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Proposed Action on Regulations

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Title 08
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
Subtitle 02 FISHERIES SERVICE

08.02.01 General

Authority: Natural Resources Article, §§4-407 and 4-602, Annotated Code of Maryland

Notice of Proposed Action

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The Secretary of Natural Resources proposes to amend Regulation .13 under COMAR 08.02.01 General.

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this action is to limit hunting at Urbana Lake Fishery Management Area to the use of archery equipment only. Urbana Lake is a 60 acre Fisheries Management Area in Frederick County. The property shares borders with a golf course, residential properties, and I-270. Owners of the adjacent properties and the Natural Resources Police (NRP) have expressed concern about firearm use while hunting near the property boundaries. The managers of the property would like to address these concerns while allowing the hunters that use the property to continue their hunting activities. Limiting hunting on Urbana Lake to archery hunting only will address the boundary concerns of neighboring property owners and NRP. The proposed action changes the hunting at Urbana Lake Fishery Management Area by removing the area from the general hunting section, limiting hunting to the use of archery equipment and banning firearms.

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 Fishery Management Area Regulations, Regulatory Staff, Department of Natural Resources Fisheries Service, B-2, 580 Taylor Avenue, Annapolis, MD 21301, or call 410-260-8300, or email to fisheriespubliccomment.dnr@maryland.gov, or fax to 410-260-8310. Comments will be accepted through September 19, 2016. A public hearing has not been scheduled.

Economic Impact Statement Part C

A. Fiscal Year in which regulations will become effective: FY 2017

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 additional funds are necessary to implement the change. Natural Resources Police already enforces regulations in that area.

E. If these regulations have no economic impact under Part A, indicate reason briefly: While the number of hunters that use the property has never been monitored, it is not believed to be large. Managers are attempting to minimize controversy by keeping the property open for bow hunting. Users will not be economically impacted by the change.

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

While the number of hunters that use the property has never been monitored, it is not believed to be large. It is believed that hunters are from local areas and are already spending money in the area. Local businesses will not be impacted economically.

G. Small Business Worksheet:

Attached Document:

.13 Fishery Management Areas.

A.—C. (text unchanged)

D. Hunting and Trapping.

(1) (text unchanged)

(2) Hunting is allowed in the following areas described in §C of this regulation:

(a) (text unchanged)

(b) North Branch Potomac River — McCoole[; and

(c) Urbana Lake].

(3) *Urbana Lake.*

(a) *Hunting is allowed only with archery equipment.*

(b) *Firearms are prohibited.*

[(3)] (4) (text unchanged)

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