller shall provide the applicant, within 10 working days of the denial, with a written statement of the grounds for the denial and the remedies available to the applicant for review of his decision.*

[F.] *G. (text unchanged)*

[G.] *H. Charges for Copies, Print-Outs, Electronic Files and Photographs.*

(1) When the duplication is performed by the applicant or by an employee of the Comptroller's Office without supervision by a senior official, on conventional duplicating equipment located in an office of the Comptroller, the charge for copies or photographs of a public record provided pursuant to this regulation shall be [25] 50 cents per page. A charge of [50 cents] \$1 per page shall be made for copies which the Comptroller is required to make in order to delete privileged or confidential information from public records which an applicant will personally inspect and for copies which must be made under the supervision of a senior official.

(2) If copies or photographs cannot be made on equipment located in the office where the public records are kept, the Comptroller shall cause the copies to be made at a location of [his] the Comptroller's choosing, and shall charge for this service, in addition to charges incurred for duplication, an amount sufficient to reimburse the State for the cost of the time of an employee of [his] the Comptroller's office in supervising this copying.

(3) If the Comptroller is required to provide a print-out or electronic file pursuant to this regulation, [he] the Comptroller shall determine a reasonable charge for the print-out or electronic file on a

case-by-case basis, taking into account computer time, programming, and material costs.

I. Except as provided in §J of this regulation, the custodian may not disclose and shall deny a request for inspection or copying of any part of a public record that contains sociological information relating to an individual.

J. Subject to §B of this regulation, a custodian may disclose sociological information:

- (1) That is anonymized and aggregated;*
- (2) To other public officials and employees in the performance of their public duties;*
- (3) To the person in interest or the agent or representative of the person in interest;*
- (4) With the consent of the person in interest;*
- (5) Pursuant to a duly issued subpoena; or*
- (6) Pursuant to a court order.*

BROOKE LIERMAN
Comptroller of the Treasury

Title 08 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Subtitle 18 BOATING—SPEED LIMITS AND OPERATION OF VESSELS

08.18.21 Potomac River

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

Notice of Proposed Action

[25-253-P]

The Secretary of Natural Resources proposes to amend Regulation .05 under **COMAR 08.18.21 Potomac River.**

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this action is to establish a minimum wake speed zone on the Potomac River at Westmoreland State Park. Westmoreland State Park is located on the Virginia side of the river and is a popular area for water activities. The proposed action creates a minimum wake speed zone that is approximately 800 yards in length, extends 100 yards from shore, and is effective at all times during the boating season (April 15 through October 15). The zone begins at the park's boat ramp and encompasses the day use beach area.

The proposed action addresses safety concerns at a heavily used state park during the summer months. The minimum wake zone will reduce speeds of personal watercraft and boats, and reduce the risk of accidents and physical harm from vessel traffic interacting with individuals on the beach and in the swimming area.

Estimate of Economic Impact

I. Summary of Economic Impact. The proposed action has a negative economic impact on the Department.

II. Types of Economic Impact.

| Impacted Entity | Revenue (R+/R-) Expenditure (E+/E-) Magnitude | |
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| 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

Comments may be sent to Duvall Creek Speed Zone Regulation, Regulatory Staff, Maryland Department of Natural Resources Fishing and Boating Services, 580 Taylor Avenue, E-4, Annapolis, MD 21401, or call 410-260-8300, or email to boatingregpubliccomment.dnr@maryland.gov or complete the comment form at https://dnr.maryland.gov/boating/Pages/regulations/changes_boating.aspx#aacsriver. Comments will be accepted through January 12, 2026. A public hearing has not been scheduled.

.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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Secretary of Natural Resources