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**TITLE 312 NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION****Final Rule**

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**DIGEST**

Amends [312 IAC 1-1-21](#), which defines "lake" for rules in 312 IAC, to coordinate with a definition of "lake" added by SEA 41-2008 to [IC 14-26-2](#) (sometimes referred to as the "Lakes Preservation Act"), to include bays and coves except for the determination of a "small lake" under [IC 14-8-2-259](#), to clarify the inclusion of channels in a "public freshwater lake", and to specify that determinations are based upon the highest legal elevation, if a lake has more than one legal elevation. Effective 30 days after filing with the Publisher.

**[312 IAC 1-1-21](#)**SECTION 1. [312 IAC 1-1-21](#) IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:**[312 IAC 1-1-21](#) "Lake" defined****Authority:** [IC 14-10-2-4](#)**Affected:** [IC 14-8-2-259](#); [IC 14-15](#); [IC 14-26-2](#); [IC 14-26-3-1](#); [IC 25](#)

Sec. 21. (a) "Lake" means, except as provided in subsections (b) and (c), a reasonably permanent body of water substantially at rest in a depression in the surface of the earth, if both the depression and the body of water are of natural origin or part of a watercourse. If part of a watercourse, a lake may be formed by damming a river or stream.

(b) For purposes of [IC 14-15](#), "lake" means a natural or an artificial lake.

**(c) For purposes of [IC 14-26-2](#), "lake" has the meaning set forth in [IC 14-26-2-1.5](#).**

~~(d)~~ **(d)** For purposes of [IC 14-26-3](#), "lake" has the meaning set forth in [IC 14-26-3-1](#).

**(e) In determining the shoreline or water line of a lake, the following are included:**

**(1) A bay or cove, except for a determination of a small lake as defined under [IC 14-8-2-259](#).**

**(2) A man-made channel connected to a public freshwater lake under [312 IAC 11-2-17](#), if the channel:**

**(A) existed on March 12, 1947;**

**(B) as a condition of a department license, was required to conform to [IC 14-26-2-9](#) (or, before their repeals, to conform to [IC 13-2-11-2](#) or [IC 13-2-11.1-5](#)); or**

**(C) was constructed without a department license required under [IC 14-26-2](#) (or, before their repeals, under [IC 13-2-11](#) or [IC 13-2-11.1](#)).**

**(3) If a lake has more than one (1) legal elevation, the highest legal elevation is used.**

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