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COMMISSIONER

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DIRECTOR

April 26, 2024

MEMORANDUM

TO: INTERESTED PERSONS AND ORGANIZATIONS

FROM: Ted Will

SUBJECT: **NOTICE AND SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED RULE MAKING**

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to authority contained in the Game and Fish Code (Official Code of Georgia Annotated, Secs. 27-1-3, 27-1-4, 27-4-10, 27-4-11, 27-4-11.1, and 27-4-12), the Board of Natural Resources proposes to amend Department of Natural Resources rules governing the size limits for Shoal Bass and creel limits for several black bass species. The proposed amendments (copy attached hereto), are to Rule 391-4-3-.05 and Rule 391-4-3-.06, pertaining to creel and possession limits and size limits, respectively.

SYNOPSIS AND MAIN FEATURES

The purpose of fishing regulations is to manage Georgia's fishery resources according to sound principles of fisheries management and to meet public objectives for use of these renewable natural resources. Changes to the existing rules are responsive to customer desires related to black bass fishing.

This notice and synopsis of the proposed rule revisions, together with an exact copy and a strikethrough/underline copy of the proposed rule revisions, is being mailed to all persons who have requested in writing that they be placed on the mailing list and have tendered the actual cost of such mailing. Copies of all these documents are also available by electronic mail and are available for review on the Division web page (www.gofishgeorgia.com). Please call the Fisheries Management Section at (706) 557-3305 to request a copy.

Members of the public may comment on these proposed changes electronically by email through the Division website, by telephone (706-557-3305), or by submitting written statements by close of business on May 27, 2024. Written statements should be emailed to FM.comments@dnr.ga.gov or mailed to the attention of Fisheries Management Section at:

Department of Natural Resources
Wildlife Resources Division
2067 U.S. Highway 278, S.E.
Social Circle, Georgia 30025

The Wildlife Resources Division will be holding a virtual public hearing regarding these proposed rule amendments on May 21, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. on its Facebook page www.facebook.com/WildlifeResourcesDivisionGADNR.

The Board of Natural Resources will consider the proposed rule and any comments received during the public comment process at its June 25, 2024, meeting at 9:00 A.M. at 2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, SE, Suite 1252, Atlanta, Georgia. Please bring this notice to the attention of interested acquaintances.

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Attachment: Proposed Rule