
TITLE 312 NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

Notice of Intent to Adopt a Rule

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Under [IC 4-22-2-23](#), the Natural Resources Commission intends to adopt a rule concerning the following:

OVERVIEW: Makes numerous changes to rules governing the conduct of activities on DNR properties and the conduct of fishing tournaments and other organized boating activities, both on DNR properties and on public waters outside DNR properties. Clarifies that the terms "boat" and "watercraft" are equivalent and defines the term "motorboat" for rules of the Natural Resources Commission. Establishes a nonrefundable license application fee for organized activities and tournaments. Ability to secure approval for a fishing tournament beyond the next calendar year is expanded from lakes managed by the division of state parks and reservoirs to all designated public waters, but an applicant must additionally demonstrate that the tournament would have national significance. The maximum number of boats that can lawfully participate is increased for some lakes administered by the division of state parks and reservoirs. A person who has outstanding fees for a tournament conducted on a lake managed by the division of state parks and reservoirs is disqualified from participating in an organizational meeting for a tournament approval on any designated public waters. Establishes a user for the number of boats, and is eliminated for the number of contestants, for a tournament on a lake administered by the division of state parks and reservoirs. Establishes a requirement that an annual boat lake permit and annual motorboat lake permit be obtained to operate or maintain a boat and a motorboat on a lake located in a DNR property, except for a lake administered by the division of fish and wildlife. Authorizes motorboat operation on designated lakes in the Blue Grass Fish and Wildlife Area, at not more than idle speed, with other than an electric trolling motor. Requirement for display of a horse tag at Brown County and Versailles State Parks and at Salamonie Reservoir is eliminated, but a horse tag or receipt must be possessed for each horse. Permit card is required for a person to enter Goose Pond Fish and Wildlife Area in Greene County. Makes numerous other substantive and technical changes. Public questions and comments may be sent to the Division of Hearings, Natural Resources Commission, Indiana Government Center-South, 402 West Washington Street, Room W272, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204, at jkane@nrc.in.gov, or by telephone at (317) 232-4699. Statutory authority: [IC 14-10-2-4](#); [IC 14-15-7-3](#); [IC 14-22-2-6](#).

For purposes of [IC 4-22-2-28.1](#), the Small Business Regulatory Coordinator for this rule is:

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