

Article - Natural Resources

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(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) "ELUDE" MEANS TO EVADE A POLICE OFFICER'S SIGNAL OR COMMAND VISUAL OR AUDIBLE SIGNAL TO STOP BY:

- (I) WILLFULLY FAILING TO STOP THE VESSEL;
- (II) FLEEING ON FOOT; OR
- (III) ANY OTHER MEANS.

(3) "POLICE OFFICER" MEANS AN OFFICER WHO IS ~~IN UNIFORM, OR IF NOT IN UNIFORM, IS:~~

~~(I) PROMINENTLY DISPLAYING A BADGE OR OTHER INSIGNIA OF OFFICE; OR~~

~~(II) IN A MARKED POLICE VESSEL;~~

(I) IN UNIFORM, PROMINENTLY DISPLAYING THE OFFICER'S BADGE OR OTHER INSIGNIA OF OFFICE; OR

(II) IN A VESSEL THAT IS APPROPRIATELY MARKED AS AN OFFICIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT VESSEL, WHETHER OR NOT THE OFFICER IS IN UNIFORM.

(4) "VISUAL OR AUDIBLE SIGNAL" MEANS A WARNING OR COMMAND BY HAND, VOICE, EMERGENCY LIGHT, SIGNAL DEVICE, OR SIREN.

(B) A Natural Resources Police Officer or any law enforcement officer enforcing the provisions of this subtitle may stop, board, or inspect any vessel subject to this subtitle.

(C) (1) ~~VESSELS OF CITY, COUNTY, STATE, OR FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES MAY BE EQUIPPED WITH AND DISPLAY FLASHING BLUE LIGHTS OR SIGNAL DEVICES.~~

(2) THE USE OF ANY LIGHTS OR SIGNALS PERMITTED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION IS LIMITED TO LAW ENFORCEMENT VESSELS RESPONDING TO AN EMERGENCY OR PURSUING A VIOLATOR EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS ON A VESSEL MAY NOT DISPLAY OR OPERATE A FLASHING BLUE LIGHT OR SIGNAL DEVICE.