

Worcester County – Ocean City—Back Bay Areas– Canals and Inlets (Fenwick Ditch)



What is the current regulation for the area?

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B. Fenwick Ditch encompasses the area north and east of a line beginning at a point, at or near Lat. $38^{\circ} 26.718'N.$, Long. $75^{\circ} 4.125' W.$, then running 183° (True) to a point on shore, at or near Lat. $38^{\circ} 26.513'N.$, Long. $75^{\circ} 4.140' W.$, and south of the Maryland-Delaware line across Fenwick Ditch beginning at a point at Maryland-Delaware Boundary Monument 0, at or near Lat. $38^{\circ} 27.075'N.$, Long. $75^{\circ} 3.297' W.$, then running 270° (True) to a point at Maryland-Delaware Boundary Monument 1, at or near Lat. $38^{\circ} 27.075'N.$, Long. $75^{\circ} 4.187' W.$ This area has a 6-knot speed limit all year.

What was proposed?

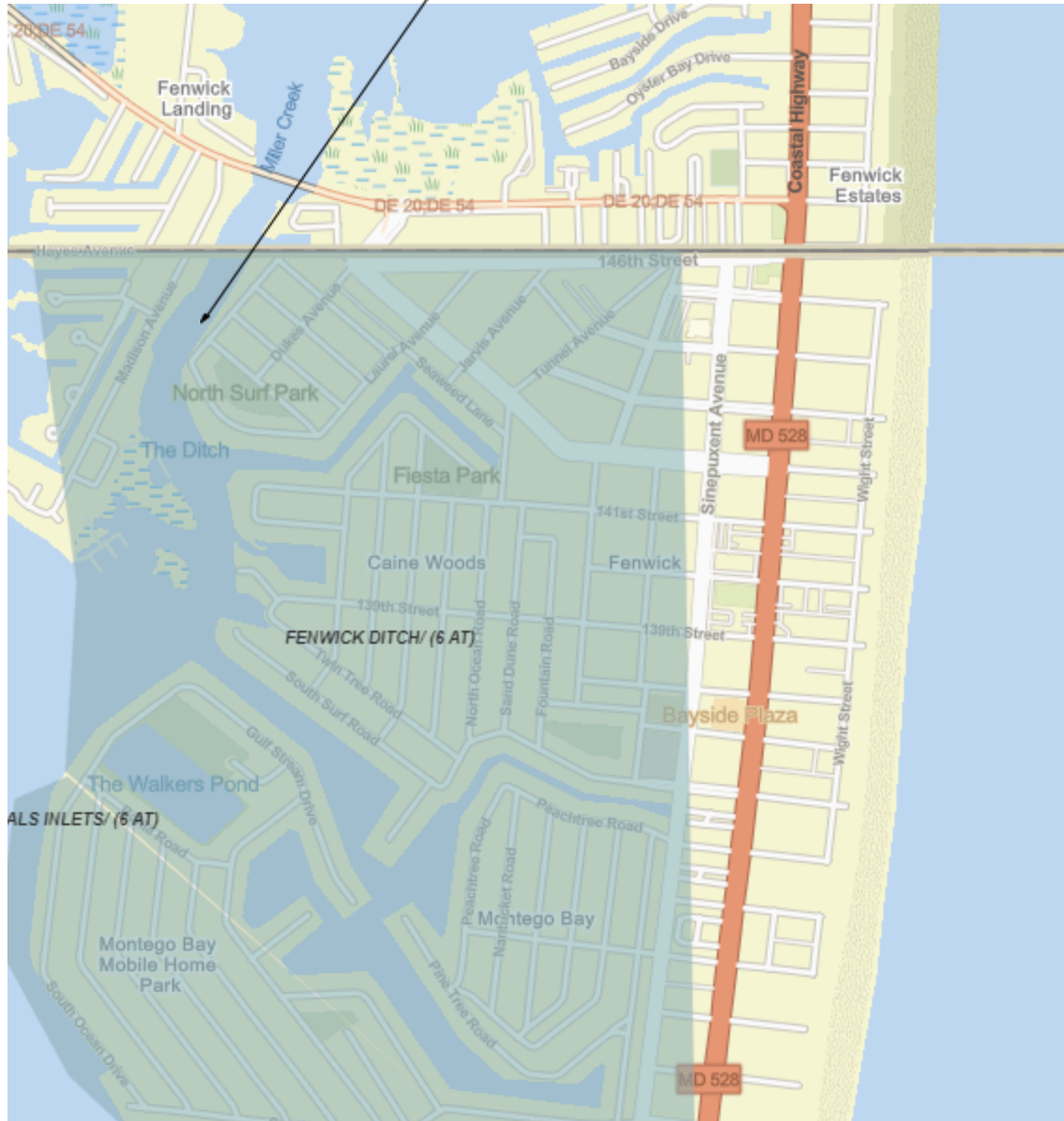
The Department has proposed expanding a portion of the Fenwick Ditch speed zone to include waters approximately 0.2 miles west of the current line toward Montego Bay. The proposed expansion will also modify a small portion of the current Ocean City Canals and Inlets regulated area. The purpose of the expansion of the Fenwick Ditch area and modification of the Ocean City Canals and Inlets area is to more clearly delineate those areas in a way that will be understandable to waterway users. Currently, both the Ocean City Canals and Inlets, and the Fenwick Ditch regulated speed areas have a 6-knot speed limit. The proposed action also amends the Fenwick Ditch area to include a minimum wake zone near the marsh in the southern portion of the area separately designated as the Fenwick Ditch Marsh.

Who will this affect?

All boaters.

Maps of the Area:

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Proposed Fenwick Ditch Marsh zone:



Proposed changes to Ocean City Back Bays zone:

