

**Maryland General Assembly
Department of Legislative Services**

**Proposed Regulation
Department of Natural Resources
(DLS Control No. 20-079)**

Overview and Legal and Fiscal Impact

This regulation establishes a speed limit for boats operating in a designated portion of Dixon Creek, which is a tributary of the Tred Avon River, on Saturdays, Sundays, and State holidays during the boating season

The regulation presents no legal issues of concern.

There is no fiscal impact on State or local agencies.

Regulation of COMAR Affected

Department of Natural Resources:

Boating–Speed Limits and Operation of Vessels: Tred Avon River: COMAR 08.18.27.04

Legal Analysis

Summary of Regulation

The regulation identifies the coordinates which encompass the eastern portion of Dixon Creek, and establishes a speed limit of six knots in that area on Saturdays, Sundays, and State Holidays during the boating season.

Legal Issues

The regulation presents no legal issues of concern.

Statutory Authority and Legislative Intent

The Department of Natural Resources cites §§ 8-703 and 8-704 of the Natural Resources Article as legal authority for the regulations. Section 8-703 requires the department to designate and mark channels in the waters of the State. Section 8-704 broadly authorizes the department to adopt regulations to carry out the provisions of the State Boat Act.

The cited authority is correct and complete. The regulations comply with the legislative intent of the law.

Fiscal Analysis

There is no fiscal impact on State or local agencies.

Agency Estimate of Projected Fiscal Impact

The department advises that the regulation has no impact on State or local governments. The Department of Legislative Services concurs.

Impact on Budget

There is no impact on the State operating or capital budget.

Agency Estimate of Projected Small Business Impact

The department advises that the regulation has minimal or no economic impact on small businesses in the State. The Department of Legislative Services concurs.

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