

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

**AGENDA FOR
THE BOATING ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

Tuesday June 23, 2020

Teleconference

10:00 a.m. Harrisburg

Pennsylvania

Members

Chair Loren Lustig

Vice Chair Mary Gibson

Scott Ballantyne

John Mahn

Michael Murray

Members Ex Officio

Timothy D. Schaeffer, Executive Director

Colonel Corey L. Britcher, Secretary

Ryan Dysinger for Cindy Adams Dunn, Secretary for the
Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

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A. Amendment Section 111.6 Berks County.

Commentary:

Blue Marsh Lake is a 1148-acre flood control project managed by the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) in Berks County. This busy boating destination is regulated by Title 58 PA Code, specifically Section 111.6 Berks County. Blue Marsh Lake has three specific regulations that deviate from the statewide recreational boating regulations when it comes to exhausts, no wake zones, and water-skiers. Specifically, subsection (3) states that “a boat may not tow more than one water-skier.” This limitation deviates from the standard utilized throughout the Commonwealth where the number of skiers is determined by the boat’s persons capacity.

Recently USACE leadership has changed their local policy/regulation adopting the standard skiing regulation. They have petitioned the PFBC to make the same change in Title 58 so that Waterways Conservation Officers can continue to assist in enforcement.

Staff propose that §111.6 be amended as follows:

(3) [A boat may not tow more than one water-skier.]

Briefer:

Colonel Corey L. Britcher, Director, Bureau of Law Enforcement

Recommendation:

Staff recommend that the Commission adopt the proposed regulation as set forth in the Commentary. If adopted on final rulemaking, this amendment would go into effect upon publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

Action:

B. Amendment Section 111.43 Mercer County.

Commentary:

Shenango River Lake is a 3560-acre flood control project managed by the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) in Mercer County. This busy boating destination is regulated by Title 58 PA Code, specifically Section 111.43 Mercer County. Shenango River Lake has several specific regulations that deviate from the statewide recreational boating regulations when boating on project waters. Specifically, subsection (1) states that “the use of motors in excess of 10 horsepower are prohibited in the area west of the Penn Central Railroad (Levittsburg) causeway to the Ohio line.”

Recently USACE leadership has changed their local policy/regulation adopting a 20 horsepower restriction in west of the causeway. They have petitioned the PFBC to make the same change in Title 58 so that Waterways Conservation Officers can continue to assist in enforcement.

Staff propose that §111.6 be amended as follows:

(1) the use of motors in excess of [10] **20** horsepower is prohibited in the area west of the Penn Central Railroad (Levittsburg) causeway to the Ohio line.

Briefer:

Colonel Corey L. Britcher, Director, Bureau of Law Enforcement

Recommendation:

Staff recommend that the Commission adopt the proposed regulation as set forth in the Commentary. If adopted on final rulemaking, this amendment would go into effect upon publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

Action: