

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF OHIO
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCESNOTICE OF INTENTION TO AMEND AND HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING
ON DIVISION OF PARKS AND WATERCRAFT RULES
IN CONJUNCTION WITH A DIVISION OF NATURAL AREAS AND PRESERVES RULE

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources, in accordance with sections 119.03, 1517.02, and 1546.04 of the Ohio Revised Code, hereby gives notice of intention to amend or rescind and replace the following rules:

Amend the following rules:

1501:18-1-03 Endangered and threatened species.
 1501:47-3-17 Lakes permitting electric motors only.
 1501:47-3-19 Lakes permitting ten horsepower.
 1501:47-3-97 Pilot programs: unlimited horsepower at no-wake speed.
 1501:47-4-03 Domestic animals.
 1501:47-4-04 Vehicle operation.

1501:47-6-03 No wake operation permitted.
 1501:47-7-18 Lake Buckhorn, Holmes county.
 1501:47-9-02 Speed limitations.
 1501:47-9-04 Intoxicating beverages.

Rescind and replace the following rule:

1501:47-3-18 Lakes permitting no wake operation.

SUMMARY:

- Administrative rule 1501:18-1-03 is being amended to update the list of plants meeting the definition of “threatened” or “endangered” as provided in 1501:18-1-02, which also requires this rule to be updated biennially.
- Administrative rule 1501:46-4-03 is being amended to allow for the retrieval of a hunting dog from Scenic River lands and incorporate the federal definition of “service animal”.
- Administrative rule 1501:46-4-04 is being amended to specifically exempt government and emergency service vehicles from the provisions of the rule while conducting official business on Scenic River lands.
- Administrative rule 1501:47-3-17 is being amended to relist Madison Lake on the permanent list of waters where only watercraft powered by electric motors may be operated.
- Administrative rule 1501:47-3-18 is being rescinded and replaced because more than ½ of the text is being revised for the purpose of adding Turkey Creek lake to the water areas where any powered watercraft may be operated at no wake speed.
- Administrative rule 1501:47-3-19 is being amended to add Jesse Owens State park to the areas where powered watercraft are restricted to ten horsepower or less.
- Administrative rule 1501:47-3-97 is being amended to remove Turkey Creek lake from the pilot program language.
- Administrative rules 1501:47-6-03, 1501:47-7-18, 1501:47-9-02, and 1501:47-9-04 are 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 or rescission and replacement of these rules will be held online at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 16th, 2020. The hearing will be held virtually in response to directives from the Ohio Department of Health and Governor Mike DeWine. Any person affected by the proposed rule may present their comments by utilizing the ‘ask a question’ feature. A link for the public meeting can be found on the Ohio Department of Natural Resources website (www.ohiodnr.gov) under Rules & Regulations, Public Meetings & Open Houses.

Electronic copies of the proposed rules are available at the Ohio Legislative Service Commission’s internet web site at: <http://www.registrofiohio.state.oh.us/>. 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 Ohio Department of Natural Resources at (614) 265-6500 or Watercraft@dnr.ohio.gov.