

(E) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT MAY AUTHORIZE OR PROHIBIT THE REMOVAL OR ERADICATION OF ANY SPECIES OF SUBMERGED AQUATIC VEGETATION OR COMBINATION THEREOF FOR ANY PURPOSE, INCLUDING FACILITATION OF BOATING ACCESS.

(2) IF A PLAN IS APPROVED, THE DEPARTMENT MAY PRESCRIBE THE TIME METHOD, AND EXTENT OF THE REMOVAL OR ERADICATION:

(I) TO CONTROL THE EFFECT OF THE REMOVAL OR ERADICATION ON WATER QUALITY; OR

(II) TO PROTECT THE GROWTH AND PROLIFERATION OF FISH AND AQUATIC GRASSES.

(F) THE SECRETARY MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO ADMINISTER THIS SECTION. AS PART OF THE REGULATIONS, THE SECRETARY MAY PROVIDE FOR-A-GENERAL-PERMIT-AUTHORIZING AUTHORIZE SPECIFIC CATEGORIES OF REMOVAL OF SUBMERGED AQUATIC VEGETATION.

(G) (1) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION, A PERSON MAY HARVEST, CUT, OR OTHERWISE REMOVE OR ERADICATE SUBMERGED AQUATIC VEGETATION FROM ANY LAND UNDER THE TIDAL WATERS OF THE STATE BELOW MEAN HIGH TIDE ONLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH A PLAN APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

(2) THE PLAN UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

(I) THE NAME, ADDRESS, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE PERSON MAKING THE REQUEST;

(II) A WRITTEN DESCRIPTION BY THE PERSON MAKING THE REQUEST OF THE REASONS WHY IT IS NECESSARY TO REMOVE THE SUBMERGED AQUATIC VEGETATION;

(III) THE PROPOSED METHOD TO REMOVE THE SUBMERGED AQUATIC VEGETATION; AND

(IV) A DIAGRAM SHOWING THE LOCATION AND EXTENT OF THE SUBMERGED AQUATIC VEGETATION THAT IS PROPOSED TO BE REMOVED.

(6) (H) THE AUTHORIZATION REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION IS IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER PERMIT OR LICENSE REQUIRED BY LAW.

(H) (I) AT LEAST 30 DAYS BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT PUBLISHES ANY ~~ORDER-OR~~ REGULATION UNDER THIS SECTION IN THE MARYLAND REGISTER, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SUBMIT THE ~~ORDER-OR~~ REGULATION IN WRITING FOR REVIEW TO THE APPROPRIATE LEGISLATIVE STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.