

**COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
PENNSYLVANIA FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION**

**AGENDA FOR
THE BOATING ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

Monday, February 3, 2025

10:00 a.m.

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Members

Chair Rocco Ali

Vice Chair Steven Ketterer

Wm. Cary Allen

Scott Ballantyne

Loren Lustig

Members Ex Officio

Timothy D. Schaeffer, Executive Director

Laurel Anders, Deputy Executive Director for Administration, Acting Secretary to the Board

Ryan Dysinger for Cindy Adams Dunn, Secretary for the

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

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NEW BUSINESS

A. Amendments to 58 Pa. Code Chapter 107.2 (Boating Restrictions).

Commentary:

Currently, boats with electric motors in compliance with horsepower limitations or equivalent kilowatt ratings as set forth in Chapter 111 shall not operate at greater than slow, no-wake speed on Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) and Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) owned or controlled waterways.

The proposed changes to § 107.2(1) simplify and clarify that boats are only limited to slow, no-wake speed on Commission and DCNR owned or controlled waterways that are restricted to electric motors. The proposed integration of subsections 1.1 and 2 provides a more complete description of restrictions for electric motor only locations.

Additionally, staff propose eliminating § 107.2(3). At its January 5, 1981, May 30, 1981, and October 3, 1983, meetings, the Commission acted under Section 903 of the Fish and Boat Code (30 Pa.C.S. § 903) to approve the designation of State Park Officers, Forest Rangers, and other law enforcement officers to enforce the Fish and Boat Code and regulations promulgated thereunder.

Staff propose the following changes to 58 Pa. Code Chapter 107.2:

§ 107.2. Electric motors.

Except as otherwise specified in Chapter 111 (relating to special regulations counties) **on waterways owned or controlled by the Commission or Department of Conservation and Natural Resources:**

(1) Electric motors are permitted [**on Commission owned or controlled lakes and on State park lakes**] where boating is permitted. On waters where horsepower limitations are prescribed in Chapter 111, electric motors in excess of maximum horsepower limitations or equivalent kilowatt ratings shall not be used.

(1.1) Boats propelled by electric motors [**on Commission owned or controlled lakes, State park lakes and water bodies in Chapter 111**] **where boating is permitted and internal combustion engines are prohibited** shall not be operated at greater than slow, no-wake speed.

[(2) On Commission and State park owned or controlled lakes, internal] Internal combustion [motors] engines attached to or installed in boats need not be removed, but the operation of engines is specifically prohibited.

[(3) Officers authorized to enforce the code and this part and, in the case of State park lakes, officers and officials of the Bureau of State Parks and operators of emergency

vessels may operate boats powered by internal combustion motors in the performance of their official duties on waters otherwise restricted to electric motors only.]

Briefer:

Laurel Anders, Deputy Executive Director for Administration

Action: