

PROPOSED STATE RULES

By law, public notice of proposed rules must be given by publication in newspapers of record. The purpose of these notices is to give the public a chance to respond to the proposals. The public notices for administrative rules are now also available online at <https://secure.vermont.gov/SOS/rules/>. The law requires an agency to hold a public hearing on a proposed rule, if requested to do so in writing by 25 persons or an association having at least 25 members.

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To obtain further information concerning any scheduled hearing(s), obtain copies of proposed rule(s) or submit comments regarding proposed rule(s), please call or write the contact person listed below. You may also submit comments in writing to the Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules, State House, Montpelier, Vermont 05602 (802-828-2231).

Vermont Use of Public Waters Rules.

Vermont Proposed Rule: 25P045

AGENCY: Agency of Natural Resources

CONCISE SUMMARY: The proposed amendments to the Use of Public Waters Rules clarify the petition submission and review process and clarifies the procedures for municipal delegation under 10 V.S.A. § 1424 by authorizing full or partial delegation with State oversight, auditing, and revocation authority. Further, the amendments establish a process for emergency temporary use restrictions and clarifies enforcement of aquatic invasive species transport and decontamination requirements. The wakesports provisions are substantially modified by eliminating the "Home Lake" rule and proof of decontamination requirements, prohibiting wakesports within 500 feet of loon nesting sites and from other users, and requiring wakesports zones to meet new acreage, length, and configuration standards. The Department of Environmental Conservation will maintain an online list of eligible lakes, reducing the number of wakesports-eligible waters from 30 to 18.

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Vermont Workers' Compensation and Occupational Disease Rules 1-27.

Vermont Proposed Rule: 25P046

AGENCY: Department of Labor

CONCISE SUMMARY: These proposed rules implement the statutory amendments adopted by the Legislature effective 7/1/25, including (1) a process for injured workers to request medical case management services; and (2) increased penalties for late payment of weekly benefits. The proposed rules also include page limits for reply briefs filed in formal workers' compensation proceedings with the Vt. Dept of Labor.

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