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Proposed Action on Regulations

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 New Regulations

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Subtitle 03 WILDLIFE

08.03.06 Furbearer Wildlife

Authority: Natural Resources Article, §§10-205 and 10-408, Annotated Code of Maryland

Notice of Proposed Action

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The Secretary of Natural Resources proposes to amend Regulation .03 under COMAR 08.03.06 Furbearer Wildlife.

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this action is to modify the required trap tending interval when trapping furbearing mammals, including muskrats, from once every 36 hours to once every two days for traps set in water or tidal marshes. This will allow trappers more flexibility when tending traps set in these habitats where weather conditions and tidal cycles can impact trap accessibility.

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 Peter Jayne, Associate Director, Wildlife and Heritage Service, Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 68, Wye Mills, MD 21679, or call 410-827-8612, or email to pjayne@dnr.state.md.us, or fax to 410-827-5186. Comments will be accepted through June 30, 2014. A public hearing has not been scheduled.

Economic Impact Statement Part C

A. Fiscal Year in which regulations will become effective: FY 15

B. Does the budget for the fiscal year in which regulations become effective contain

funds to implement the regulations?

Yes

C. If 'yes', state whether general, special (exact name), or federal funds will be used:
special (Wildlife Management and Protection Fund)

D. If 'no', identify the source(s) of funds necessary for implementation of these regulations:

E. If these regulations have no economic impact under Part A, indicate reason briefly:

This regulation will still allow trappers the opportunity to harvest furbearing mammals, but will extend the time interval they are required to check their traps set in water or tidal marshes.

F. If these regulations have minimal or no economic impact on small businesses under Part B, indicate the reason and attach small business worksheet.

No increase in furbearers harvested is anticipated.

G. Small Business Worksheet:

Attached Document:

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.03 Trapping.

A. - D. (text unchanged)

E. A person who sets any traps authorized by this regulation shall tend them or cause them to be tended at least once every day, except those traps which are set in water or tidal marshes, which shall be tended at least once every [36 hours] *two days*.

F. - G. (text unchanged)