# TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Control No. <u>220</u> Department or Agency <u>Conservation and Natural Resources</u> Rule No. **220-5-.02** 

Rule Title: Swimming, Fishing and Boating	
Newx Amend Repeal (of Existing Rule) Adopt by Refere	ence
Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly harm or endanger the public health, welfare, or safety?	YES
Is there a reasonable relationship between the state's police power and the protection of the public health, safety, or welfare?	<u>YES</u>
Is there another, less restrictive method of regulation available that could adequately protect the public?	<u>NO</u>
Does the proposed rule have the effect of directly or indirectly increasing the costs of any goods or services involved and, if so, to what degree?	<u>NO</u>
Is the increase in cost, if any, more harmful to the public than the harm that might result from the absence of the rule?	<u>N/A</u>
Are all facets of the rulemaking process designed solely for the purpose of, and so they have, as their primary effect, the protection of the public?	<u>YES</u>
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Does the proposed rule have any economic impact?  If the proposed rule has an economic impact, the proposed rule is required to be accofiscal note prepared in accordance with subsection (f) of Section 41-22-23, Code of A	
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Certification of Authorized Official	
I certify that the attached proposed rule has been proposed in full compliance with the Chapter 22, Title 41, Code of Alabama 1975 and that it conforms to all applicable fil the Alabama Administrative Procedure Division of the Legislative Reference Service	ing requirements of
Signature of Certifying Officer Secretary of Administrative Procedure	

# Department of Conservation and Natural Resources State Parks Division

### NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

AGENCY NAME:

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

RULE NO. & TITLE:

220-5-.02 Swimming, Fishing and Boating

**INTENDED ACTION:** 

Amendment.

<u>SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION:</u> To omit the word "Fishing" from the term "Gulf State Park Saltwater Fishing Pier" and to omit the reference to Claude D. Kelley and Chattahoochee State Parks.

TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: Interested persons may present their views in writing to the Director of the State Parks Division at any time during the period stated below, or orally if requested in advance by personally appearing at Room 474, Folsom Administrative Building, 64 North Union Street, Montgomery, Alabama, at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 8, 2015.

#### FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE:

April 8, 2015.

<u>CONTACT PERSON AT AGENCY:</u> Gregory M. Lein, Director, State Parks Division, 5th Floor, 64 N. Union Street, Montgomery, Alabama 36130.

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Secretary of Administrative Procedure

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# 220-5-.02 Swimming, Fishing and Boating

- (1) Visitors shall swim only in designated areas and all persons swimming in any of the waters of any State Park shall obey any order of the lifeguard or other Park official in charge.
- (2) All persons fishing in any of the State Parks shall abide by the fishing regulations promulgated by the Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and other fishing laws which are in force in the State of Alabama.
- (a) A person so fishing shall, upon demand, exhibit his catch or fishing license to any game warden or other officer of the Department for inspection.
- (b) No fish shall be placed in the State Park lakes or waters except with permission of the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources.
- (c) The daily creel limits are posted in a conspicuous place at each State Park lake. Any person who catches, takes or has in his or her possession more fish than allowable by the posted creel or possession limits shall be in violation of this regulation.
- (d) Fish shall be taken by rod and reel or pole and line only, in State Park lakes or waters. Use of other methods of fishing such as trot lines, set hooks, gigs, nets, seines, spear guns, bow and arrow, etc., is prohibited.
- (e) State Park fishing permits are required in all park lakes or waters where fishing is authorized with the exception of DeSoto State Park and impoundments at Lake Guntersville, Läkepoint Resort, Joe Wheeler, Wind Creek, Roland Cooper, Florala, and Buck's Pocket State Parks, and with the exception of certain parks where payment of a "day use" fee or payment of a cabin, hotel or motel room, or campsite fee may include permission to fish.
- (f) It shall be unlawful to fish for sharks or use any type shark fishing gear on any Gulf State Park Public Beach or on the Gulf State Park Saltwater Fishing Pier. It shall be unlawful to land or to attempt to land any shark on any line originally cast from said State Park Pier or Beach.
- (g) It shall be unlawful to participate in any water related activity within 100 yards of the Gulf State Park Saltwater Fishing Pier. This shall include but not be limited to, wading, swimming, surfing, fishing, boating, and scuba diving.
- (3) Motorized vessels are prohibited on any of the waters of the State Parks unless by special written permission from the Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, except as otherwise provided for herein. At Oak Mountain, Chewacla and Paul M. Grist, Claude D. Kelley, and Chattahoochee State Parks, electric troll motors not to exceed a size that can be operated by a 6, 12, or 24 volt storage battery may be used. At Lake

Shelby in Gulf State Park, Lake Lurleen State Park and Frank Jackson State Park, any size motor may be used.

- (a) It shall be unlawful to operate a vessel of any kind on the waters within Frank Jackson and Lake Lurleen State Parks to tow a person or persons on water skis, aquaplane or any other recreational device.
- (b) It shall be unlawful to operate any personal watercraft on any fresh water lake within Gulf State Park, Lake Lurleen, and Frank Jackson State Park.

**Statutory Authority:** 

§§ 9-2-3, 9-2-9, and 9-2-12, Code of Alabama 1975

PENALTY:

As provided by § 9-2-9, Code of Alabama 1975

9/30/82; 11/19/83; 11/16/89; 5/20/98;