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TITLE 312 NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

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DIGEST

Amends 312 IAC 5-6-5, governing special watercraft restrictions on Lake James, to apply to other lakes in the Lake James Chain of Lakes and add new restricted watercraft zones, including those for Lake James, the channel between Lake James and Snow Lake, and Follett Creek between Big Otter Lake and Snow Lake. Effective 30 days after filing with the secretary of state.

312 IAC 5-6-5

SECTION 1. 312 IAC 5-6-5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

312 IAC 5-6-5 Lake James Chain of Lakes; special watercraft zones

Authority: IC 14-10-2-4; IC 14-15-7-3

Affected: IC 14; IC 32-19-11

Sec. 5. (a) **This section establishes special watercraft zones on the Lake James Chain of Lakes in Steuben County. For the purposes of this section, the Lake James Chain of Lakes includes the following:**

- (1) Big Otter Lake.**
- (2) Jimmerson Lake.**
- (3) Lake James.**
- (4) Little Otter Lake.**
- (5) Marsh Lake.**
- (6) Snow Lake.**
- (7) The streams connecting the lakes.**

(b) A person must not operate a watercraft at either of the following sites located within Lake James: ~~in Steuben County:~~

- (1) Adjacent to the Pokagon Beach in Pokagon State Park with:**
 - (A) the southern boundary beginning at a point on the shoreline at the southern edge of the Pokagon Beach, the point being located north fifty (50) degrees west, a distance of one hundred twenty-four (124) feet from the northwest corner of the concession building;**
 - (B) the northern boundary beginning at a point on the shoreline five hundred (500) feet north of the point on the shoreline described in clause (A) and running perpendicular to the shoreline for one hundred fifty (150) feet; and**
 - (C) the western boundary formed by a line running parallel to the shoreline and terminating at the lakeward-most points of the southern boundary and the northern boundary.**
- (2) Adjacent to the Potawatomi Inn Beach in Pokagon State Park with:**
 - (A) the western boundary beginning at a point on the shoreline at the western edge of the Potawatomi Inn Beach and running perpendicular to the shoreline for one hundred fifty (150) feet;**
 - (B) the eastern boundary beginning at a point on the west end of a concrete seawall in front of the boat rental and running perpendicular to the shoreline for one hundred fifty (150) feet; and**
 - (C) the southern boundary formed by a line running parallel to the shoreline, approximately three hundred (300) feet long, and terminating at the lakeward-most points of the western boundary and the northern boundary.**

(c) A person must not operate a watercraft in excess of idle speed at any of the following locations:

- (1) On Lake James in the narrows separating the Upper Basin from the Middle Basin and more particularly**

described as follows:

- (A) Southerly of buoys placed along a line formed by these points:
 - (i) SPC 2354493.00 north and 499044.00 east; and
 - (ii) 2354493.00 north and 500231.00 east.
- (B) Northerly of buoys placed along a line formed by these points:
 - (i) SPC 2353106.00 north and 499032.00 east; and
 - (ii) 2353106.00 north and 500088.00 east.
- (2) In the narrows separating Lake James from Snow Lake and more particularly described as follows:
 - (A) Southwesterly of buoys placed along a line formed by these points:
 - (i) SPC 2359295.70 north and 499366.98 east; and
 - (ii) SPC 2358014.99 north and 500882.81 east.
 - (B) Northerly of buoys placed along a line formed by these points:
 - (i) SPC 2357538.77 north and SPC 499176.13 east; and
 - (ii) SPC 2357538.77 north and SPC 500632.12 east.
- (3) Along Follett Creek between Big Otter Lake and Snow Lake and more particularly described as follows:
 - (A) Easterly of buoys placed along a line formed by these points:
 - (i) SPC 2360938.47 north and 503160.06 east; and
 - (ii) SPC 2360451.35 north and 503265.57 east.
 - (B) Westerly of buoys placed along a line formed by these points:
 - (i) SPC 2359972.56 north and 505744.48 east; and
 - (ii) SPC 2359897.33 north and 505840.23 east.

(d) The coordinates used in subsection (c) apply the Indiana coordinate system of 1983, east zone, in United States Survey feet as defined in IC 32-19-11 and referenced as "SPC". (*Natural Resources Commission; 312 IAC 5-6-5; filed Mar 23, 2001, 2:50 p.m.: 24 IR 2374, eff Jan 1, 2002*)

Notice of Public Hearing

Under IC 4-22-2-24, notice is hereby given that on November 7, 2003 at 7:00 p.m., at the Nature Center, Pokagon State Park, 6 Lane 100 A Lake James, Angola, Indiana; AND November 8, 2003, at 9:00 a.m., at the Nature Center, Pokagon State Park, 6 Lane 100 A Lake James, Angola, Indiana the Natural Resources Commission will hold a public hearing on a proposed amendment concerning special watercraft restrictions on other lakes in the Lake James Chain of Lakes, the channel between Lake James and Snow Lake, and Follett Creek between Big Otter Lake and Snow Lake. Copies of these rules are now on file at the Indiana Government Center-South, 402 West Washington Street, Room W272 and Legislative Services Agency, One North Capitol, Suite 325, Indianapolis, Indiana and are open for public inspection.

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Natural Resources Commission