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## TITLE 312 NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

### **Proposed Rule** LSA Document #04-84

#### 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 to add new restricted watercraft zones for the channel between Lake James and Snow Lake and for 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 32-19-1-1

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) **In the area separating Lake James from Snow Lake and more particularly described as follows:**
  - (A) **Northerly of buoys placed along a line formed by these points:**
    - (i) **2358640.00 (UTM 4620748.34) north and 498640.00 (UTM 662873.32) east; and**

(ii) SPC 2358014.99 (UTM 4620568.46) north and 500882.81 (UTM 663559.75) east.

(B) Southerly of buoys placed along a line formed by these points:

(i) SPC 2357538.77 (UTM 4620415.28) north and SPC 499176.13 (UTM 663041.90) east; and

(ii) SPC 2357538.77 (UTM 4620422.16) north and SPC 500632.12 (UTM 663485.61) east.

(2) Along Follett Creek between Big Otter Lake and Snow Lake and more particularly described as follows:

(A) Westerly of buoys placed along a line formed by these points:

(i) SPC 2360938.47 (UTM 4621470.13) north and 503160.06 (UTM 664239.92) east; and

(ii) SPC 2360451.35 (UTM 4621322.18) north and 503265.57 (UTM 664274.38) east.

(B) Easterly of buoys placed along a line formed by these points:

(i) SPC 2359972.56 (UTM 4621187.97) north and 505744.48 (UTM 665032.07) east; and

(ii) SPC 2359897.33 (UTM 4621165.50) north and 505840.23 (UTM 665061.60) east.

(d) The coordinates used in subsection (c) 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 as "SPC" and "UTM". (*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 October 26, 2004 at 1:30 p.m., at the Crooked Lake Room, Potawatomi Inn, 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 Lake James to apply to other lakes in the Lake James Chain of Lakes and to add new restricted watercraft zones for the channel between Lake James and Snow Lake and for 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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