

~~(C) (1) ON THE NONTIDAL WATERS OF THE POTOMAC RIVER, CONOCOCHIEAGUE CREEK, AND THE MONOCACY RIVER, RIPARIAN SHORELINE OWNED BY STATE OR FEDERAL UNITS OR THEIR ASSIGNEES MAY NOT BE LICENSED FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXCLUDING OTHERS FROM HUNTING OFFSHORE FOR WILD WATERFOWL.~~

~~(2) (I) STATE OR FEDERAL UNITS MAY APPLY IN WRITING TO THE DEPARTMENT TO ESTABLISH SAFETY ZONES IN SPECIFIC AREAS.~~

~~(II) THE SECRETARY SHALL REVIEW EACH REQUEST AND DETERMINE WHETHER SUFFICIENT NEED FOR A SAFETY ZONE EXISTS. ON THE NONTIDAL WATERS OF THE POTOMAC RIVER, CONOCOCHIEAGUE CREEK, AND THE MONOCACY RIVER, THE DEPARTMENT MAY NOT LICENSE RIPARIAN SHORELINE OWNED BY A FEDERAL OR STATE UNIT OR THE ASSIGNEE OF THE FEDERAL OR STATE UNIT.~~

(2) (1) A FEDERAL OR STATE UNIT THAT OWNS RIPARIAN SHORELINE ON THE NONTIDAL WATERS OF THE POTOMAC RIVER, CONOCOCHIEAGUE CREEK, AND THE MONOCACY RIVER MAY APPLY TO THE DEPARTMENT TO ESTABLISH A WATERFOWL SAFETY ZONE IN A SPECIFIED AREA OF THE SHORELINE.

(II) THE SECRETARY SHALL REVIEW EACH REQUEST AND DETERMINE WHETHER SUFFICIENT NEED FOR A WATERFOWL SAFETY ZONE EXISTS.

(3) ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 15 OF EACH YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL MARK EACH WATERFOWL SAFETY ZONE WITH CLEARLY VISIBLE SIGNS.

(D) ~~ONLY~~

(1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, ONLY PERSONS OWNING AT LEAST 250 YARDS OF CONTIGUOUS CONTINUOUS SHORELINE MAY ERECT AN OFFSHORE STATIONARY BLIND OR BLIND SITE. EXCEPT THAT RIPARIAN OWNERS WHO OWN

(2) A RIPARIAN LANDOWNER WHO OWNS LESS THAN 250 YARDS OF CONTIGUOUS CONTINUOUS SHORELINE MAY ERECT AN OFFSHORE STATIONARY BLIND OR BLIND SITE FOR A DISTANCE OF AT LEAST 250 YARDS IF THE PERSON RIPARIAN LANDOWNER HAS THE WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE ADJACENT ADJOINING RIPARIAN LANDOWNERS TO ACHIEVE THE REQUIRED 250 YARDS OF CONTINUOUS SHORELINE.

(E) RIPARIAN LANDOWNERS MAY LEASE OR ASSIGN THEIR RIGHTS TO AN OFFSHORE STATIONARY BLIND OR BLIND SITE.

(F) WITHOUT THE WRITTEN PERMISSION OF THE ADJACENT LANDOWNER, RIPARIAN LANDOWNERS MAY NOT LOCATE AN OFFSHORE STATIONARY BLIND OR BLIND SITE WITHIN 125 YARDS OF THE PROPERTY LINE OR WHERE THE LINE WOULD BE IF IT WERE EXTENDED OUT OVER THE WATER PERPENDICULAR TO THE SHORE AT THE POINT WHERE THE PROPERTY LINE REACHES THE WATER'S EDGE.

(G) NOTWITHSTANDING THE OTHER PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION, WHERE CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRE, SUCH AS IN COVES AND WHEN TWO PROPERTIES