Amends 312 IAC 5-7-1 to identify speed zones with signage at the coordinates rather than just on-site buoys and remove references to navigable waterways; adds 312 IAC 5-7-16 for an idle speed zone on the St. Mary’s River; adds 312 5-7-17 for an idle speed zone on the St. Joseph River; adds 312 IAC 5-7-18 an idle speed zone on the Maumee River. Effective 30 days after filing with the Publisher.

Rule 7. Specified Navigable Waterways Public Waters Other Than Lake Michigan; Restrictions

312 IAC 5-7-1 Boating restrictions on specified navigable waterways public waters, other than Lake Michigan; applicability
Authority: IC 14-10-2-4; IC 14-11-2-1; IC 14-15-7-3; IC 14-29-1-8
Affected: IC 14

Sec. 1. (a) This rule establishes boating zones on specified navigable waterways public waters, other than Lake Michigan and its tributaries in Lake, Porter, and LaPorte Counties, to govern the operation of boats for any of the following purposes:
(1) Addressing unusual conditions or hazards.
(2) Fish, wildlife, or botanical resource management.
(3) The protection of users.
(b) This rule may modify or supplement 312 IAC 6.
(c) In order to be effective, a zone established under this rule must be identified with signage at the coordinates or on-site by buoys placed under 312 IAC 5-4.
(c) The coordinates used in this section have the meaning set forth in IC 32-19-1-1, 312 IAC 1-1-27.5, and 312 IAC 1-1-29.3 and referenced in “SPC” and “UTM”.

312 IAC 5-7-16 St. Mary’s River in Allen County; boating speed zone
Authority: IC 14-10-2-4; IC 14-11-2-1; IC 14-15-7-3
Affected: IC 14

Sec. 16. (a) This section establishes a special boating zone on the St. Mary’s River.
(b) A person must not operate a boat in excess of idle speed within a zone that lies between the Main Street Bridge to the confluence of the St. Mary’s River, St. Joseph River, and Maumee River:
(1) beginning at the Main Street Bridge (16 T 655040 UTM 4549114) and
(2) continuing downstream to the confluence (16 T 656887 UTM 4549687).

312 IAC 5-7-17 St. Joseph River in Allen County; boating speed zone
Authority: IC 14-10-2-4; IC 14-11-2-1; IC 14-15-7-3; IC 14-29-1-8
Affected: IC 14

Sec. 17. A person must not operate a boat in excess of idle speed within a zone that lies between the Tennessee Ave. Bridge to the confluence of the St. Mary’s River, St. Joseph River, and Maumee River:
(1) beginning at the Tennessee Ave. Bridge (16 T 657134 UTM 4550355) and
(2) continuing downstream to the confluence (16 T 656887 UTM 4549687).

312 IAC 5-7-18 Maumee River in Allen County; boating speed zone
Authority: IC 14-10-2-4; IC 14-11-2-1; IC 14-15-7-3
Affected: IC 14
Sec. 18. (a) This section establishes a special boating zone on the Maumee River.
(b) A person must not operate a boat in excess of idle within a zone that lies between the Columbia Ave. Bridge to the confluence of the St. Mary’s River, St. Joseph River, and Maumee River:
(1) beginning at the Columbia Ave. Bridge (16 T 656902 UTM 45495760) and
(2) continuing upstream to the confluence (16 T 656887 UTM 4549687).