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 rule:

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

and to adopt the following rule:

1501:47-3-97 No wake operation on Hargus lake – pilot program

Administrative Rule 1501:47-3-17 is being amended to remove the electric motor only restriction for recreational vessels operating on the waters of Hargus Lake located at A.W. Marion State Park. Administrative Rule 1501:47-3-97 is being adopted to temporarily allow the use of powercraft at no-wake speed on the waters of Hargus Lake at A.W. Marion State Park. Beginning November 1, 2015 only powercraft propelled by electric motors with less than four horsepower will be permitted on Hargus Lake unless a permanent rule change is promulgated prior to that date.

A public hearing on the proposed amendment and adoption of these rules will be held at 7:00 pm on Thursday, April 24, 2014 at Stage's Pond State Nature Preserve, located at 4792 Hagerty Road in Ashville, Ohio. At the public hearing, any person affected by the rule amendment or 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 adopted, 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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