

BEING CONDUCTED AS OF JULY 1, 1970, AS AUTHORIZED UNDER THE TERMS OF AN APPROPRIATE PERMIT OR LICENSE GRANTED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF EXISTING STATE AND FEDERAL LAW.

*Private Wetlands*

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Notwithstanding any rule or regulation promulgated by the Secretary of Natural Resources for the protection of private wetlands, the following uses shall be lawful on those lands included in the Secretary's inventory of private wetlands:

- (1) Conservation of soil, vegetation, water, fish, shellfish, and wildlife.
- (2) Trapping, hunting, fishing, and shellfishing where otherwise legally permitted.
- (3) Exercise of riparian rights to make improvements to lands bounding on navigable waters to preserve access to such navigable waters or to protect the shore against erosion.

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The Secretary of Natural Resources, with the advice and consent of the Maryland Agricultural Commission and in consultation with the appropriate agencies within the affected political subdivisions, may from time to time, for the purpose of promoting the public safety, health and welfare, and protecting public and private property, wildlife and marine fisheries, promulgate rules and regulations governing dredging, filling, removing or otherwise altering or polluting private wetlands. The Agricultural Commission, within sixty days of receiving any proposed rules and regulations from the Secretary, shall convey its decision concerning the adoption or rejection of such rules and regulations to the Secretary; and if this is not done, such rule or regulation shall be considered approved by the Commission. Such rules and regulations may vary as to specific tracts of wetlands because of the character of such wetlands.

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The Secretary shall promptly make an inventory of all private wetlands within the State. The boundaries of such wetlands shall be shown on suitable reproductions or aerial photographs to a scale of one inch equals two hundred feet with such accuracy that they will represent a class D survey. Such maps shall be prepared to cover entire subdivisions of the State as determined by the Secretary. Upon completion of the ~~tidal~~ PRIVATE wetlands boundary maps for each subdivision and adoption of proposed rules and regulations governing activities on such wetlands as provided by Section ~~722~~ 722, the Secretary shall hold a public hearing in the county of the affected wetlands. The Secretary shall give notice of such hearing to each ~~owner of record~~ OWNER AS SHOWN IN TAX RECORDS of all lands designated as wetland as shown on such maps, by registered mail not less than thirty days prior to the date set for such hearing. The notice shall include the proposed rules ~~and~~ AND regulations. The Secretary shall also cause notice of such hearing