

(3) Inform the owner and secured party of a right to reclaim the vessel within 3 weeks OF RECEIPT OF THE NOTICE REQUIRED IN SUBSECTION (C)(2) OF THIS SECTION upon payment to the Department of any expenses incurred during removal and custody of the vessel; and.

(4) State that failure to claim the vessel will constitute:

- (i) A waiver of all right, title, and interest in the vessel; and
- (ii) A consent to the Department's disposition of the vessel.

(e) If the Department is unable to determine the last registered owner or the identity of any secured party of the abandoned vessel, or if the certified mail notice required under subsection (c) of this section is returned as undeliverable, the Department shall give the required notice by publication in at least 1 newspaper of general circulation in the area where the abandoned vessel was found. The notice by publication shall contain the information required under subsection (d) of this section and shall be published within 30 days of the seizure of the abandoned vessel, or within 15 days of the return of the certified mail notice as undeliverable.

(f) If the owner or secured party fails to claim the abandoned vessel within 3 weeks after the certified mail notice or after the notice by publication is given, the Department may sell the vessel at public auction, proceed to receive title to the vessel pursuant to § 8-722 of this subtitle, or otherwise dispose of the vessel.

(g) If the abandoned vessel is in such a condition of disrepair that the Department cannot remove the vessel intact, the Department may dispose of the vessel in whatever manner is reasonable without providing the notice required under subsections (c) through (e) of this section.

(h) The Department may delegate the Department's authority to remove and dispose of abandoned vessels under this section to any local jurisdiction that consents to the delegation.

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(a) This section applies only to ~~vessels apparently abandoned for over [6] 3 months~~ ABANDONED VESSELS AS DEFINED IN § 8-721 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(b) Subject to the provisions of this section, a landowner, a landowner's lessee, or a landowner's agent may acquire title to any ~~vessel apparently abandoned~~ ABANDONED VESSEL on the landowner's land or the water immediately adjacent to the landowner's land. Acquisition of title divests any other person of any interest in the vessel.

(c) (1) If a vessel has a boat number or other means of identifying the vessel's owner, the person desiring to acquire title, if possible, shall secure the owner's last known address, and the lienholder, if any, appearing on the Department's records. The person shall notify this owner and the lienholder by registered letter to the last known address that, if ownership is not claimed and the vessel removed within 30 days, the person will apply for title to the vessel in the person's name. If any vessel's