

Final Action on Regulations

Symbol Key

- Roman type indicates text already existing at the time of the proposed action.
- *Italic type* indicates new text added at the time of proposed action.
- Single underline, italic indicates new text added at the time of final action.
- Single underline, roman indicates existing text added at the time of final action.
- ~~[[Double brackets]]~~ indicate text deleted at the time of final action.

Title 08 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Subtitle 02 FISHERIES SERVICE

Authority: Natural Resources Article, §§4-215, 4-221, 4-2A-03, and 4-732,
Annotated Code of Maryland

Notice of Final Action

[24-040-F]

On November 4, 2024, the Secretary of Natural Resources adopted:

- (1) The repeal of Regulation **.08** and amendments to Regulations **.09**, **.10** and **.12** under **COMAR 08.02.15 Striped Bass**; and
- (2) Amended Regulation **.03** under **COMAR 08.02.25 Gear**. This action, which was proposed for adoption in 51:11 Md. R. 581—585 (May 31, 2024) has been adopted with the nonsubstantive changes shown below.

Effective Date: November 25, 2024.

Attorney General's Certification

In accordance with State Government Article, §10-113, Annotated Code of Maryland, the Attorney General certifies that the following changes do not differ substantively from the proposed text. The nature of the changes and the basis for this conclusion are as follows:

In accordance with State Government Article, §10-113, Annotated Code of Maryland, the Attorney General certifies that the following changes do not differ substantively from the proposed text. The nature of the changes and the basis for this conclusion are as follows: The proposed action repealed Regulation .08 under COMAR 08.02.15 Striped Bass. The areas from Regulation .08 that are still open to fishing were added to COMAR 08.02.15.09 (Chesapeake Bay), but one of the areas added to Regulation .09 should have been added to COMAR 08.02.15.10 (Potomac River) since the area describes the open fishing areas of the Potomac River and its tidal tributaries. Moving the area from Regulation .09 to Regulation .10 will clearly designate the areas in which people may fish for striped bass in Maryland portions of the Potomac River and its tidal tributaries. This change does not alter the open area; it simply changes where the information appears in COMAR. These changes are clarifying in nature and are not more restrictive than the originally proposed text.

.09 Recreational and Charter Boat Summer and Fall Fishery in the Chesapeake Bay and Its Tidal Tributaries.

A. Early Season.

(1)—(2) (proposed text unchanged)

(3) Open Areas. A person may only catch or possess striped bass during the recreational and charter boat early summer and fall season in the following areas:

(a)—(e) (proposed text unchanged)

[[f) All of the Maryland waters of the Potomac River, and its tidal tributaries, downstream of a line beginning at a point at or near

the east end of the Nice Memorial Bridge (U.S. 301), defined by Lat. 38°21.55'N and Long. 77°00.90'W; then running approximately 80° True to a point at or near the west end of the Nice Memorial Bridge, defined by Lat. 38°21.81'N and Long. 76°59.00'W; and upstream of a line beginning at a point at or near the shore at the north side of the north jetty at Smith Point, defined by Lat. 37°53.40'N and Long. 76°14.23'W; then running approximately 335° True to a point at or near Point Lookout, defined by Lat. 38°02.25'N and Long. 76°19.34'W.]]

B.—C. (proposed text unchanged)

.10 Recreational and Charter Boat Summer and Fall Fishery for Maryland Tributaries of the Potomac River.

A. Season. Except for the closure specified in Regulation .12I(7) of this chapter, the recreational and charter boat summer and fall season [[in the]] is:

(1) [[Areas described in Regulation .08D(3) of this regulation is]] May 16 through May 31 for all of the Maryland waters of the Potomac River, and its tidal tributaries, downstream of a line beginning at a point at or near the east end of the Nice Memorial Bridge (U.S. 301), defined by Lat. 38°21.55'N and Long. 77°00.90'W; then running approximately 80° True to a point at or near the west end of the Nice Memorial Bridge, defined by Lat. 38°21.81'N and Long. 76°59.00'W; and upstream of a line beginning at a point at or near the shore at the north side of the north jetty at Smith Point, defined by Lat. 37°53.40'N and Long. 76°14.23'W; then running approximately 335° True to a point at or near Point Lookout, defined by Lat. 38°02.25'N and Long. 76°19.34'W; and

(2) [[Maryland tributaries of the Potomac River downstream of Woodrow Wilson Bridge (I-95) is]] June 1 through December 10 for the Maryland tributaries of the Potomac River downstream of Woodrow Wilson Bridge (I-95).

B.—D. (text unchanged)

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Title 09 MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Subtitle 03 COMMISSIONER OF FINANCIAL REGULATION

09.03.15 Shared Appreciation Agreements

Authority: Business Regulation Article, §2-105; Financial Institutions Article, §§2-105.1, 11-203, 11-503, 12-104, and 12-403; Annotated Code of Maryland

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On October 30, 2024, the Commissioner of Financial Regulation adopted new Regulations **.01** — **.05** under a new chapter, **COMAR**