LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO AMEND AND HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON DIVISION OF PARKS & WATERCRAFT RULES

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources, in accordance with sections 119.03 and 1546.04 of the Ohio Revised Code, hereby gives notice of intention to adopt, amend, or rescind the following rules:

- 1501:46-3-10 Plants.
- 1501:46-7-01 Open hours, closed hours, duties; exemptions.
- 1501:46-9-03 Camping administration.
- 1501:47-1-02 Registration certificate.
- 1501:47-1-07.1 Contingent registration.
- 1501:47-1-09 Boating accidents.
- 1501:47-1-11 Anchoring requirements, exception.
- 1501:47-5-03 Use of outboard motors and power boats on wildlife areas.

SUMMARY:

- Administrative rule 1501:46-3-10 is being amended to allow park visitors to gather pine cones, berries, mushrooms, and antler sheds from state park areas except where specifically prohibited.
- Administrative rule 1501:46-7-01 is being amended to add Headlands Beach state park to the areas that are closed to all activities between sunset and sunrise without a permit.
- Administrative rule 1501:46-9-03 is being amended to remove the authority for area managers to extend the overnight occupancy limit of fourteen days and to remove references to seasonal camp sites, which are no longer options in the state park system.
- Administrative rule 1501:47-1-02 is being amended to update the statutory authority for rule adoption and the sections of the Revised Code amplified by the rule are being revised; no changes to the rule language are being proposed.
- Administrative rule 1501:47-1-07.1 is being amended to revise the timeframe for a valid contingent registration decal for consistency with Revised Code 1547.531.
- Administrative rule 1501:47-1-09 is being amended to revise the accident reporting threshold for consistency with the Revised Code requirements.
- Administrative rule 1501:47-1-11 is being amended to change "canoe" to "paddlecraft" so that canoes, kayaks, and paddleboards are all exempted from anchor requirements and adds racing shells to the list of exempted vessels, along with a definition of "racing shell".
- Administrative rule 1501:47-5-03 is being amended to add Jesse Owens Wildlife area and Appalachian Hills Wildlife area to the list of water areas with a 10 horsepower limit.

A public hearing on the proposed rule amendments will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 26, 2022 in the Building C-3 conference room at ODNR Headquarters which is located at 2045 Morse Road in Columbus, Ohio. The hearing will also be available virtually via Microsoft Teams. A link to participate or attend the virtual meeting can be found on the Ohio Department of Natural Resources website (<u>www.ohiodnr.gov</u>) under Rules & Regulations, Public Meetings & Open Houses. Any person affected by the proposed rule changes may present their comments by attending the public hearing (either virtually or in person) or may email comments for inclusion in the hearing record to <u>ohiostateparks@dnr.ohio.gov</u>.

Electronic copies of the proposed rules are available at the Ohio Legislative Service Commission's internet web site at: <u>http://www.registerofohio.state.oh.us/</u>. Hard copies of the proposed rules are available through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources at 2045 Morse Road, Columbus, Ohio 43229. For additional information, contact the Ohio Department of Natural Resources at (614) 265-6500 or <u>ohiostateparks@dnr.ohio.gov</u>.