



Public Notice

The Oregon State Marine Board is soliciting comments on:

Petition to adopt new rule to establish a special boat restriction zone for the Upper Rogue River – Boat Operations in Jackson County

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Would you like to be included in the agency's rulemaking process?

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To receive notification by email, send your name and email address to: june.letarte@oregon.gov

Thank you for your interest and involvement in the rulemaking process and helping keep boating safe, clean and fun for everyone.

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Petition Summary:

On February 13, 2017, the Marine Board received a petition requesting the Marine Board open rulemaking to adopt a new rule in OAR 250-020-0151 *Boat Operations in Jackson County*.

The proposed new rule:

250-020-0151(8) Rogue River. No person shall operate any watercraft propelled by a jet pump or air propeller drive on the Rogue River from Table Rock Road Bridge (at Mile 131.3) upstream to the barrier dam at Cole Rivers Fish Hatchery (Mile 155.7), except for emergencies, law enforcement, and emergency training by the Jackson County Sheriff's Department.

Reasoning:

The petitioners cite multiple reasons for adopting the proposed rule, including the maintenance of traditional river uses, limiting river user conflict, assuring public safety, respecting the interests of riverfront landowners, and avoiding conflicts with fish and wildlife.

How do I participate?

Submit written comments during the public comment period by mail, fax, or email.

Send written comments by mail, fax, or email to:

June LeTarte, Rules Coordinator
435 Commercial St NE
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Fax: 503-378-4597
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Written comments due:

5 p.m., Friday

March 31, 2017

What happens after the public comment period?

At the conclusion of the public comment period, agency staff will consider all the comments, evaluate the merits of the petition, and will subsequently bring a recommendation whether or not to open rulemaking before the 5-member Marine Board at the April 19, 2017 Board Meeting in Salem, Oregon. Public comment on this petition will not be accepted at the Board Meeting.

The Marine Board will hear the petition and staff's recommendation. The Marine Board may:

- Direct staff to initiate the rulemaking process to consider the petition proposal; or
- Deny the petition and take no further action.

If the Board directs the staff to initiate rulemaking, an additional comment period will be announced prior to any final rule adoption.

Where can I get more information?

You can view an electronic copy of the entire petition online at:

<http://www.oregon.gov/OSMB/info/Pages/Rulemaking-and-Public-Notices.aspx>

Or request a hard copy version by calling June LeTarte at 503-378-2617.

You can also view the petition and related documents in person at the State Marine Board office in Salem, OR.