

(1) CONDUCT AND COMPLETE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT OF 1972 (33 U.S.C. § 1251 ET SEQ.) AND THE CLEAN VESSEL ACT OF 1992 (P.L. 102-587), A SURVEY OF:

(I) THE NUMBER AND LOCATION NUMBER, LOCATION, AND UTILIZATION OF OPERATIONAL PUMPOUT STATIONS AND WASTE RECEPTION FACILITIES AT PUBLIC AND PRIVATE MARINAS, MOORING AREAS, DOCKS, AND OTHER BOATING ACCESS FACILITIES IN THE STATE; AND

(II) THE NUMBER OF RECREATIONAL VESSELS OPERATING IN THE WATERS OF THE STATE INCLUDING TRANSIENT VESSELS EQUIPPED WITH TYPE I, TYPE II, OR TYPE III MARINE SANITATION DEVICES OR PORTABLE TOILETS, AND THE AREAS OF THE WATERS OF THE STATE IN WHICH THOSE VESSELS CONGREGATE INCLUDING AREAS OF OVERNIGHT ANCHORING AND MOORING; AND

(2) IDENTIFY WATERS OF THE STATE THAT SUPPORT LIVING RESOURCES THAT ARE PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE TO THE DISCHARGE OF SEWAGE FROM BOATS, SHIPS, AND OTHER VESSELS, USING CRITERIA ESTABLISHED UNDER THE FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT AND 40 C.F.R. § 440.1 140.4.

(B) ON OR BEFORE ~~DECEMBER 1, 2000~~ APRIL 15, 2001, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL TAKE STEPS TO ENSURE THAT ADEQUATE FACILITIES FOR THE SAFE AND SANITARY REMOVAL AND TREATMENT OF SEWAGE FROM ALL VESSELS, AS DETERMINED UNDER THE FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT, ARE REASONABLY AVAILABLE FOR THE SENSITIVE AREAS IDENTIFIED UNDER SUBSECTION (A)(2) OF THIS SECTION.

(C) (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONSULT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT IN COMPLYING WITH SUBSECTIONS (A)(2) AND (B) OF THIS SECTION.

(2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS, IF APPROPRIATE, TO THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT ON ANY SUGGESTED CHANGES TO EXISTING WATER QUALITY STANDARDS.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to the provisions of § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the Department of Natural Resources shall report on or before January 1, 2000 to the Senate Economic and Environmental Affairs and House Environmental Matters Committees on the Department's strategies, including cooperative efforts with the United States Coast Guard, to improve boater compliance with State and federal laws governing marine sanitation.

SECTION 2. 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1999.

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