TITLE 312 NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

Economic Impact Statement

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<u>IC 4-22-2.1-5</u> Statement Concerning Rules Affecting Small Businesses Estimated Number of Small Businesses Subject to this Rule:

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) estimates that, except for one possibility, no small businesses will be directly or indirectly affected by this rule change. The one exception is that a small business is likely to be contracted to annually remove and replace the buoys marking the restricted zone. The Department has the authority to promulgate rules governing special watercraft zones in accordance with IC 14-15-7-3.

Estimated Average Annual Administrative Costs That Small Businesses Will Incur:

The DNR estimates that there will be no administrative costs to small businesses as a result of compliance with these rules.

Estimated Total Annual Economic Impact on Small Businesses:

The DNR estimates that, except for one possible small business, there will be no impact on small businesses as a result of compliance with this rule. The one exception is that a business opportunity may be created for placing and removing the buoys marking the ecozone.

Justification of Requirements or Costs on Small Businesses Where Rule Is Not Expressly Required by Law:

There are no negative economic impacts on small businesses as a result of compliance with this rule.

Supporting Data, Studies, or Analyses:

None.

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis of Alternative Methods:

There are no alternatives proposed by the Department given that there are no negative impacts on small businesses. The Department did not rely on any studies in its decision not to employ alternatives to this rule.

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