LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources, in accordance with section 1546.04 of the Ohio Revised Code, hereby gives notice of intention to:

Rescind and replace the following rule: 1501:41-9-06 Area noise.

Adopt the following rules:

1501:47-3-98 Unlimited horsepower at no-wake speed - Forked Run pilot program.

1501:47-7-01 Exception to rules.

1501:47-7-08 On the waters of Clearfork reservoir, Richland county. And amend the following rules:

1501:41-12-06 Display of dock tags on private docks.
1501:47-3-11 Air propelled powercraft, hovercraft.
1501:47-3-19 Lakes permitting ten horsepower.
1501:47-7-03 Vessels and operations on waterways within the jurisdiction of the city of Columbus, Franklin county.

- Administrative rule 1501:41-9-06 is being replaced with provisions that retain restrictions prohibiting excessive noise and adds provisions that establish quiet hours along with an exemption for certain park related events.
- Administrative rule 1501:41-12-06 is being amended to establish a deadline for affixing a current year tag to a private dock that extends over waters under the management authority of the Division of Parks and Watercraft.
- Administrative rule 1501:47-3-98 is being adopted to establish a two-year pilot program allowing vessels powered by more than ten horsepower to operate on the waters of Forked Run state park, provided that such vessels operate only at no-wake speed.
- Administrative rule 1501:47-3-19 is being amended to remove Forked Run from the state park water areas that prohibit the use of vessels propelled by more than ten horsepower.
- Administrative rule 1501:47-3-11 is being amended to add Lake Milton to the list of state park waters that permit the use of air propelled vessels and hovercraft.
- Administrative rule 1501:47-7-01 is being adopted to exempt law enforcement, public safety, and government vessels from local or area-specific restrictions when being operated in an official capacity.
- Administrative rule 1501:47-7-08 is being adopted to incorporate local regulations for vessels operating on the waters of Clearfork Reservoir into the Administrative Code.
- Administrative rule 1501:47-7-03 is being amended to update the references to the Revised Code that are implemented or amplified by the rule and references that provide the Division of Parks and Watercraft with the authority to adopt rules; no changes to the existing rule language are being proposed.

A public hearing on the proposed amendments, adoptions, and rescission of these rules will be held at 2:00 pm on Tuesday, April 18th 2017 in the Building E Assembly Center at the Department of Natural Resources located at 2045 Morse Road in Columbus, Ohio. At the public hearing, any person affected by these rule proposals may appear and be heard in person, or by an attorney, or both, and may present testimony, orally or in writing, and present evidence tending to show that these rules, if adopted, 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: <u>http://www.registerofohio.state.oh.us/</u>. Hard copies of the proposed rule are available through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources at 2045 Morse Road, Columbus, Ohio 43229. For additional information, contact the Department of Natural Resources at (614) 265-6500.