

Proposed Action on Regulations

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Symbol Key

- Roman type indicates existing text of regulation.
- *Italic type* indicates proposed new text.
- [Single brackets] indicate text proposed for deletion.

Promulgation of Regulations

An agency wishing to adopt, amend, or repeal regulations must first publish in the Maryland Register a notice of proposed action, a statement of purpose, a comparison to federal standards, an estimate of economic impact, an economic impact on small businesses, a notice giving the public an opportunity to comment on the proposal, and the text of the proposed regulations. The opportunity for public comment must be held open for at least 30 days after the proposal is published in the Maryland Register.

Following publication of the proposal in the Maryland Register, 45 days must pass before the agency may take final action on the proposal. When final action is taken, the agency must publish a notice in the Maryland Register. Final action takes effect 10 days after the notice is published, unless the agency specifies a later date. An agency may make changes in the text of a proposal. If the changes are not substantive, these changes are included in the notice of final action and published in the Maryland Register. If the changes are substantive, the agency must repropose the regulations, showing the changes that were made to the originally proposed text.

Proposed action on regulations may be withdrawn by the proposing agency any time before final action is taken. When an agency proposes action on regulations, but does not take final action within 1 year, the proposal is automatically withdrawn by operation of law, and a notice of withdrawal is published in the Maryland Register.

Title 08

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Subtitle 02 FISHERIES SERVICE

08.02.01 General

Authority: Natural Resources Article, §§4-407 and 4-602, Annotated Code of Maryland

Notice of Proposed Action

[16-201-P]

The Secretary of Natural Resources proposes to amend Regulation .13 under **COMAR 08.02.01 General**.

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this action is to limit hunting at Urbana Lake Fishery Management Area to the use of archery equipment only. The primary goal for Urbana Lake is to provide access for fishing. This small 60-acre tract will be managed to provide quality deer hunting for archery hunters in balance with the goals and purpose of this fish management area. The proposal will create a new archery-only area for bowhunters in Maryland.

Comparison to Federal Standards

There is no corresponding federal standard to this proposed action.

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 Fishery Management Area Regulations, Regulatory Staff, Department of Natural Resources Fisheries Service, B-2, 580 Taylor Avenue, Annapolis, MD 21301, or call 410-260-8300, or email to fisheriespubliccomment.dnr@maryland.gov, or fax to 410-260-8310. Comments will be accepted through September 19, 2016. A public hearing has not been scheduled.

.13 Fishery Management Areas.

A.—C. (text unchanged)

D. Hunting and Trapping.

(1) (text unchanged)

(2) Hunting is allowed in the following areas described in §C of this regulation:

(a) North Branch Potomac River — Laurel and Folly Run;

and

(b) North Branch Potomac River — McCoole[; and

(c) Urbana Lake].

(3) *Urbana Lake*.

(a) *Hunting is allowed only with archery equipment.*

(b) *Firearms are prohibited.*

[(3)] (4) (text unchanged)

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Subtitle 02 FISHERIES SERVICE

08.02.03 Crabs

Authority: Natural Resources Article, §4-803, Annotated Code of Maryland

Notice of Proposed Action

[16-198-P]

The Secretary of Natural Resources proposes to amend Regulation .15 under **COMAR 08.02.03 Crabs**.