

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
Department of Natural Resources

Proposed Amendments to  
The Boat and Water Safety  
Rules § 6110.0100 - 2300

Statement of  
Need and  
Reasonableness

The Commissioner of Natural Resources is given the authority to promulgate rules regarding boat and water safety in Minnesota Statutes § 86B.211. The specific rules affected by this amendment are as follows:

**6110.0100** - Amended to give the commissioner the authority to comply with the federal rules on boat registration, so that the state's numbering system remains approved by the Coast Guard.

**6110.0300** - Deletes the term "reflectorized" when referring to registration numbers for watercraft. Reflectorized numbers are no longer readily available or extensively used. They could still be used, however.

**6110.1000** - Reference to statute changed to conform to 1991 recodification

**6110.1200, Subp. 2.** - Reference to statute changed to conform to 1991 recodification, quotes added by Revisor's Office on "Slow-no wake."

**6110.1200, Subp. 7.** - This entire subpart has been reworded to more closely comply with the federal rules of the road, redefining lighting fixtures for boats and changing the term "points," which is no longer used, to degrees. This should not have an impact on either existing boats or manufacturers, since boats are constructed using federal navigation light standards that have been in effect for a number of years.

**6110.1400, Subp. 3.** - Reference to statute changed to conform to 1991 recodification

**6110.1500, Subp. 2.** - Clarifies the positioning of the red channel marker for lake situations, where there is no obvious flowing water, revises the requirement for the reflectorized strip from four inches to three to match the industry standards and eliminates the reference to the black buoy, which is no longer used. Also eliminates the cardinal (red and black-topped buoys) from the system, since they are no longer used in the state.

**6110.1500, Subp. 5.** - Reference to statute in "G" (diver's flag) changed to conform to 1991 recodification. Section "L" on emergency markers is deleted and incorporated into Subp. 8.

**6110.1500, Subp. 7.** - A new subpart has been added to cover a special buoy for Eurasian water milfoil. This is in direct response to the growing problem of this exotic aquatic plant and the need to mark the beds on lakes and rivers to keep boats from spreading the weed. This size and coloration of the marker has been discussed with a number of lakeshore owners who have requested its use.

**6110.1500, Subp. 8.** - This new subpart combines the reference to emergency markers formerly located in Subp. 5 with the capability to respond to special circumstances for additional types and sizes of buoys and markers. This can save dollars in certain specific cases, when a nine inch or larger diameter buoy is not required to mark an area and a smaller, less expensive one can be used without adversely impacting safety.

**6110.1800, Subp. 2.** - Corrections made to construction by Revisor's Office and reference to statutes changed to conform to the 1991 recodification.

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**6110.1900** - The entire section here is repealed and is rewritten in two subparts. Subpart 1 is rewritten to clarify the requirements for accident reports, change to property damage reportability requirements from \$200 to \$500 to match the federal rules and give the sheriff's department a more realistic 10 days to report the accident to the department. Subpart 2 modifies the reporting requirements for sheriffs, so that they only need retain the reports in their offices, rather than forwarding them to the department. Each county, however, would still be required to forward a summary of these activities in their annual report.

**6110.2100** - Restricts the application and payment of search and rescue reimbursements to water-related activities. Funds for this reimbursement no longer come from the General Fund, but rather the dedicated Water Recreation Account. There have been no requests for non-water related reimbursements over the past five years.

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Dated

  
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Dear Ms. Elverum:

I write to request a copy of the Department of Natural Resource's Statement of Need and Reasonableness (SONAR) for recently published rules relating to board and water safety.

As you may know, Minnesota Statutes, sections 14.131 and 14.23 now require state agencies to provide copies of SONAR's to the LCRAR when they become available for public review.

If you have not already done so, please send a copy of the SONAR for these proposed rules to:

The Legislative Commission to Review Administrative Rules  
Maryanne Hruby, Director  
55 State Office Building  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

Please contact me at 296-1143 if you have any questions.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michele Swanson".

Michele Swanson  
Commission Secretary

