

## From the DEC - Wakesports - Announcing Pre-Rulemaking process for the Use of Public Waters

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Greetings,

In anticipation of the two upcoming **pre-rulemaking meetings**, we wanted to share information and an agenda with you all regarding how these meetings will be run.

There will be two pre-rulemaking meetings and both will be offered in person and virtually.

During the “pre-rulemaking” period that we are currently in, we are looking for public input on proposed changes to the Use of Public Waters Rules. Our goal is to have interactive meetings in which the public can give feedback on specific topics. The goal of these meetings is to host discussion-based meetings.

There will not be time slots to sign up for providing a verbal comment during this pre-rulemaking phase. Rather, discussion on specific topics will be encouraged during the meeting. If you would like to submit a prepared statement in writing, you may do so by sending an email

to: [ANR.WSMDLakes@vermont.gov](mailto:ANR.WSMDLakes@vermont.gov)

Please put the word “wakesports” in the subject line.

During the **formal rulemaking phase** (anticipated to be in late 2025) there will be a chance to sign up for and provide verbal comments at the formal rulemaking meetings, as well as a chance to provide written comments.

During the “topical conversations” section in the agenda below, we will review what the Agency is proposing and ask for feedback on the proposed language. Some topics may elicit more input than others, so they are not bound by a specific time allowance. We encourage the public to watch the [webinar](#), read the [FAQ document](#), and the [summary of proposed changes](#) and come to the meeting with specific feedback and suggestions about the proposed changes.

The following is an agenda for both of the meetings:

### **6:00 p.m. Introduction**

Welcome and Introductions (5 minutes)

ANR Presentation to review proposed changes (20 minutes)

Explanation of meeting rules and process (5 min)

### **6:30 p.m. Topical Conversations**

Proposed changes to the wakesports zone definition

Safety offsets

Municipal delegation

Changes to the Home Lake Rule and Proof of decontamination provisions

Addition of decontamination section

Other topics not covered

### **8:00 p.m. Wrap up**

Meeting Details

#### First Meeting

When: July 30, 2025 at 6pm

Where: VTrans Dill Building, 2178 Airport Road, Barre, VT 05641

Or online: [Join the meeting now](#)

Or call-in: 802-828-7667, Conference ID: 606953181#

#### Second Meeting

When: July 31, 2025 at 6pm

Where: Gateway Center, 84 Fyfe Drive, Newport, VT 05855.

Or online: [Join the meeting now](#)

Or call-in: 802-828-7667, Conference ID: 430586212#

Please visit the Lakes and Ponds Rulemaking webpage for additional information: <https://dec.vermont.gov/watershed/lakes-ponds/lakes-and-ponds-rulemaking>

Thank you for your participation in this process,  
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