

Notice of Final Action

[23-256-F]

On January 2, 2024, the Secretary of State adopted amendments to Regulations **.02, .03, .09, and .10** under **COMAR 01.02.08 Notary Public: General Regulations**. This action, which was proposed for adoption in 50:23 Md. R. 1006—1007 (November 17, 2023), has been adopted as proposed.

Effective Date: January 22, 2024.

SUSAN C. LEE
Secretary of State

Title 08

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Subtitle 02 FISHERIES SERVICE

08.02.11 Fishing in Nontidal Waters

Authority: Natural Resources Article, §§4-221 and 4-602, Annotated Code of Maryland

Notice of Final Action

[23-232-F]

On December 21, 2023, the Secretary of Natural Resources adopted amendments to Regulation **.01** under **COMAR 08.02.11 Fishing in Nontidal Waters**. This action, which was proposed for adoption in 50:22 Md. R. 982—983 (November 3, 2023), has been adopted with the nonsubstantive changes shown below.

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Attorney General's Certification

In accordance with State Government Article, §10-113, Annotated Code of Maryland, the Attorney General certifies that the following changes do not differ substantively from the proposed text. The nature of the changes and the basis for this conclusion are as follows:

Based on public comment, the Department is adding the term “centerpin” to the list of reels prohibited in fly fishing-only areas. Centerpin reels are a method of angling where a fly or other bait is cast directly from the reel. Therefore, because the current text already prohibits any method of angling when a fly is cast directly from a reel, centerpin reels are already prohibited. However, because the following list is incomplete, members of the public were concerned that centerpin reels were not explicitly prohibited. Since this gear was already technically prohibited by current text, the change is not more restrictive than the originally proposed text and could have been reasonably foreseen by the public at the time of publication.

.01 Trout Fishing and Management Areas.

A.—B. (proposed text unchanged)

C. Catch-and-Return Trout Fishing Areas.

(1)—(3) (proposed text unchanged)

(4) Areas Limited to Artificial Fly Fishing Only.

(a) Special provisions in effect on these areas:

(i)—(ii) (proposed text unchanged)

(iii) A person may fish only with conventional fly fishing tackle, including fly rods, fly reels, and fly line with a leader or monofilament line attached. Any method of angling when the fly is cast directly from the reel is prohibited. The use of *centerpin*, spinning, spincast, and casting reels is prohibited.

(iv)—(vi) (proposed text unchanged)

(b) (text unchanged)

D.—J. (proposed text unchanged)

JOSH KURTZ
Secretary of Natural Resources

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On December 21, 2023, the Secretary of Natural Resources adopted amendments to Regulations **.04 and .06** under **COMAR 08.02.11 Fishing in Nontidal Waters**. This action, which was proposed for adoption in 50:22 Md. R. 983—985 (November 3, 2023), has been adopted as proposed.

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