
TITLE 312 NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

Notice of Public Hearing

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Under [IC 4-22-2-24](#), notice is hereby given that on October 23, 2014, at 1:00 p.m., at the Sportsmen's Club, 51036 County Road 11, Elkhart, Indiana, the Natural Resources Commission will hold a public hearing on the proposed addition of [312 IAC 5-6-11](#) to establish a special boating zone on Simonton Lake located in Elkhart County.

[IC 4-22-2-24\(d\)\(3\)](#) Justification Statement: The Simonton Lake Area Homeowners Association will be impacted by this rule because it will be their responsibility to install the buoys marking the boundaries of the restricted zone in the spring and removing them in the fall at the end of the boating season. The cost for hiring this task done would be minimal (less than \$500 per year) although the Association would certainly be capable of doing this simple task on their own using volunteers.

Boaters on 299 acre Simonton Lake will be impacted because a 10-acre area once allowed for high speed boating is being restricted. The restricted area in this rule is a shallow portion of the lake that is a safety hazard for high speed boating. The exclusion of high speed boats within this area will protect against nutrient and sediment suspension resulting in better water quality. Submersed and emergent vegetation will likely improve naturally in this area providing further water quality benefits.

All requirements or costs by the rule amendments on regulated entities under [IC 4-22-2-24\(d\)\(3\)](#) are reasonably necessary for the implementation of [IC 14-15-7-3](#).

Copies of these rules are now on file at the Indiana Government Center North, 100 North Senate Avenue, Room N501 and Legislative Services Agency, Indiana Government Center North, 100 North Senate Avenue, Room N201, Indianapolis, Indiana and are open for public inspection.

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Natural Resources Commission

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