

MARYLAND REGISTER

**Proposed Action on Regulations**

<b>Transmittal Sheet</b>  <b>PROPOSED OR REPROPOSED</b>  <b>Actions on Regulations</b>	<b>Date Filed with AELR Committee</b>	<b>TO BE COMPLETED BY DSD</b>
	05/06/2016	Date Filed with Division of State Documents
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		Date of Publication in MD Register

**1. Desired date of publication in Maryland Register: 6/10/2016**

**2. COMAR Codification**

**Title Subtitle Chapter Regulation**

08 03 10 02

**3. Name of Promulgating Authority**

Department of Natural Resources

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**6. Check applicable items:**

- New Regulations
- Amendments to Existing Regulations  
Date when existing text was downloaded from COMAR online: 3/25/2016.
- Repeal of Existing Regulations
- Recodification
- Incorporation by Reference of Documents Requiring DSD Approval
- Reproposal of Substantively Different Text:

: Md. R  
(vol.) (issue) (page nos) (date)

Under Maryland Register docket no.: --P.

**7. Is there emergency text which is identical to this proposal:**

- Yes  No

**8. Incorporation by Reference**

Check if applicable: Incorporation by Reference (IBR) approval form(s) attached and 18 copies of documents proposed for incorporation submitted to DSD. (Submit 18 paper copies of IBR document to DSD and one copy to AELR.)

**9. Public Body - Open Meeting**

OPTIONAL - If promulgating authority is a public body, check to include a sentence in the Notice of Proposed Action that proposed action was considered at an open meeting held pursuant to General Provisions Article, §3-302(c), Annotated Code of Maryland.

OPTIONAL - If promulgating authority is a public body, check to include a paragraph that final action will be considered at an open meeting.

**10. Children's Environmental Health and Protection**

Check if the system should send a copy of the proposal to the Children's Environmental Health and Protection Advisory Council.

**11. Certificate of Authorized Officer**

I certify that the attached document is in compliance with the Administrative Procedure Act. I also certify that the attached text has been approved for legality by Shara Mervis Alpert, Assistant Attorney General, (telephone #410-260-8358) on April 15, 2016. A written copy of the approval is on file at this agency.

**Name of Authorized Officer**

Mark J. Belton

**Title**

Secretary

**Telephone No.**

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**Date**

May 5, 2016

**Title 08**  
**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**  
**Subtitle 03 WILDLIFE**

**08.03.10 General Wildlife Hunting Regulations**

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

**Notice of Proposed Action**

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The Secretary of Natural Resources proposes to amend Regulation .02 under COMAR 08.03.10 General Wildlife Hunting Regulations.

**Statement of Purpose**

The purpose of this action is to allow the use of electronic bird or animal calls while a person is hunting striped skunks or fishers during the open hunting season for these species. Allowing this change would not create any biological concern or management issue for these game mammals.

**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 Services, Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 68, Wye Mills, MD 21679, or call 410-827-8612, or email to [Peter.jayne@maryland.gov](mailto:Peter.jayne@maryland.gov), or fax to 410-827-5186. Comments will be accepted through July, 11, 2016. A public hearing has not been scheduled.

## Economic Impact Statement Part C

- A. Fiscal Year in which regulations will become effective: FY 16
- 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:  
Implementation of these regulations will not result in any operational or fiscal changes for the Department of Natural Resources.
- F. If these regulations have minimal or no economic impact on small businesses under Part B, indicate the reason and attach small business worksheet.  
Though a few electronic calls will likely be sold as a result of this regulation, the number of calls sold by small businesses is anticipated to be minimal.
- G. Small Business Worksheet:

Attached Document:

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# Title 08 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

## Subtitle 03 WILDLIFE

### .10 General Wildlife Hunting Regulations

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

#### .02 Recorded Bird or Animal Calls.

A. Except as provided in §B of this regulation, an individual, or two or more individuals together, may not hunt or attempt to hunt game birds or mammals, except foxes, coyote, raccoon, opossum, *striped skunk*, *fisher* and crows, with the aid of or possession of:

(1) – (3) (text unchanged)

B. (text unchanged)