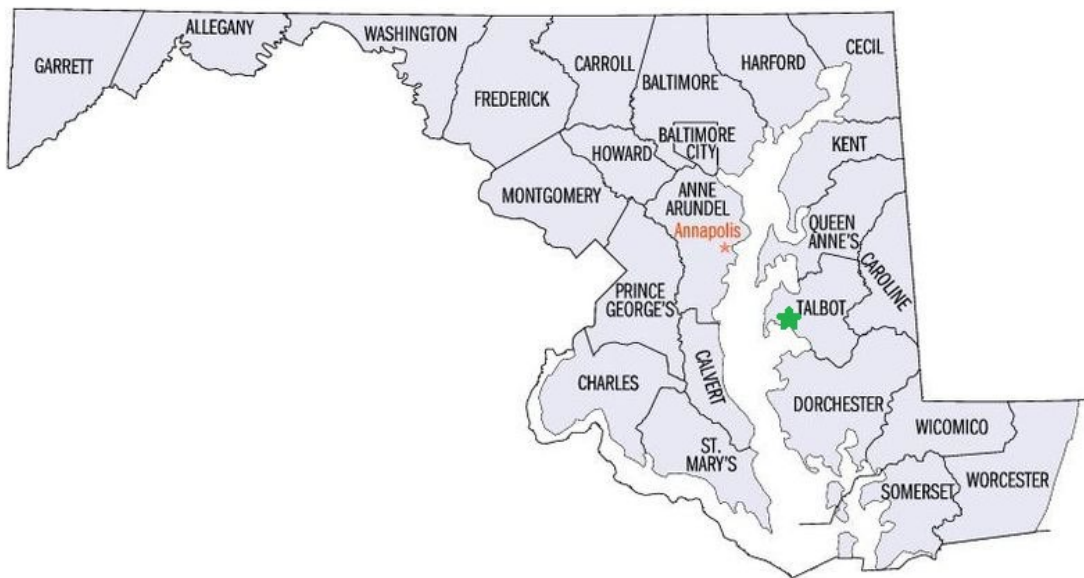


Talbot County - Tar Creek - Tred Avon River



What was requested?

The Department received a request to create a new speed zone within a portion of Tar Creek in the Tred Avon River. The request is for a 6 knot speed zone during the boating season for a small inlet off of Tar Creek.

Why was this change requested?

The Department was provided the following information:

- The requested area is a small cove less than 300 yards wide at the mouth.
- There is an agricultural field on the north side of the cove, and docks and moored boats on the south side. Personal watercraft and larger vessels create large wakes in the area that cause shoreline erosion, excessive movement of docked boats, and treacherous waters for canoes and kayaks.

What is the current regulation for the area?

There is currently no speed zone in the requested area.

Definitions

“6 knots (6.9 MPH)” means a person may not operate or give permission to operate a vessel:

- (a) At a boat speed in excess of 6 knots (6.9 statute miles per hour, or 11.1 kilometers per hour); or
- (b) To tow an individual on a ski, aquaplane, or similar device.

“Boating season” means the period beginning at 12:01 a.m. each April 15, and ending at

12 midnight each succeeding October 15.

Regulatory Process

Boating rules in Maryland may be created by either the General Assembly or the Department. When the Department creates a boating rule, it is called a regulation. When the General Assembly creates a rule, it is called a statute. The Department often has to create a regulation to implement a statute. The regulatory process begins with scoping and the Department follows normal [procedures](#) as concepts move forward.

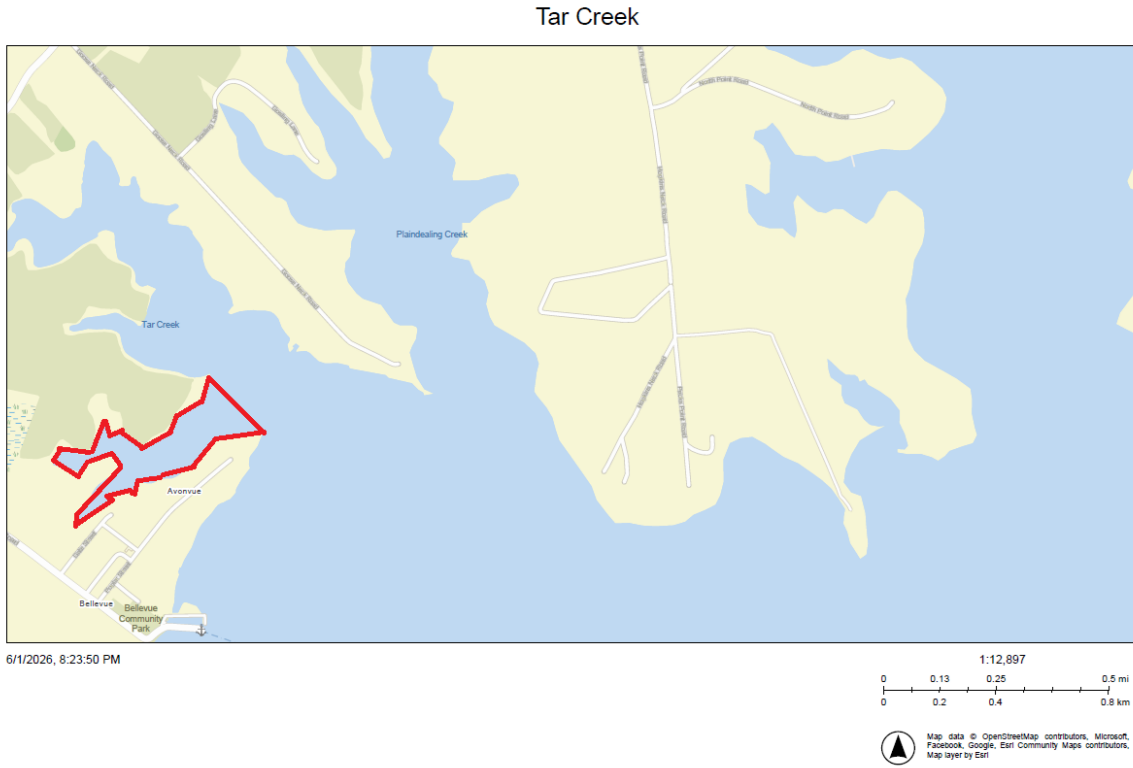
During the scoping process, the Department gathers suggestions and ideas from stakeholders and others about how to solve a boating problem or address a need. The goal of scoping is to identify issues, potential impacts, and reasonable alternatives associated with the issues so that management actions 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.

When could this be effective?

The Department projects that this change could be effective in the spring of 2027. However, the exact date cannot be determined at this time.

Maps of the Area - Tar Creek, Tred Avon River

The area requested is the polygon outlined in red.



Corresponding satellite image of the requested area.

