

ISSUES SUBMITTAL FORM

Date: 11/21/14

ISSUE:	Should the “lakes” of Staunton State Park be added to Chapter P-1 Article II Regulation #103a?	
DISCUSSION (FACTS AND FIGURES, EXPLANATION OF ISSUE):		
<p>Request to add “lakes of Staunton State Park” to Chapter P-1 Article II Regulation #103a to read: No boats, rafts or other floating devices of any kind shall be permitted on lakes within: 6. Staunton State Park.</p> <p>The intent of the ponds (Davis Ponds and Elk Falls Pond) at Staunton State Park is a shoreline fishing experience. Due to their size and accessibility they are not recommended for any type of boating or floating. This would dramatically reduce the fishing experience of shoreline fisherman. In addition, it would increase the probability of a water rescue occurring at these locations. Access to locations is limited in the case of a water rescue.</p> <p>The surface area of Davis Ponds and Elk Falls Pond is not large enough to accommodate both shoreline fisherman and boats. All three ponds at high water levels will have a little less than ½ surface acre of water each.</p> <p>Water levels at the Davis Ponds have the potential to fluctuate between 8 and 14 vertical feet due to the water use restrictions set forth in the park’s augmentation plan. Fish habitat structures were placed throughout the ponds. Due to the fluctuation in water depth those structures could easily become underwater “hazards” to boaters.</p> <p>Elk Falls Pond is a 4.5 mile one-way hike. This means an extended response time if a water rescue were to occur. Allowing boating would increase the probability of a water rescue occurring.</p>		
WHO ARE THE INTERNAL/EXTERNAL PUBLICS IN THIS ISSUE? WHAT INPUT PROCESS HAS OCCURRED?		
Internal discussion with CPW staff (Staunton State Park and NE Region). As of park opening on May 18, 2013 signs have been posted prohibiting boating and swimming in the ponds. No negative feedback has been received regarding this prohibition.		
ALTERNATIVES: (POSSIBLE OUTCOMES or POSSIBLE REGULATIONS):		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. * Preferred Alternative *: Update Chapter P-1 Article II #103a to include Staunton State Park 2. If regulation is not updated, the areas will remain posted as “closed to boating”. 		
Issue Raised by:	Jennifer Anderson	
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REQUIRES NEW SPACE IN THE BROCHURE?	NO	
ISSUE PAPER HAS BEEN EMAILED TO REG REVIEW MGRS GROUP?	YES	
RECOMMENDED FOR CONSENT AGENDA?	YES	

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Date: 12/1/2014

ISSUE:	Should Highline Lake State Park be removed from regulation 106.a.1.c.1.vii and added to regulation 106.a.1.c.2?	
DISCUSSION (FACTS AND FIGURES, EXPLANATION OF ISSUE):		
Regulation 106.a.1.c.1.vii shows Highline Lake open to hunting the Tuesday after Labor Day through the Friday prior to Memorial Day which may appear to the public that it is open to hunting on weekends. This regulation doesn't specify that Highline is only open to waterfowl hunting and the public may believe they can hunt small game as well as upland birds. Highline should be listed under regulation 106.a.1.c.2 which specifies that the park is only open to waterfowl hunting in the areas and at the times posted. The park has a hunting sign posted that shows the only hunting is allowed from the blinds and that the park is closed to hunting on weekends.		
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Hunters at Highline, Highline Lake staff and Area 7 field staff Internal discussions to clarify the hunting opportunities at Highline Lake State Park for the general public.		
ALTERNATIVES: (POSSIBLE OUTCOMES or POSSIBLE REGULATIONS):		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. * Preferred Alternative*: Remove Highline Lake from regulation 106.a.1.c.1.vii and put it under regulation 106.a.1.c.2 which clarifies the park is only open to waterfowl hunting as posted. 2. Status quo: Keep regulation as is and let public know that the regulation closing Highline Lake to hunting on weekends is in the waterfowl brochure. 		
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REQUIRES NEW SPACE IN THE BROCHURE?	NO	
ISSUE PAPER HAS BEEN EMAILED TO REG REVIEW MGRS GROUP?	NO	
RECOMMENDED FOR CONSENT AGENDA?	YES	