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**NOTICE OF FINAL FILING AND ADOPTION OF A LEGISLATIVE RULE AUTHORIZED  
BY THE WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

AGENCY: Division of Natural Resources TITLE NUMBER: 58

AMENDMENT TO AN EXISTING RULE: YES  NO

IF YES, SERIES NUMBER OF RULE BEING AMENDED: 27

TITLE OF RULE BEING AMENDED: Special Boating Regulations

IF NO, SERIES NUMBER OF RULE BEING PROPOSED: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE OF RULE BEING PROPOSED: \_\_\_\_\_

THE ABOVE RULE HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED BY THE WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE.

AUTHORIZATION IS CITED IN (house or senate bill number) SB-310

SECTION 64-10-3(c), PASSED ON March 18, 2000

THIS RULE IS FILED WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE. THIS RULE BECOMES EFFECTIVE ON THE  
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**TITLE 58  
LEGISLATIVE RULE  
BUREAU OF COMMERCE  
DIVISION OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

**SERIES 27  
SPECIAL MOTORBOATING REGULATIONS**

**§58-27-1. General.**

- 1.1. Scope and Purpose. -- This rule establishes no wake zones for certain waters of this State.
- 1.2. Authority. -- W. Va. Code §§20-7-22 and 20-7-23.
- 1.3. Filing Date. -- May 30, 2000
- 1.4. Effective Date. -- June 5, 2000

**§58-27-2. Definitions.**

- 2.1. "Director" means the Director of the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources.
- 2.2. "Motorboat" means any vessel propelled by an electrical, steam, gas, diesel or other fuel propelled or driven motor, whether or not the motor is the principal source of propulsion, but does not include a vessel that has a valid marine document issued by the United States Bureau of Customs or any successor federal agency.
- 2.3. "No Wake Speed Zone" means an area restricting motorboats from attaining a speed which would produce a wake that would noticeably disturb other motorboats or other vessels, docks, piers, or any other shoreline facility within the designated area.

**§58-27-3. No Wake Speed Zones.**

- 3.1. The following areas are designated as no wake speed zones:
  - 3.1.1. The back channel of Middle Island on the Ohio River beginning at Ohio River MP 155.1 and extending four hundred and sixty-eight feet (468 ft.) upstream to the St. Marys city limit. The area is situated entirely within the boundaries of Pleasants County. The City of St. Marys, West Virginia, is responsible for purchasing, placing and maintaining the No Wake Zone buoys and informational signs. Signs shall meet the approval of the director. Any buoys or other structures placed in the water shall conform to U. S. Coast Guard standards for Inland Rivers and, if they would interfere with commercial river traffic, be approved by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers;

3.1.2. Beginning at the mouth of Fish Creek at it's confluence with the Ohio River and extending upstream approximately 3 miles and ending at the first riffle or obstruction. This area is situated entirely within the boundaries of Marshall County. This zone is seasonal and is in effect from March 1 through November 1, each year; The Marshall County Commission is responsible for purchasing, placing and maintaining the No Wake Zone buoys and informational signs. No Wake Zone signs shall be erected at the mouth of Fish Creek and at all locations where watercraft may be launched. The signs shall describe the extent of the no wake zone and shall meet the approval of the Director. Any buoys or other structures placed in Fish Creek shall conform to U. S. Coast Guard standards for Inland Rivers and, if they would interfere with commercial river traffic, be approved by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers; and

3.1.3. Beginning at the mouth of Fishing Creek at it's confluence with the Ohio River and extending upstream approximately six-tenths (0.6) of a mile to the Route 2 Bridge. This area is situated entirely within the boundaries of the City of New Martinsville, West Virginia. The City of New Martinsville, West Virginia, is responsible for purchasing, placing and maintaining the No Wake Zone buoys and informational signs. Signs shall meet the approval of the director. Any buoys or other structures placed in the water shall conform to the U. S. Coast Guard Standards for Inland Rivers and, if they would interfere with commercial river traffic, be approved by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers.