

Word Search Puzzle

1. Clean air, clean water and wildlife are examples of natural **(resources)**.
2. The PFBC has to **(conserve)** and maintain the state's natural resources.
3. When the governor signs a **(bill)**, it becomes a **(law)**.
4. Seasons, sizes and creel limits are all examples of **(regulations)**.
5. The 10 members of the board of **(Commissioners)** review ideas for changes to regulations.
6. The Commission works to **(protect)** habitats of fish and other aquatic organisms.
7. PFBC staff reviews **(permits)** for highway construction, mining and logging.
8. Permits are designed to help prevent **(pollution)**.
9. WCOs **(investigate)** pollution cases and gather evidence.
10. Anglers must follow **(creel)** limits to help protect fish populations.
11. Many boating regulations help to keep us **(safe)**.
12. Minimum **(size)** regulations help to provide good fishing for days to come.
13. Anglers may keep only fish that are in **(season)**.
14. A law determines how much a fishing **(license)** costs.
15. Public meetings are held for the Commission to get **(input)** on proposed regulations.
16. Once a proposed regulation is passed by the Commissioners, it becomes final **(rulemaking)**.

Look at the puzzle carefully, can you find all 17 hidden words?



Answers on next page.

Keeping All of Us Safe

All boats must have a U.S. Coast Guard-approved wearable personal flotation device (PFD—life jacket) on board for each person.

It is illegal to operate a watercraft in a reckless manner.

It is illegal to operate a watercraft within 100 feet of anyone towed behind another boat.

The life jacket also has to fit and be easily reached.

Children 12 years of age and younger must wear a life jacket while underway on a boat 20 feet or less and on all kayaks and canoes.

These are examples of boating rules and regulations in Pennsylvania. These rules and regulations are intended to keep us safe when we boat. For example, life jackets are designed to keep you floating—even if you can't swim. Not wearing one (or having one to wear) can mean the difference between life and death!

The Commission, with the help of the Boating Advisory Board, passes regulations designed to keep people safe on the water. Many regulations result from someone seeing something unsafe or from investigating the causes of a serious boating accident.

Boating Advisory Board

The Boating Advisory Board consists of five citizens appointed by the governor, as well as the Commission executive director, the director of the Commission Bureau of Boating & Education, and a representative of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. The Boating Advisory Board reviews and considers all regulations relating to boats and boating.

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Touchdown Test



The easiest way to find out if a life jacket fits is to do the "touchdown test." Put on the vest, pull the adjusting straps tight, and buckle and zip it up. Now raise your arms as if you were a football referee signaling a touchdown. Then have a grownup pull on the vest just above your shoulders. If the PFD is too big, it will easily come up over your face! If it's sized correctly, it will stay put.

The Commission also trains people in water rescue techniques. This is just in case you or another boater has a bad day on the water. Commission-trained water rescue professionals also assist when floodwaters endanger people.