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Waterways Regulations: Revised Notice of Extension of Comment Period

A Public Hearing Notice was published in the Massachusetts Register by the Massachusetts Secretary of State on December 22, 2023. Through this revised Notice, MassDEP is providing an extension of the comment period until 5 p.m. on April 30, 2024

This Revised Notice of Public Hearings with Extension of Written Comment Period is available in alternative languages (Español -- Tiếng Việt -- Chinese -- Kreyòl Ayisyen -- Português -- Khmer) on MassDEP's website at: <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/massdep-public-hearings-comment-opportunities>

Notice is hereby given that the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP), under its authority pursuant to M.G.L. c. 91, § 18, is proposing regulatory amendments to 310 CMR 9.00 *The Massachusetts Waterways Regulation*. These amendments would require license and permit applications filed pursuant to M.G.L. c. 91 and 310 CMR 9.00 to consider the effects of climate change in certain respects. The proposed revisions are consistent with proposed revisions to the Massachusetts Wetland Regulations at 310 CMR 10.00.

The proposed regulatory text and a notice to reviewers are available with a copy of this Public Hearing Notice on MassDEP's website at: <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/massdep-public-hearings-comment-opportunities>

Public Comments and Hearings

MassDEP conducted two public information sessions and two public hearings in January 2024. The presentation materials and recordings are available on MassDEP's website and YouTube channel at <https://www.mass.gov/regulations/310-CMR-900-the-massachusetts-waterways-regulation#proposed-amendments-public-comment>

Extension of Comment Period and Additional Office Hours Sessions:

The comment period has been extended until 5:00 p.m. on April 30, 2024.

MassDEP will conduct three additional Office Hours Sessions:

These sessions are an opportunity for question and answer on the proposed regulations; stakeholders are encouraged to submit questions in advance. For additional information about the Office Hours Sessions, please visit: <https://www.mass.gov/regulations/310-CMR-900-the-massachusetts-waterways-regulation#proposed-amendments-public-comment>

This information is available in alternate format. Please contact Melixza Esenyie at 617-626-1282.
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- Monday February 26, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. (remote only) Please use this link to register in advance: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZluduiprjliEt1XdE4I7BoTioyGlijDeNuyu>
- Thursday March 14, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. (remote only) Please use this link to register in advance: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYkcuutqTlpHN17Mi2IDNikh5m0e18NGZiR>
- Wednesday April 3, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. (remote only) Please use this link to register in advance: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwtf-urrTgsH9R7AbCjaHaVDDate53XGEg6>

Written comments will be accepted through 5:00pm on **April 30, 2024**. The Department encourages electronic submission by email to dep.waterways@mass.gov and must include *Waterways Resilience Comments* in the subject line. In lieu of electronic submittal, paper comments may be mailed to Daniel Padien, Attn: *Waterways Resilience Comments*, MassDEP-BWR, 100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900, Boston, MA 02114.

For special accommodations for these hearings, please call the MassDEP Diversity Office at 617-292-5751. TTY# MassRelay Service 1-800-439-2370. This information is available in alternate format upon request. MassDEP provides language access interpreter/translation services to limited English proficient individuals free of charge. If you need an interpreter to participate in this meeting, translation services can be found at the following link: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/massdep-language-translation-assistance>.

By Order of the Department of Environmental Protection
Bonnie Heiple, Commissioner