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Form #2

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NOTICE OF A COMMENT PERIOD ON A PROPOSED RULE

AGENCY: Department of Commerce, Division of Natural Resources TITLE NUMBER: 58

RULE TYPE: Legislative CITE AUTHORITY: 20-7-22 and 20-7-23

AMENDMENT TO AN EXISTING RULE: YES NO

IF YES, SERIES NUMBER OF RULE BEING AMENDED: 27

TITLE OF RULE BEING AMENDED: Special Motorboating Rules

IF NO, SERIES NUMBER OF RULE BEING PROPOSED: _____

TITLE OF RULE BEING PROPOSED: _____

IN LIEU OF A PUBLIC HEARING, A COMMENT PERIOD HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED DURING WHICH ANY INTERESTED PERSON MAY SEND COMMENTS CONCERNING THESE PROPOSED RULES. THIS COMMENT PERIOD WILL END ON July 26, 2013 AT 10:00 a.m. ONLY WRITTEN COMMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED AND ARE TO BE MAILED TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

Curtis I. Taylor, Chief

West Virginia Division of Natural Resources

Wildlife Resources Section

324 4th Avenue

South Charleston, WV 25303

THE ISSUES TO BE HEARD SHALL BE LIMITED TO THIS PROPOSED RULE.


Authorized Signature

ATTACH A **BRIEF** SUMMARY OF YOUR PROPOSAL

**TITLE 58
LEGISLATIVE RULES
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
DIVISION OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

**SERIES 27
SPECIAL MOTORBOATING RULES**

SUMMARY:

The proposed rule provides for designation of a portion of the West Fork River within the city of Clarksburg as a no wake zone.

CIRCUMSTANCES:

This rule reflects concerns for boating safety from the City of Clarksburg. The city requests the establishment of a no wake zone for the safe operation of motorboats on the West Fork River within the city's jurisdiction.

APPENDIX B

FISCAL NOTE FOR PROPOSED RULES

Rule Title: Special Fishing Rule 58 CSR 27

Type of Rule: Legislative Interpretive Procedural

Agency: WV Department of Commerce Division of Natural Resources

Address: Wildlife Resources Section
324 4th Avenue
So. Charleston, WV 25303

Phone Number: (304) 558-2771 Email: billie.j.shearer@wv.gov

Fiscal Note Summary

Summarize in a clear and concise manner what impact this measure will have on costs and revenues of state government.

The proposed rule provides for the establishment of a no wake zone on a portion of the West Fork River in the City of Clarksburg . The City of Clarksburg is responsible for installation of buoys and signs at all locations within the designated no wake zone. It will not have an effect on costs and revenues of state government.

Fiscal Note Detail

Show over-all effect in Item 1 and 2 and, in Item 3, give an explanation of Breakdown by fiscal year, including long-range effect.

FISCAL YEAR			
Effect of Proposal	Current Increase/Decrease (use "+")	Next Increase/Decrease (use "+")	Fiscal Year (Upon Full Implementation)
1. Estimated Total Cost	0.00	0.00	0.00
Personal Services	0.00	0.00	0.00
Current Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
Repairs & Alterations	0.00	0.00	0.00
Assets	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other	0.00	0.00	0.00
2. Estimated Total Revenues	0.00	0.00	0.00

Rule Title: _____

Rule Title: Special Fishing Rule 58 CSR 27

3. **Explanation of above estimates (including long-range effect):**
Please include any increase or decrease in fees in your estimated total revenues.

The proposed rule will have no effect on fees or revenues for the agency.

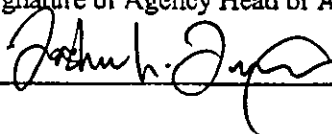
MEMORANDUM

Please identify any areas of vagueness, technical defects, reasons the proposed rule would not have a fiscal impact, and/or any special issues not captured elsewhere on this form.

The agency does not anticipate any reasons for fiscal impacts not addressed on this fiscal note form.

Date: ²⁵ June 12, 2013

Signature of Agency Head or Authorized Representative



**TITLE 58
LEGISLATIVE RULE
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
DIVISION OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

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**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. --
- 1.4. Effective Date. --

§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.a. 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.b. 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.c. Beginning at the mouth of Fishing Creek at its 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.

3.1.d. Beginning at the upstream edge of Pier 54 Marina at the first pier of Old Lock Six and continuing downstream on the northern side of the Kanawha River for approximately 1500 feet to the last pier of Old Lock Six and extending out into the Kanawha River 80 feet from the northern riverbank. This area is situated entirely within the boundaries of the City of South Charleston, West Virginia. The City of South Charleston, 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 Standard for Inland Rivers and, if they would interfere with commercial river traffic, be approved by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers.

3.1.e. The back channel of Wheeling Island on the Ohio River beginning at approximately Ohio River MP 89.5 (500 block of North Erie Street) extending downstream approximately one (1) mile to Ohio River MP 90.5 (200 block of South Erie Street). This area is situated entirely within the boundaries of Ohio County. The Wheeling Police Department is responsible for purchasing, placing and maintaining the No Wake Zone buoys and informational signs. Signs shall meet the approval of the director. No Wake Zone signs shall be erected at the Island Marina boat dock 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 the water shall conform to the U. S. Coast Guard Standard for Inland Rivers and, if they would interfere with commercial river traffic, be approved by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers.

3.1.f. The Monongahela River at the Morgantown waterfront beginning 500 feet downstream from the Westover Bridge extending upstream to the Morgantown Lock and Dam. This area is situated entirely within the boundaries of Monongalia County. The City of Morgantown is responsible for purchasing, placing and maintaining the No Wake Zone buoys and informational signs. Signs shall meet the approval of the director. No Wake Zone signs shall be erected at all boat docks and at all locations where watercraft may be launched within the No Wake Zone. Two no wake buoys shall be placed 500 feet downstream from the Westover Bridge outside of the commercial river channel, and one will be placed downstream below the Morgantown Lock and Dam outside the commercial river channel near the lock entrance/exit. 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 the water shall conform to the U.S. Coast Guard Standard for Inland Rivers and, if they would interfere with commercial river traffic, be approved by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

3.1.g. Beginning at the Hartland Dam on the West Fork River and extending upstream approximately 2.3 miles and ending at the municipal corporate limit of Clarksburg. This area is situated entirely within the boundaries of the City of Clarksburg. The City of Clarksburg is responsible for purchasing, placing and maintaining the No Wake buoys and informational signs. 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.