LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO AMEND AND HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON STATE OF OHIO WATERCRAFT RULES

The Chief of the Division of Watercraft, pursuant to Section 1547.52 of the Ohio Revised Code, hereby gives notice of his intention to amend the following rules:

1501:47-1-01 Notice of public hearing to adopt, amend, or rescind rules

1501:47-1-07 Watercraft Identification

1501:47-1-08.1 Waiver of watercraft registration certificate fee: eligibility

1501:47-1-09 Boating accidents

1501:47-2-03 Definitions for rules1501:47-2-01 to 1501:47-2-36 of the Administrative Code

1501:47-2-31 Seaplanes

1501:47-2-33 Equipment for sound signals

1501:47-3-07 Incorporation of state watercraft navigation laws

1501:47-3-16 No powercraft permitted

1501:47-3-17 Lakes permitting electric motors only

1501:47-3-20 Lakes permitting more than ten horsepower

1501:47-3-24 Special water ski zones

1501:47-3-25 Public use docks

1501:47-3-29 Boat docking restrictions

Administrative Rules 1501:47-1-01, 1501:47-1-07, 1501:47-1-08.1, and 1501:47-1-09 are being amended to make technical changes in the Ohio Administrative Code. Administrative Rules 1501:47-2-03 and 1501:47-2-31 are being amended to incorporate the federal definition and restrictions for "Wing-in-Ground craft" (WIG). Administrative Rule 1501:47-2-33 is being amended to align state sound signal regulations with federal regulations. Administrative Rule 1501:47-3-07 is being rescinded to remove an unnecessary redundancy in state law. Administrative Rules 1501:47-3-16, 1501:47-3-17, 1501:47-3-20, 1501:47-3-24, 1501:47-3-25, and 1501:47-3-29 are being amended for consistency between state park regulations and state watercraft regulations.

A public hearing on the proposed amendments and rescission to these rules will be held at 10:00 am on Thursday, March 1, 2007 at the Division of Watercraft Headquarters, 2045 Morse Road, Building A in Columbus, Ohio. At the public hearing, any person affected by the rule adoption may appear and be heard in person, or by an attorney, or both, and may present testimony, orally or in writing, offer and examine witnesses, and present evidence tending to show that these rules, if amended or rescinded, will be unreasonable or unlawful.

Electronic copies of the proposed rules are available at the Ohio Legislative Service Commission's internet web site at: http://www.registerofohio.state.oh.us/. Hard copies of the proposed rule are available through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Watercraft Headquarters at 2045 Morse Road, A-3, Columbus, Ohio 43229. For additional information, contact the Division of Watercraft at (614) 265-6500.

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