

## **REPORTING - Guided Fishing Trips (Housekeeping)**

### **What is being considered?**

The Department needs to update the name of the daily log used to report guided fishing trips. The name of the form will be changed from the commercial charter boat captain's daily log to the fishing guide daily log. This is a housekeeping change that simply changes the name of the report.

### **Why is this change necessary?**

This is a housekeeping change based on changes to Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 08.02.13.06 that become effective July 15, 2026 (see Additional Information below). All licensees who guide fishing trips are required to report their activities. The name of the report is scattered throughout regulations and needs to be changed for consistency.

### **Who will this affect?**

Anyone licensed to guide fishing trips under Natural Resources Article, §§4-210, 4-210.1, or 4-701, Annotated Code of Maryland.

### **Has this change been discussed with advisory bodies or other interested or impacted individuals?**

This idea was presented to the Sport Fisheries Advisory Committee (SFAC) and the Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission (TFAC) at their April 2026 meetings. The commissioners did not have any comments.

### **Additional Information**

#### **[Reporting - Methods for Commercial and Fishing Guide Licensees](#)**

- This is a regulatory action for the methods of reporting (COMAR 08.02.13.06) that has already been adopted and will be effective July 15, 2026.
- See details of the action on the Changes to Regulations webpage.

### **Regulatory Process**

Fishing rules in Maryland may be created by either the General Assembly or the Department. When the Department creates a fishing 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 fishery 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 fall of 2026. However, the exact date cannot be determined at this time.