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Proposed Action on Regulations

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2. COMAR Codification

Title Subtitle Chapter Regulation

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Title 08
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
Subtitle 02 FISHERIES SERVICE

08.02.03 Crabs

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

Notice of Proposed Action

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

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this action is to align the term of the crabbing charter decal with the term of the commercial licenses that are prerequisites to acquiring the decal.

Currently, the crabbing charter decal is valid from the time of purchase through the end of the calendar year. In order to receive a crabbing charter decal, an individual must be licensed under Natural Resources Article, §4-701, Annotated Code of Maryland as either a fishing guide or a master fishing guide. These licenses are valid from September 1 through August 31. This action will make the term of the decal match the term of the underlying license in order to make renewal of the decal easier for licensees.

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 Crabbing Charter Regulations, Regulatory Staff, Department of Natural Resources, Fisheries Service B-2, 580 Taylor Avenue, Annapolis, MD 21401, or call 410-260-8300, or email to fisheriespubliccomment.dnr@maryland.gov, or fax to

410-260-8310. Comments will be accepted through August 22, 2016. A public hearing will be held, August 25, 2016 at 2 p.m.

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Economic Impact Statement Part C

A. Fiscal Year in which regulations will become effective: FY 17

B. Does the budget for the fiscal year in which regulations become effective contain funds to implement the regulations?

No

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

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

No funds are necessary to implement these regulations. The decals are already available and this action only changes the term for which the decals are valid.

E. If these regulations have no economic impact under Part A, indicate reason briefly: This action only changes the term for which the crabbing charter decal is valid. There is no fee for these decals. This action should make the renewal of these decals easier for licensees by aligning the term of the decal with the term of the licenses required to acquire the decal.

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

This action only changes the term for which the crabbing charter decal is valid. There is no fee for these decals. This action should make the renewal of these decals easier for licensees by aligning the term of the decal with the term of the licenses required to acquire the decal.

G. Small Business Worksheet:

Attached Document:

.15 Crabbing Charters.

A.—C. (text unchanged)

D. Crabbing Charters.

(1) (text unchanged)

(2) Crabbing Charter Decal.

(a) (text unchanged)

(b) A decal issued for a crabbing charter:

(i)—(iii) (text unchanged)

(iv) Is valid [from the date of issuance through the remainder of the calendar year following the date of issuance] *for the current commercial license year.*

(3)—(7) (text unchanged)

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