

II. Types of Economic Impact.

Impacted Entity	Revenue (R+/R-)	Magnitude
	Expenditure (E+/E-)	
A. On issuing agency:	NONE	
B. On other State agencies:	NONE	
C. On local governments:	NONE	
	Benefit (+) Cost (-)	Magnitude
D. On regulated industries or trade groups:		
(1) Recreational Anglers — Long Term	(+)	Indeterminable
(2) Recreational Anglers — Short Term	(-)	Indeterminable
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.)

D(1). The Department believes that this action will ultimately result in more robust sheepshead populations by allowing additional sheepshead to reach sexual maturity prior to harvest. This will ultimately allow recreational anglers additional opportunities to harvest sheepshead. Similarly, capping the catch limit of snapper to a maximum of ten of any single species will hopefully address concerns regarding local depletions of specific species. In the long-term, this will ultimately lead to additional harvest opportunities by avoiding such depletions.

D(2). The Department does not know how many anglers target sheepshead; therefore, the number of individuals this action will impact is indeterminable. It is not clear how much the catch limit will reduce the recreational harvest. Similarly, capping the catch limit of snapper to a maximum of ten of any single species while leaving the overall catch limit of 20 in place may have a minor negative impact on anglers who specifically targeted any single species of those listed.

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 Snapper Grouper Complex — Sheepshead Size Limit and Combined Catch Limit, Regulatory Staff, Department of Natural Resources, Fishing and Boating Services, 580 Taylor Avenue, E-4, Annapolis, MD 21401, or call 410-260-8300, or submit comments to <https://dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/pages/regulations/changes.aspx#snapper>. Comments will be accepted through June 17, 2024. A public hearing has not been scheduled.

.29 Snapper Grouper Complex.

A.—B. (text unchanged)

C. Size Limit.

(1) [There] *Except as provided in §C(2) of this regulation, there is no minimum or maximum size limit for the species listed in §A of this regulation.*

(2) *A recreational angler may not catch or possess a sheepshead less than 12 inches in total length.*

D. Recreational. An individual may not catch or possess more than:

(1)—(2) (text unchanged)

(3) *For species listed in §A(3) of this regulation:*

(a) *Ten of any single species; and*

(b) *20 of any [species or any] combination of the species [listed in §A(3) of this regulation].*

E.—F. (text unchanged)

JOSH KURTZ

Secretary of Natural Resources

Subtitle 02 FISHERIES SERVICE

08.02.08 Shellfish—General

Authority: Natural Resources Article, §§4-2A-03 and 4-901, Annotated Code of Maryland

Notice of Proposed Action

[24-048-P]

The Secretary of Natural Resources proposes to amend Regulations **.06** and **.10** under **COMAR 08.02.08 Shellfish—General**.

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this action is to implement the provisions of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission Addendum XXIX to Amendment 3 to the Interstate Fishery Management Plan for American Lobster and Addendum IV to the Jonah Crab Fishery Management Plan. The Addenda establish electronic tracking requirements for federally permitted vessels in the American lobster and Jonah crab fisheries, with the goal of collecting high-resolution spatial and temporal effort data to support several ongoing efforts. More information is available at the following websites:

https://asmfc.org/uploads/file/62473fb1pr10_LobsterAddXXIX_JonahCrabAddIV_TrackingApproval.pdf

https://asmfc.org/files/AmericanLobster/AmLobsterDraftAddendumXXVII_PublicComment_Revised.pdf

The Board initiated the Addenda in August 2021 to address several challenges facing the fishery, including stock assessment limitations, protected species interactions, marine spatial planning efforts, and enforcement in federal waters. Given the critical need for enhanced spatial and temporal data in the offshore fishery to address these issues, the Addenda require federally permitted American lobster and Jonah crab vessels with commercial trap gear area permits to collect location data via an approved electronic tracking device. Specifically, electronic tracking devices for vessels with commercial trap gear area permits for Lobster Conservation Management Areas (LCMAs) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and Outer Cape Cod will be required. LCMA 6 (Long Island Sound). The Area 5 waiver permit, which allows Area 5 permit holders to target black sea bass with unbaited traps, is excluded from the tracking requirements.

The data collected through electronic tracking under the Addenda will significantly improve the stock assessment’s ability to estimate exploitation and abundance for American lobster by providing size composition data at a finer resolution than what is currently available. Additionally, the models used to assess the location of vertical lines in the fishery and their associated risk to endangered right whales will be substantially improved, which could impact federal risk reduction requirements for the fishery. With a better understanding of the spatial footprint of the U.S. lobster and Jonah crab fisheries, managers will be better positioned to minimize and mitigate the impacts of other ocean uses, such as aquaculture, marine protected areas, and offshore energy development on the fisheries. Furthermore, vessel tracking data will enhance the efficiency and efficacy of offshore law enforcement efforts.

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 Lobster and Jonah Crab – Vessel Monitoring Systems, Regulatory Staff, Department of Natural Resources, 580 Taylor Ave., E-4, Annapolis, MD 21401, or call 410-260-8300, or submit comments to <https://dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/pages/regulations/changes.aspx#lobster>. Comments will be accepted through June 17, 2024. A public hearing will be held on June 3, 2024, 1 — 2 p.m. Google Meet joining info: video call link <https://meet.google.com/hph-mcau-vrg>; or dial (US) +1 262-563-8931, PIN: 610 079 567#.

.06 Jonah Crabs.

A.—D. (text unchanged)

E. Vessel Monitoring Systems. Vessels with commercial trap gear area permits issued by the National Marine Fisheries Service shall utilize a Department-approved electronic tracking device in compliance with the requirements of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission Interstate Fishery Management Plan for Jonah Crabs.

[E.] F. (text unchanged)

.10 American Lobsters.

A.—F. (text unchanged)

G. Vessel Monitoring Systems. Vessels with commercial trap gear area permits issued by the National Marine Fisheries Service shall utilize a Department-approved electronic tracking device in compliance with the requirements of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission Interstate Fishery Management Plan for American Lobster.

JOSH KURTZ
Secretary of Natural Resources

Title 10

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Subtitle 34 BOARD OF PHARMACY

10.34.34 Pharmacy Technicians

Authority: Health Occupations Article, §§12-101, 12-205, 12-6B-02, and 12-6B-07, Annotated Code of Maryland

Notice of Proposed Action

[24-029-P]

The Secretary of Health proposes to amend Regulations **.02**, **.03**, **.07**, and **.10** under **COMAR 10.34.34 Pharmacy Technicians**. This action was considered by the Board of Pharmacy during a public meeting held on August 16, 2023. The Board of Pharmacy informed the public that the proposed regulations would be discussed during an open session by publication on the Board’s website at <https://health.maryland.gov/pharmacy/Pages/index.aspx> pursuant to General Provisions Article, §3–302(c), Annotated Code of Maryland.

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this action is to:

- (1) Effectuate Ch. 218 (H.B. 693), Acts of 2023, State Board of Pharmacy, Delegated Pharmacy Acts, and Sunset Extension, by removing the prohibition on the administration of an influenza vaccine by a registered pharmacy technician in COMAR 10.34.34.02 and .03;
- (2) Clarify that a registered pharmacy technician’s scope of practice does not include the administration of an injectable medication (COMAR 10.34.34.03);
- (3) Effectuate Ch. 218 (H.B. 693), Acts of 2023, by developing a framework for the administration of certain vaccines by a registered pharmacy technician (COMAR 10.34.34.03);
- (4) Effectuate Ch. 218 (H.B. 693), Acts of 2023, by developing a framework for the performance of off-site prescription data entry by a registered pharmacy technician (COMAR 10.34.34.03);
- (5) Clarify that a pharmacy technician trainee must complete 160 hours of work experience within 6 months of enrollment in a pharmacy technician training program (COMAR 10.34.34.07);
- (6) Clarify that a pharmacy must obtain approval, as a pharmacy technician training program, independent of that previously granted to a stand-alone didactic program that it selects to incorporate into its pharmacy technician trainee program (COMAR 10.34.34.07); and
- (7) Require completion of vaccination specific continuing pharmaceutical education credit hours by a registered pharmacy technician who administers certain vaccines (COMAR 10.34.34.10).

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 Jourdan Green, Director, Office of Regulation and Policy Coordination, Maryland Department of Health, 201 West Preston Street, Room 512, Baltimore, MD 21201, or call 410-767-6499 (TTY 800-735-2258), or email to mdh.regs@maryland.gov. Comments will be accepted through June 17, 2024. A public hearing has not been scheduled.

.02 Definitions.

A. (text unchanged)

B. Terms Defined.

(1)—(2) (text unchanged)

(3) Delegated Pharmacy Act.

(a) (text unchanged)

(b) “Delegated pharmacy act” does not include:

(i) (text unchanged)

[(ii) The administration of an influenza vaccination in accordance with Health Occupations Article, §12-508, Annotated Code of Maryland, or this title;]

[(iii)] (ii)—[(v)] (iv) (text unchanged)

(4)—(16) (text unchanged)

.03 Delegated Pharmacy Acts.

A. A pharmacy technician may not:

(1)—(6) (text unchanged)

[(7) Administer an influenza vaccination in accordance with Health Occupations Article, §12-508, Annotated Code of Maryland;]

[(8)] (7)—[(15)] (14) (text unchanged)

[(16)] (15) Administer medications; [or]

[(17)] (16) Accept the return of prescription drugs or devices directly from a patient[.];