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The Honorable Larry Hogan
Governor, State of Maryland
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

The Honorable Bill Ferguson
President, Senate of Maryland
H107 State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

The Honorable Adrienne A. Jones
Speaker, Maryland House of Delegates
H101 State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: Submission of report for Controlled Water Ski Area in Maynadier Creek

Agency: Maryland Department of Natural Resources

Report Authority: 2019, SB 93, Chapter 747 (MSAR 12190)

Dear Governor, President and Speaker:

The Maryland General Assembly passed SB 93/Ch. 747 in 2019, which authorizes a person to operate or give permission to operate a vessel for the purposes of towing a water skier in a slalom ski course located in the area on certain days of the week during certain times. The bill also required that the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) mark the area in the same manner that other ski areas are buoyed. A report on the implementation of this law is due to the Governor and the Maryland General Assembly on or before December 1, 2022.

Since the new law went into effect, Maryland Natural Resources Police (NRP) has experienced minimal enforcement issues. Warnings and citations are as follows:

- 2019 - No water ski-related tickets or warnings were issued in the area.
- 2020 - NRP issued one warning related to operating in the controlled ski area.
- 2021 - No water ski-related tickets or warnings were issued in the area.
- 2022 (to date) - One water ski-related warning was issued for a rear-facing observer and one warning was issued for operating a skiing vessel in the controlled ski area outside of permitted times.

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The remainder of calls and enforcement actions in this area were boating-related (NOT water-ski specific):

- 2019 - NRP received one call from a citizen asking questions regarding the meaning of the regulatory language printed on the buoy marking the controlled ski area, and 12 general complaints relative to boating activity in the area, not relative to the controlled ski area. Three warnings were issued for failure to display certain registrations and certifications.
- 2020 - NRP received seven boating-related calls. One warning and one citation were issued for failure to obey the general 6-knot speed limit (non-skiing related), and one citation and two warnings were issued for failing to obtain and possess a valid registration for a vessel.
- 2021 - NRP received three boating-related complaints; no warnings or citations were issued.
- 2022 (to date) - NRP has received five boating-related calls. One warning has been issued for going over the 6-knot speed limit near another vessel and one citation has been issued for failure to carry a personal flotation device on the vessel.

If you would like any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Bunky Luffman, Director, Legislative and Constituent Services at 410 689-9165 or bunkyluffman1@maryland.gov.

Sincerely,



Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio
Secretary

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