

STATE OF MINNESOTA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Proposed Amendments to the Rules for
Boat and Water Safety - Minn. Rules 6110

STATEMENT OF NEED
AND EVIDENCE

The authority of the Commissioner of Natural Resources to promulgate rules regarding boat and water safety is found in Minnesota Statutes, Section 361.25. The rules currently in effect are identified as Minnesota Rules 6110.1200, 6110.1500 and 6110.1900.

6110.1200 Subp. 1, D - Amended to more closely conform to federal rules of the road (see "E" below).

6110.1200 Subp. 1, E - Added to conform more closely with federal rules of the road. Expands the requirement to relinquish right-of-way to large vessels to all small craft, not just those that are non-motorized.

6110.1200 Subp. 1, F - Added to conform more closely with federal rules of the road. Simply requires boats to keep to the right in a channel.

6110.1200 Subp. 1, G - Paragraph re-lettered - no change.

6110.1200 Subp. 2, D - These rule additions are being added to implement the agreement made between the five Upper Mississippi River states and the Army Corps of Engineers. The agreement requires the states to adopt and enforce restrictions above and below locks and dams on the Mississippi River previously enforced by the Corps. The agreement is the result of very long negotiations with the Corps and hopefully will reduce accidents associated with the locks and dams. Under the agreement, the Corps will be responsible for marking all restricted areas.

6110.1200, Supb. 2, E - Paragraph re-lettered - no change.

6110.1200, Subp. 3, D (3) - Defines the term "serviceable condition" to conform to federal guidelines.

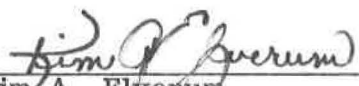
6110.1200, Subp. 3, D (4) - Requires Type V devices designated as "approved only when worn" to be worn. This accomodates the new "hybrid" device coming on the market this spring. Also the term "readily accessible" is defined to conform to federal guidelines.

6110.1500, Subp. 2, B - Revises channel marker buoy requirements to conform to new federal requirements changing all-black buoys to all-green buoys. Green buoys are easier to see. Existing buoys may be used until December 31, 1987 to reduce any hardship on the marking agency.

6110.1900 - Increases minimum property damage limit to \$200 to conform with the federal regulations

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