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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Notice is hereby given that since O.C.G.A. § 12-3-82.1 has been repealed, the Board of Natural Resources proposes to repeal Rule 391-5-9-.08. Since O.C.G.A. § 12-3-82.1 has been repealed, effective January 1, 2008, there is no permit procedure for deadhead logging. Thus, there is not a need for a rule regarding permitting and compensation for deadhead logs.

SYNOPSIS AND MAIN FEATURES

Rule 394-5-9-.08 needs to be repealed in its entirety. It needs to be repealed because Georgia had a permit procedure in place exclusively applicable to the removal of deadhead logs. However, the General Assembly repealed the permit procedure, O.C.G.A. § 12-3-82.1, effective January 1, 2008. Since there is no statutory basis for deadhead logging, Rule 394-5-9-.08 likewise needs to be repealed.

This notice and synopsis of the proposed rule repeal, 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 Board of Natural Resources will consider the proposed rule repeal 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