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001 Definitions

Under authority of and in compliance with sections 37-1201 through 37-1274, R.R.S. 1993, the following regulations are prescribed by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission and are effective following enactment by the Game and Parks Commission, approval by the Attorney General and Governor, and when five days have elapsed since filing with the Secretary of State.

001.01 Horsepower - This term means the rated horsepower of the engine or motor or other power unit at maximum operating revolutions per minute. If revolutions per minute is not an applicable term to the power unit involved, the standard measurements for the particular type unit shall be used.

001.01A Determination of Horsepower - In general, for existing and new equipment, the manufacturer's rates horsepower at a stated maximum operating R.P.M. as set forth on the name plate attached to the engine, or as stamped on the engine, or as described in a "book of instructions", or other literature issued for such engine will be accepted as prima facie evidence of the horsepower of the machinery in question. In the event the machinery does not have marked thereon or accompanying it any literature or tag setting forth the manufacturer's rated horsepower, or should the

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Commission or its agents or other enforcement officers dispute the manufacturer's rated horsepower, then the listing of the horsepower of reliable sources will be accepted as prima facie evidence of the horsepower.

In the event the owner or operator of a power propelled vessel disagrees with the findings of the Commission, its agents, or other law enforcement officers as to the actual horsepower of the propellant machinery in question, it shall be the responsibility of such owner or operator to prove to the satisfaction of the Commission, its agents or other law enforcement officers the actual horsepower of the propelling machinery.

001.01B Machinery - This term includes inboard and outboard engines and all other types of engines or mechanical devices capable of propelling vessels.

001.01C Operator - This term means the person who operates or who has charge of the navigation or use of a motorboat or vessel.

001.01D Ship's Lifeboat - This term means lifeboats used solely for lifesaving purposes and does not include dinghies, tenders, speed boats or other types of craft carried aboard or towed by any vessel and used for other than lifesaving purposes.

001.01E State -- This term means a state of the United States, its boundary waters, a territory of the United States or the District of Columbia.

001.01F Bow -- Front

001.01G Stern -- Rear

001.01H Starboard -- Right

001.01I Port -- Left

001.01J Beam -- Widest part of the boat

001.01K Aft the beam -- To the rear

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001.01L Wake -- The swell, moving waves, track, path, or water pattern astern of a vessel passing through water

001.01M No Wake Speed -- A speed at which the vessel does not produce a wake, not to exceed 5 miles per hour.

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002 Numbering

Under authority of and in compliance with sections 37-1222 and 37-1249, R.R.S. 1993, the following regulations are prescribed by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission and are effective following enactment by the Game and Parks Commission, approval by the Attorney General and Governor, and when five days have elapsed since filing with the Secretary of State.

002.01 Reciprocity. The Commission recognizes as valid and hereby approves any numbering system of another state that has or will in the future have approval by the Department of Transportation or its delegated agents under the provisions and regulations of the Federal Boat Safety Act of 1971.

002.02 Numbering System - Under the provisions of section 37-1249, R.R.S. 1993, the Commission hereby recognizes and adopts as official the over-all boating numbering system promulgated in the Federal register for December 25, 1958, Volume 23, Number 251, and the proper portions of such numbering system are hereby adopted as the numbering system for the State of Nebraska.

002.02A The boat numbering system adopted by this state shall be as follows: the number shall be divided into three parts. The first part shall be the capital block letters NB to designate the State of Nebraska. the second section shall be a maximum of four digits used in a numerical group. The prefix numeral nine shall be issued to dealers and manufacturers as provided by section 37-1212, R.R.S. 1943. The third section shall be

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a maximum of three capital block letters in an alphabetical group. As the block capital letters "I", "O" and "Q" may be mistaken for Arabic numerals, such letters shall be omitted. Objectionable words or phrases formed by two or three letter combinations shall be omitted.

002.02B No motorboat shall be exempt from numbering except as provided in sections 37-1249 and 37-1250, R.R.S. 1943, as clarified by these regulations.

002.02B1 Motorboats not specifically exempted by sections 37-1249 and 37-1250, R.R.S. 1943, shall only be considered for exemption after the Commission has first determined that the Department of Transportation has given prior exemption to such motorboats under the Federal Boat Safety Act of 1971.

002.02B2 Under the provisions of section 37-1250, R.R.S. 1943, registration and numbering is not required for racing-type motorboats competing in a regatta or boat race approved as provided in section 37-1262, R.R.S. 1943, and for such motorboats while on trial runs, during a period not to exceed forty-eight hours immediately preceding such regatta or race and for such motorboats while competing in official trials for speed records during a period not to exceed forty-eight hours immediately following such a regatta or race.

002.02C It shall be the responsibility of the motorboat owner to purchase and attach the assigned number and letters including the validation sticker which is issued by the Commission, to both sides of the bow as provided in Sections 37-1211 and 37-1216 in the following

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manner. Reading left to right in one horizontal plane beginning with the validation sticker followed by two capital block letters "NB" followed by a 2-inch space and three or four digits in a numerical group followed by a 2-inch space and two or three capital block letters. All numbers and letters are to be maintained in good legible condition.

002.02D Any person holding a valid certification of number who changes his address, shall, within fifteen days following said change of address notify the Commission in person or by mail of said change of address.

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003 Equipment Standards

Minimum standards for required equipment shall be as provided in the statutes, with the following additions and clarifications. Under authority of and in compliance with sections 37-1201 through 37-1274, the following regulations are prescribed by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission and are effective following enactment by the Game and Parks Commission, approval by the Attorney General and Governor, and when five days have elapsed since filing with the Secretary of State.

003.01 All vessels permitted by law to remain on the water from sunset to shall in all weathers carry and exhibit when anchored on the waters of this state

white lights so fixed as to show all around the horizon and to be visible at a distance of at least two miles, unless anchored in sheltered waters off the main water courses or near docks, harbors, or marinas, or in a marked anchorage area.

003.02 Life Preservers

003.02A Every boat, except sailboards, or other description of vessel, including any buoyant device capable of being used as a means of transportation on water, shall carry at least one U.S. Coast Guard approved Type I, II, III or V life preserver (PFD) of suitable size for each person on board. All such devices shall be kept in good and seamanlike condition and be so placed as to be readily accessible. Each Type V (Special Use Device) must be worn and used in accordance with the conditions marked on the device in order to meet U.S. Coast Guard requirements.

003.02B It shall be unlawful for children less than thirteen years to fail to wear U.S. Coast Guard approved life preserver, of suitable size, at all times while aboard any vessel on the waters of the State except when hunting waterfowl in an anchored vessel. Operators of vessels shall at all times be held responsible for this requirement.

003.02C Every vessel carrying passengers for hire shall carry the following listed U.S. Coast Guard approved life preservers, all wearable life preservers must have 31 square inches of retro-reflective tape per side. Vessels less than 26 feet shall carry a Type I, II or III for each person on board in addition one Type IV.

003.02C1 Vessels 26 feet, but less than 40 feet shall carry one Type I, II or III for

each person on board plus one Type IV ring buoy size 20, 24 or 30 inch.

003.02C2 Vessels over 40 feet shall carry one Type I for each person on board plus one Type IV ring buoy size 20, 24 or 30 inch. All life preservers must be in good serviceable condition and readily accessible.

003.03 The fire extinguisher required by the provisions of section 37-1242, R.R.S. 1943, for all motorboats operating on the waters within this state shall be of the carbon dioxide, dry chemical, or foam type as currently approved by the U.S. Coast Guard and shall be kept readily accessible, in condition for immediate and effective use, in good and serviceable condition and shall be of the following Coast Guard classes; B-I = 1.75 gallons of foam, or four pounds of CO<sub>2</sub> or two pounds of dry chemical. B-II = 2.5 gallons of foam or 15 pounds of CO<sub>2</sub> of dry chemical.

003.03A Provided, racing boats under certain conditions, outboard motorboats less than 26 feet in length which are of open construction and which do not carry passengers for hire shall not be required to carry fire extinguisher. Class one and two motorboats which are not exempt must carry one such B-I extinguisher. Class three motorboats which are not exempt must carry two B-I or one B-II such extinguisher and class four motorboats which are not exempt must carry three such B-I or one B-I and one B-II extinguisher or if equipped with a fixed system then two B-I or one B-II. All airboats must be equipped with fire extinguisher according to class as stated above.

003.04 The flame arresters required for all carburetors of motorboats except outboard motors by

section 37-1244, R.R.S., 1943, shall be of a type and manufacture currently approved by the U.S. Coast Guard and meeting all Coast Guard specifications.

003.05 A venting system for bilges and fuel tank compartments shall be required for all motorboats using as fuel any liquid of a volatile nature except open boats. The minimum requirements for such venting system shall be the following:

003.05A Fill pipes must be firmly attached to tight deck plates.

003.05B The fuel tank vent pipe must lead to open air with a screened outboard end and must be well clear of all hull openings.

003.05C Motorboats must be equipped with one air intake and one air exhaust cowl for each closed fuel and engine compartment, except on open boats where gases cannot accumulate in open-fuel and open engine spaces. The intake and exhaust cowl must be equipped with ducts, and the hoses must be equipped with ducts, and the hoses must be at least two inches in diameter. The exhaust hose must extend to the bilge and the air intake hose must extend halfway down in the area as far as the carburetor air intake or top fuel tank.

003.06 Every vessel, except personal watercraft, sailboards or similar devices and class 3 or 4 motorboats shall carry an oar or paddle.

003.07 Every vessel, except personal watercraft, sailboards or similar devices shall be equipped with a bailing bucket, efficient bilge pump or sponge.

003.08 Overloading - Loading of vessels shall not exceed reasonable, proper and seaman-like U.S. Coast

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Guard standards for safe loading. No overloaded vessel shall be operated on the waters of the State.

003.09 No person shall place or allow to remain on the waters of this state any boat which is not safe for operation.

003.10 All boats used on waters under the jurisdiction of the Commission shall be safe for the waters on which they are used. All boats when loaded must retain at least one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of the total depth of the boat above the water when measured at the center of the boat and shall not exceed the overloading limits set by the mandatory Coast Guard Capacity Plate installed on vessels by manufacturers.

003.11 In addition to the sound-producing equipment required by sections 37-1239 and 37-1240 every vessel of Class I shall carry an efficient whistle. All whistles and bells shall be audible for a distance of one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) mile.

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004 Pilot Rules and Navigation

Under the authority of and in compliance with section 37-1247, R.R.S. 1993, the following regulations in regard to pilot and navigation rules are prescribed by Nebraska Game and Parks Commission and are effective following enactment by the Game and Parks Commission, approval by the Attorney General and Governor, and when five days have elapsed since filing with the Secretary of State.

004.01 Pilot (operator) rules to govern navigation and operation of all vessels in Nebraska shall be the Inland Navigational Rules Act of 1980.

004.01A Crossing - If two vessels are approaching each other at an angle, the vessel to the right shall have the right-of-way and the other vessel shall stay clear.

004.01B Overtaking and Passing -- A vessel shall be deemed to be overtaking when coming up with another vessel from a direction more than 22.5 degrees abaft her beam, that is, in such a position with reference to the vessel she is over-taking, that at night she would be able to see only the stern light of that vessel but neither of her sidelights. In such case, the rights and privileges all rest with the leading vessel. The overtaking vessel has no rights whatsoever. In all instances an overtaking vessel must keep clear of an overtaken vessel.

004.01B1 When two vessels are approaching each other headon or nearly so, each

operator shall swing the bow of his boat to starboard, operator shall give one short blast of the whistle and in addition indicate his course by swinging the bow of his boat substantially to starboard.

004.01B2 A boat with a tow is regarded as one vessel.

004.01B3 Boats passing a tow when there is a chance their wash or wake will cause damage must slow down.

004.01C MANEUVERING AND WARNING SIGNALS - One short blast shall mean I intend to leave you on my Port (left) side; Two short blasts shall mean I intend to leave you on my Starboard (right) side; Three short blasts shall mean I am operating a stern propulsion (backing up); Five or more short rapid blasts shall mean danger or I fail to understand your intention or actions.

004.01C1 OVERTAKING SIGNALS - When intending to overtake another vessel the overtaking vessel shall sound the following signals: One (1) short blast shall mean I intend to overtake you on your starboard (right) side; Two (2) short blasts shall mean I intend to overtake you on your port (left) side.

004.01C2 The term "short blast" means a blast of about one second duration. The term "prolonged blast" means a blast of from four to six seconds duration.

004.01C3 In all cases sound producing devices must be audible for a distance of  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile. Unnecessary sounding of whistles,

horns, bells or other sound producing devices is prohibited on the waters of this state.

004.01C4 In fog, mist, falling snow, heavy rainstorms, or any other condition similarly restricting visibility, whether by day or night, the signals described by this article shall be used as follows, namely;

004.01C5 A vessel being towed by another motorboat or vessel shall sound at intervals of not more than two minutes; four blasts in succession, namely one prolonged blast followed by three short blasts.

004.01C6 A motorboat underway without a tow shall sound, at intervals of not more than two minutes, one prolonged blast.

004.01C7 A motorboat when at anchor unless in other than sheltered waters shall, at intervals of not more than one minute, ring the bell for about five seconds. And, in addition, sound three blasts in succession, namely one short, one prolonged and one short blast to give warning of her position and of the possibility of collision to an approaching vessel.

004.01D The uniform state waterway marker system shall be adopted to supplement the federal system and to indicate regulatory areas, speed zones and restricted areas on waters within and bordering the State of Nebraska.

004.01D1 The following four state uniform waterway markers are orange and white. Any lettering appearing on these markers will be

black:

004.01D1a A diamond shape with cross means boats keep out. Explanatory reasons may be indicated outside the crossed diamond shape - dam, waterfall, rapids, domestic water, swim area, etc.

004.01D1b Diamond shape warns of danger. Suggested wording for danger includes rock, dam, snag, dredge, wind-dam, ferry cable, marine construction, etc.

004.01D1c Circle marks controlled area (as indicated). Suggested wording for controlled or prohibited boating activity includes - 5 mph, no fishing, no ski, no swim, no scuba, no prop boats, ski only, fishing only, skin divers only, etc.

004.01D1d Square or rectangle give information, names distance permitted, activities, place names, distances, arrows indicating directions, availability of gas, oil, groceries, marine repairs, etc.

004.01D2 Channel buoys are as follows:

004.01D2a All green buoy indicates boat should pass between it and its companion all-red buoy. For use together with all-red buoy to mark a well-defined channel. If buoy is numbered, use odd numbers colored white numbers may be reflectorized.

004.01D3 Cardinal system buoys as follows:

004.01D3a Red-topped white buoy indicates boat should pass to south or west. For use in instances where there is no well-defined channel. If buoy is reflectorized or lighted, the color white is prescribed. Light shall be flashing.

004.01D3b Green-topped white buoy indicates boat should pass to the north or east. For use in instances where there is no well-defined channel. If buoy is reflectorized or lighted, the color white is prescribed. Light shall be flashing.

004.01D3c White anchor or mooring buoy with blue stripe prescribed buoy for permanent placing in any waters for use in anchoring or mooring watercraft.

004.01D3d Red-striped white buoy indicates boat should not pass between buoy and nearest shore. For use where obstruction is of such nature that boats should go outside, that is, away from the shore around the end of a reef. White stripes are to be twice the width of the red stripes.

004.02 Regardless of any other pilot rules or navigation provisions, except the right-of-way provision for emergency-rescue or law enforcement vessels, any vessel, including sailboats, which is not operating under mechanical power and any anchored vessel shall have right-of-way on the waters of this state over any vessels operating under mechanical power, and operators of motorboats shall give such

vessels all available reasonable clearance of sea room so as not to disturb unnecessarily said boats from wash or wake. Swimmers shall have right-of-way at all times over all vessels, whether power operated or not.

004.03 Speed - It shall be unlawful for any operator to exceed the speeds posted or charted in any specific zone or area. Under all other circumstances speed must be reasonable and proper in consideration of the conditions prevailing at that time and place. Speeds exceeding five miles per hour are illegal at all times in or within 30 yards of any vessel, harbor, marina, landing pier, fishing pier, anchorage or bathing beach. In all cases speed must be reduced so that wash or wake will not cause discomfort, hazard or damage to other persons or vessels.

004.04 Designation of restricted boating zones for the purpose of public safety and/or traffic control shall be marked and posted pursuant to the written instructions of the Director of the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission.

004.04A Vessels shall not be operated within an area which has been marked off or set aside as a prohibited area by an employee or employees of the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission as provided in regulation 004.04.

004.05 It shall be unlawful to tie off or to attach any vessel to any buoy, marker or navigational aid on any waters of the state of Nebraska.

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005 Water Skiing

Under the authority of and in compliance with section 37-309, 37-1258 through 37-1261 and 37-1268, R.R.S. 1993, the following regulations in regard to water skiing rules are prescribed by Nebraska Game and Parks Commission and are effective following enactment by the Game and Parks Commission, approval by the Attorney General and Governor, and when five days have elapsed since filing with the Secretary of State.

005.01 Whenever a motorboat is towing a person or persons on water skis, surfboards, or similar devices, and said motorboat is not equipped with a wide-angle rear view mirror properly placed so as to provide maximum vision of person or persons being towed, there must be an observer (person) in addition to the operator and said observer must be a responsible person of at least twelve years of age, and not under the influence of alcohol, narcotics, barbiturates or drugs.

005.02 No person or persons shall operate vessels or operate or manipulate water skis, surfboards, or similar devices so as to cause discomfort, hazard or damage to the person or property of others.

005.03 All lines shall, when not in use, be stowed immediately aboard the towing vessel.

005.04 No person or persons shall operate or

manipulate water skis, surfboards, or similar devices unless said person or persons is wearing a life preserver, buoyant vest or ski belt which shall be in good condition, except during authorized regattas and similar ski and water shows.

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005.05 It shall be unlawful for a boat operator to tow, assist or attempt to tow or assist a person or persons on water skis, surfboards or other device while said person or persons on water skis, surfboard or other device is not wearing a life preserver, buoyant vest or ski belt which is in good condition; except during authorized regattas and similar ski or water shows.

005.06 Whenever a water-skier, surfboarder or person engaged in a similar activity or associated equipment is down in the water the operator or observer of the tow boat shall display in a clearly visible manner a hunter orange flag of a size not less than 12 inches square, or at least 144 square inches, such flag shall be visible 360 degrees. Such flag shall not be displayed at any other time.

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006 Accidents

Under the authority of and in compliance with section 37-309, 37-1255 through 37-1257 and 37-1268, R.R.S. 1993, the following regulations in regard to accident rules are prescribed by Nebraska Game and Parks Commission and are effective following enactment by the Game and Parks Commission, approval by the Attorney General and Governor, and when five days have elapsed since filing with the Secretary of State.

006.01 When as a result of an occurrence that involves a vessel or its equipment a person dies or disappears from a vessel the operator shall, without delay, by the quickest means available notify the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission of (1) the date, time and exact location of the occurrence, (2) the name of each person who died or disappeared, (3) the number and name of the vessel, and (4) the names and addresses of the owner and operator. When the operator cannot give notice of the death or disappearance, each person on board shall notify the Game and Parks Commission or determine that notice has been given.

006.02 It shall be unlawful for the operator of every vessel involved in a boating accident to fail to file a complete written report of the accident with the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission under the following conditions; accidents resulting in property damage in excess of \$500 shall be reported within five days; accidents resulting in death, loss of consciousness, a missing person, medical treatment, or disability in

excess of 24 hours shall be filed within 48 hours of the accident. All reports shall be filed on a form prescribed by the Commission.

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007 Wastes

Under the authority of and in compliance with section 37-309, 37-1246 and 37-1268, R.R.S. 1993, the following regulations in regard to wastes rules are prescribed by Nebraska Game and Parks Commission and are effective following enactment by the Game and Parks Commission, approval by the Attorney General and Governor, and when five days have elapsed since filing with the Secretary of State.

007.01 In order to protect the safety and health of the boating and water-using public and to promote uniformity of laws, every vessel with an installed operable toilet must have an operable U.S. Coast Guard certified marine sanitation device (MSD) attached to the toilet. Such vessels under 65 feet in length must be equipped with one of the following MSD's:

Type I, Type II or Type III, such vessels over 65 feet = Type II or Type III as described by the code of Federal Regulations 33, Part 159, Subpart A, Definitions Q, R and S.

All of the above devices, which are equipped with a "Y-Valve" must be secured in the closed position while operating on Nebraska waters by the use of padlock, heavy tape, non-releasable wire-tie or the removal of the valve handle so the valve can't be used either accidentally or intentionally with the owner/operator's knowledge.; No wastes or container of

such wastes shall be placed, left or discharged in or near any waters of this state.

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008 Emergency Closure

Under the authority of and in compliance with sections 37-309, 37-1266 and 37-1268, R.R.S. 1993, the following regulations in regard to emergency closure rules are prescribed by Nebraska Game and Parks Commission and are effective following enactment by the Game and Parks Commission, approval by the Attorney General and Governor, and when five days have elapsed since filing with the Secretary of State.

008.01 Whenever safety requirements for persons or property demand immediate action and attention, the Commission may close for any necessary period, bodies of water or portions thereof to any or all forms of boating and, by placement of notices on land or water, indicate such closure to the public.

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009 Motorboat Operators

Under the authority of and in compliance with sections 37-308, 37-1208, 37-1266, and 37-1268, R.R.S. 1993, the following regulations in regard to motorboat operator rules are prescribed by Nebraska Game and Parks Commission and are effective following enactment by the Game and Parks Commission, approval by the Attorney General and Governor, and when five days have elapsed since filing with the Secretary of State.

009.01 Children under fourteen shall not operate motorboats of any class whether accompanied by an adult or not. Owner of motorboats shall at all times be held responsible that children under fourteen shall not operate a motorboat owned by them.

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010 Swimmers

Under the authority of and in compliance with sections 37-308, 37-1266, and 37-1268, R.R.S. 1993, the following regulations in regard to swimming rules are prescribed by Nebraska Game and Parks Commission and are effective following enactment by the Game and Parks Commission, approval by the Attorney General and Governor, and when five days have elapsed since filing with the Secretary of State.

010.01 Swimmers shall not swim or bathe in any marinas or within twenty yards of launching, mooring, or docking areas.

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011 Unsafe Operation

Under the authority of and in compliance with sections 37-308, 37-608, 37-1260 and 37-1268, R.R.S. 1993, the following regulations in regard to unsafe operation rules are prescribed by Nebraska Game and Parks Commission and are effective following enactment by the Game and Parks Commission, approval by the Attorney General and Governor, and when five days have elapsed since filing with the Secretary of State.

011.01 If any conservation officer or deputy conservation officer of this state and its subdivisions observes a boat being used without sufficient life saving or fire fighting devices or in an overloaded or other unsafe condition as defined in the laws and regulations of the State of Nebraska and in his judgement such use creates an especially hazardous condition he may direct the operator to take whatever immediate and reasonable steps would be necessary for the safety of those aboard the vessel, including directing the operator to return to the mooring and to remain there until the situation creating the hazard is corrected or ended.

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012 Waters with Special Restrictions

The following regulations are prescribed by the Game and Parks Commission, State of Nebraska in accordance with Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 37-336, 37-338, 37-1266. These regulations are effective following enactment by the Commission, approval by the Attorney General and Governor, and when five days have elapsed since filing with the Secretary of State.

For purposes of this section, the following terms are defined as:

Wildlife Management Areas (WMA) means those areas which are primarily for public hunting, fishing or other wildlife value.

State Recreation Areas (SRA) means areas with a primary value for day use, but with secondary overnight use facilities.

012.01 It shall be unlawful to operate vessels in any direction other than counter clockwise on the following waters except as posted and the use by Nebraska Game and Parks Commission Employees and their designees engaged in Commission authorized activities:

Bridgeport SRA, Center Lake only, Morrill County

Fremont SRA Lakes, Victory Lake, Dodge County

Lake North, Platte County

012.02 It shall be unlawful to operate a vessel with speed in excess of five miles per hour and speed of all vessels must be reduced so that wash and wake will cause no discomfort, hazard, injury or damage to persons, vessels, or property on the following waters except as posted and the use by Nebraska Game and Parks Commission Employees and

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their designees engaged in Commission authorized activities:

Arnold Lake, Custer County

Avocet Lake WMA, Grant County

Bassway Strip WMA, Buffalo County

Bear Pierce Cedar 2A, Gage County

Birdwood WMA, Lincoln County

Blue Hole West WMA, Buffalo County

Blue Lake, Garden County

Brady WMA, Lincoln County

Bruning Dam, Fillmore County

Buckley 3F, Jefferson County

Buckskin Hills WMA, Dixon County

Bufflehead WMA, Buffalo County

Burchard Lake WMA, Pawnee County

California Bend, Washington County

Carter Lake - East leg, Douglas County

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County  
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Kearney WMA (Kea Lake), Buffalo County  
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Lone Star Recreation Area, Fillmore County  
Long Lake, Brown County  
Maple Creek Reservoir, Colfax County  
Maskenthine Lake, Stanton County  
Meadowlark Lake, Seward County  
Memphis Lake SRA, Saunders County  
Merganser Lake, Lancaster County  
Midway Canyon Reservoir, Dawson County  
Mormon Island SRA Middle Lake, Hall County  
Mormon Island SRA West Lake, Hall County  
North Platte I-80 Lake (Iron Horse Lake), Lincoln County  
Olive Creek Lake SRA, Lancaster County  
Overland Trails Lake, York County  
Oxbow Trails Lake, Butler County  
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Rat and Beaver Lake WMA, Cherry County

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Red Cedar Lake, Saunders County

Red Fox WMA, Stanton County

Rock Creek Lake SRA, Dundy County

Roseland Lake, Adams County

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West Cozad WMA, Dawson County  
West Gothenburg WMA, Lincoln County  
West Papillion #5, Sarpy County  
West Wood River WMA, Hall County  
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Wirth Brothers Lake, Johnson County

Wolf Wildcat Lake #12, Gage County

Yankee Hill WMA, Lancaster County

Zorinsky Lake, Douglas County

All Fish & Wildlife Service managed Waterfowl Production Areas (WPA)

012.03 The following waters are open to non-powered vessels and those powered with conventional outboard electric motors. It shall be unlawful to use internal combustion type motors except as posted and the use by Nebraska Game and Parks Commission Employees and their designees engaged in Commission authorized activities.

Alexandria SRA, Jefferson County

Ansley City Lake, Custer County

Arrowhead Lake WMA, Gage County

Atkinson Lake, Holt County

Bowman Lake, Sherman County

Bowling Lake, Lancaster County

Bowwood WMA, Pawnee County.

Bridgeport SRA, the four smaller lakes only, Morrill County

Carter P. Johnson Lake, Fort Robinson State Park, Sioux County

Champion Mill Lake, Chase County

Cornhusker WMA, Hall County

Cottonwood Lake (Lake Yankton), Knox County

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Dead Timber SRA, Dodge County

Donald Whitney WMA, Gage County

East Odessa WMA, Buffalo County

Farwell South Reservoir, Howard County

Fort Kearny SRA, Kearney County

Fremont SRA - 15 lakes - 1 to 15 acres (Lake Numbers 1, 2, 3, 3a, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, and 19), Dodge County

Frenchman WMA, Hayes County

Gracie Creek Trout Pond, Garfield County

Holmes Lake, Lancaster County

Indian Creek WMA, Webster County

Island Lake NWR, Garden County

Killdeer WMA, Lancaster County

Kissinger WMA, Clay County

Louisville SRA, Cass County

Mayberry WMA, Pawnee County

North Loup SRA, Howard County

Pintail WMA, Hamilton County

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Pawnee Prairie WMA, Pawnee County  
Prairie Knoll WMA, Pawnee County  
Pressey WMA, Custer County  
Ravenna Lake, Buffalo County  
Redtail WMA, Butler County  
Sacramento-Wilcox WMA, Phelps County  
Silver Creek City Lake, Merrick County  
Skyview Lake, Madison County  
Teal WMA, Lancaster County  
Twin Oaks WMA, Johnson County  
Two Rivers SRA (Lakes #1, #2, #3, #4, #6, and #7), Douglas County  
Valentine National Wildlife Refuge Lakes, Cherry County  
Verdon Lake SRA, Richardson County  
Victoria Springs SRA, Custer County  
Wellfleet Lake, Lincoln County  
West Brady WMA, Lincoln County  
West Hershey WMA, Lincoln County  
West Maxwell WMA, Lincoln County  
Windmill SRA, Buffalo County  
Wilson Creek 2X WMA, Otoe County  
Yanney Park Lake, Buffalo County

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012.04 It shall be unlawful to operate any motorboat on the following waters except as posted and the use by Nebraska Game and Parks Commission Employees and their designees engaged in Commission authorized activities:

Archway Lakes, Buffalo County

Bader Memorial Lakes, Merrick County

Bethphage Pond, Kearney County

Central City Lake, Merrick County

Chadron State Park Pond, Dawes County

Keller Park SRA, Brown County

Niobrara State Park, Knox County

012.05 It shall be unlawful to operate any vessel on the following waters as they are closed to all vessels except as posted and the use by Nebraska Game and Parks Commission Employees and their designees engaged in Commission authorized activities:

Baright Lake Eugene T. Mahoney State Park, Cass County

Barnett Park Ponds, Red Willow County

Boyer Chute Wildlife Habitat Restoration Area, Washington County

Calamus Reservoir, Bureau of Reclamation water control channels, Garfield County

Chester Island WMA, Lincoln County

Curtis Golf Course Pond, Frontier County

Dawson County Museum Pond, Dawson County

Grand Island Pier Lake, Hall County

Grand Island Suchs Lake, Hall County

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Heartland Shooting Park Pond, Hall County

Heartwell Park Pond, Adams County

Humphrey Pond, Keith County

Jenny Newman Lake, Cass County

I-80 Department of Roads Lakes - Grand Island Rest Area,  
Mormon Island East, Alda, Kearney North Rest Stop, Brady  
Rest Stop, Maxwell Rest Area, and Kearney South Rest Stop

Oak Lake, Lancaster County

Plum Creek Park Pond, (Lexington City Pond), Dawson County  
Sutton Clark Pond, Clay County

Smith Lake Crescent Lake FWS - NWR, Garden County

Two Rivers SRA Lake No. 5, Douglas County

All state fish hatchery areas unless otherwise authorized  
by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission.

012.06 It shall be unlawful to operate any vessel faster  
than 5 mph/no wake from sundown to sunrise on the following  
waters except as posted and the use by Nebraska Game and  
Parks Commission Employees and their designees engaged in  
Commission authorized activities:

Branched Oak Lake SRA, Lancaster County

012.07 It shall be unlawful to operate air boats on all  
Fish and Wildlife Service managed Waterfowl Production  
Areas (WPA) except as posted and the use by Nebraska Game  
and Parks Commission Employees and their designees engaged  
in Commission authorized activities.

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Chapter 3 - Boating Regulations

014 Races and Exhibitions

Under authority of and in compliance with sections 37-1201 through 37-1273, R.R.S. 1993, the following regulations are prescribed by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission and are effective following enactment by the Game and Parks Commission, approval by the Attorney General and Governor, and when five days have elapsed since filing with the Secretary of State.

014.01 Regattas, motorboat or other boat races, marine parades tournaments or exhibitions are prohibited without written permission of the Commission. Such permission shall be in the form of a permit issued only following review of a written request received at the Commission's central offices not later than thirty (30) days prior to the requested activity.

014.02 All motorboats or other watercraft participating in any such permitted activity shall comply with equipment standards established elsewhere herein.

014.03 No person shall operate or cause to be operated any motorboat or other watercraft while under the influence of alcohol, narcotics, barbiturates or

other drugs, nor shall any operator permit on board his craft an observer under such influence.

014.04 Permittees shall be solely responsible for insuring the public safety and the safety of the participants within the confines of the permitted premises. Such responsibility shall include, but not be limited to, maintaining race course security and integrity; providing for sufficient personnel to function as course marshals; providing for sufficient area surrounding the race course free of spectators and other unauthorized persons; and providing for sufficient emergency medical personnel and equipment to handle accident or disaster victims. Plans for insuring the public safety shall be approved by the Commission prior to issuance of a permit.

014.05 The location of the permitted premises shall be designated by the Commission or its authorized representative.

014.06 The Commission may include in any permit such terms and conditions as may be deemed necessary to insure the safe and orderly conduct of the permitted activity and to further insure the adequate protection of the resource.

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015 Special Rules and Regulations for Non-public Lake Associations.

015.01 These special rules and regulations governing operation of vessels, including water-skiing and other related activities, on waters administratively controlled by nonpublic lake associations, are adopted under authority of section 37-1266. They are effective following enactment by the Game and Parks Commission, approval by the Attorney General and Governor and when five days have elapsed after filing with the Secretary of State.

015.01A Definitions: The following definitions shall apply as used throughout these rules and regulations.

015.01A1 Nonpublic lake association shall mean an organization of lakeside residents with administrative control over nonpublic waters of this state.

015.02 The following special rules and regulations shall apply to nonpublic lake associations:

015.02A Beaver Lake - Cass County, 5 miles south and 1 mile east of Plattsmouth.

015.02A1 All powered watercraft shall operate in a counter-clockwise direction and boats shall operate at 5 miles per hour (mph)/no wake within 75 feet from the shoreline.

015.02A2 The maximum boating speed is 45 mph.

015.02A3 From ½ hour after sunset until ½ hour before sunrise, boat speed is limited to 5 mph/no wake.

015.02A4 Five (5) mph/no wake zones are marked with buoys as indicated on the attached map.

015.02A5 When over taking and passing another boat, boaters must pass to the deep water side (left).

015.02B Bucktail Lake - Merrick County, 14 miles west of Osceola.

015.02B1 Boating in excess of 40 mph is prohibited.

015.02B2 All powered watercraft shall operate in a counter-clockwise direction.

015.02B3 The maximum allowable length of a tow rope used when pulling a tube shall be 50 feet.

015.02B4 Passing of other boats is not allowed in the narrow channel areas in front of Lot 12 and the common area west of Lot 12 as designated on the attached map.

015.02C Capitol Beach Lake - Lancaster County, west edge of Lincoln

015.02C1 All powered watercraft shall operate in a counter-clockwise direction.

015.02C2 The area between the lake shore and the white buoys as indicated on the attached map is a 5 mph/no wake zone.

015.02C3 From ½ hour after sunset until ½ hour before sunrise, boat speed is limited to 5 mph/no wake.

015.02C4 Boats shall not follow a skier closer than 200 feet.

015.02C5 Canoes, rafts, tubes or other devices, unless being towed, and are not readily recognized as power craft are not permitted beyond the white buoy area.

015.02D Ginger Woods - Douglas County, 1½ miles southwest of Valley.

015.02D1 All powered watercraft shall operate in a counter-clockwise direction around the island in a traffic pattern as delineated on the attached map.

015.02D2 Vessels shall not stop in narrow area as indicated on the map impeding traffic flow.

015.02D3 Ski boats are limited to a two rope maximum when skiing, tubing, or boarding.

015.02D4 Tow lines shall not exceed 100 feet in length.

015.02D5 As indicated on the map, the coves adjacent to the cluster homes are designated as 5 mph/no wake zones.

015.02D6 From ½ hour after sunset until ½ hour before sunrise, boat speed is limited to 5 mph/no wake.

015.02D7 As a safety measure during special events, boating activity may be restricted

as deemed necessary and as posted by the Ginger Woods II Home Association.

015.02D8 The maximum speed limit for all vessels shall be 40 mph between the hours of one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

015.02E Hanson Lake #2 - Sarpy Co.; 4 miles south and 1 1/2 miles west of Bellevue.

015.02E1 All powered watercraft shall operate in a counter-clockwise direction in a traffic pattern as delineated on the attached map.

015.02E2 All people in tow shall remain behind the wake of the tow boat when approaching and traversing the narrow part of the lake which is the area between lots 148, 149, and 150 on the north shore and lots 188, 189, 190 and 191 on the south shore.

015.02E3 Maximum speed on the lake is not to exceed 45 mph during daytime hours.

015.02E4 From ½ hour after sunset until ½ hour before sunrise, boat speed is limited to 5 mph/no wake.

015.02E5 Boat shall not follow a skier closer than 200 feet.

015.02F Hanson Lake #3 - Sarpy Co., 4 miles south and 1½ miles west of Bellevue.

015.02F1 From ½ hour after sunset until ½ hour before sunrise, boat speed is limited to 5 mph/no wake.

015.02F2 All powered watercraft shall operate in a counter-clockwise direction in a traffic pattern as delineated on the attached map.

015.02F3 Watercraft towing a skier shall have the right-of-way over a mechanical watercraft not pulling a skier.

015.02F4 The lake area east of lot 6 and west of lot 63, commonly known as the 'channel,' is designated as a 5 mph/no wake zone.

015.02F5 All vessels shall not exceed 5 mph/no wake within 30 yards of any boat lift or swimmer in the water.

015.02F6 The maximum speed limit for all vessels shall be 45 mph between the hours of one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

015.02F7 The racing of boats is prohibited.

015.02G Hawaiian Village - Sarpy County, 6 miles south of Papillion.

015.02G1 Commencing to ski, dropping skiers, or skiing outside the wake is prohibited within the narrows as indicated on the attached map.

015.02G2 All powered watercraft shall operate in a counter-clockwise direction.

015.02G3 Boats shall not follow a skier closer than 200 feet.

015.02G4 Boats must not operate between a downed skier and his towing boat.

015.02G5 Boat speed in the coves as indicated on the attached map is limited to 5 mph/no wake.

015.02G6 The towing of inflatable non-steerable flotation devices (inner tubes, etc.) is not allowed. The towing of

flotation devices specifically manufactured for pulling behind boats is permitted.

015.02G7 As a safety measure during special events, boating activity may be restricted as deemed necessary and as posted by the Hawaiian Village Lake Association Board of Directors.

015.02G8 The maximum speed limit for boats (daylight hours) is 35 miles per hour. From ½ hour after sunset until ½ hour before sunrise, boat speed is limited to 5 mph/no wake

015.02H Legge's Lake - Dodge County, 3 miles east and 1½ miles south of North Bend.

015.02H1 From ½ hour after sunset until ½ hour before sunrise, boat speed is limited to 5 mph/no wake.

015.02H2 All powered watercraft shall operate in a counter-clockwise direction.

015.02H3 Motorboat racing is prohibited

015.02H4 The towing of inflatable non-steerable flotation devices (inner tubes, etc) is not allowed. The towing of flotation devices specifically manufactured for pulling behind boats is permitted.

015.02H5 Ski boats shall be limited to towing a maximum of two skiers.

015.02H6 Skiing will not be allowed within 40 feet of the shoreline.

015.02I Leisure Lake - Dodge County, ½ mile west of Fremont.

015.02I1 All powered watercraft shall operate in a counter-clockwise direction.

015.02I2 The maximum boating speed is 30 mph.

015.02I3 Boats shall not follow a skier closer than 200 feet.

015.02J Middle Island Lake - Cass County, ½ mile east of South Bend.

015.02J1 From ½ hour after sunset until 9:00 a.m., boat speed is limited to 5 mph/no wake.

015.02J2 All powered watercraft shall operate in a counter-clockwise direction in a traffic pattern as delineated on the attached map.

015.02J3 Boats shall not follow a skier closer than 200 feet.

015.02J4 Boats must not operate between a downed skier and his towing boat.

015.02J5 Ski boats shall be limited to towing a maximum of one skier.

015.02J6 In the area 50 yards either side of the entrance bridge marked by white buoys and as indicated on the attached map, boat speed is limited to 5 mph/no wake.

015.02K Morningstar Lake - Merrick County, 14 miles west of Osceola.

015.02K1 All powered watercraft shall operate in a counter-clockwise direction in a traffic pattern as delineated on the attached map.

015.02K2 The towing of inflatable non-steerable flotation devices (inner tubes, etc.) is not allowed. The towing of flotation devices specifically manufactured

for pulling behind boats is permitted.

015.02K3 Tow lines shall not exceed 60 feet in length.

015.02K4 There shall be no motorboat towing or otherwise assisting a person on waterskis, aquaplane or similar device from a period of one-half hour after sunset to 9:00 a.m.

015.02K5 Speed limit for all boats shall be 30 mph from 9:00 a.m. to one-half hour after sunset.

015.02L North Lake - Cass County, ½ mile east of South Bend.

015.02L1 All powered watercraft shall operate in a counter-clockwise direction.

015.02L2 Boats shall not follow a skier closer than 150 feet.

015.02L3 From ½ hour after sunset until ½ hour before sunrise, boat speed is limited to 5 mph/no wake.

015.02L4 Power boats shall not be operated between a downed skier and the towing boat.

015.02M Pine Lake - Lancaster County, 1 mile southeast of Lincoln.

015.02M1 From ½ hour after sunset until 8:00 a.m., boat speed is limited to 5 mph/no wake.

015.02M2 Ski boats shall be limited to towing a maximum of one skier.

015.02N Sack's Lake - York County, 3 miles east and 1 mile north of McCool Junction.

015.02N1 From ½ hour after sunset until ½ hour before sunrise, boat speed is limited to 5 mph/no wake.

015.02N2 All powered watercraft shall operate in a counter-clockwise direction.

015.02N3 As indicated on the attached map, the speed limit in the cove and within 40 feet of the shoreline is limited to 5 mph/no wake.

015.02O Summer Haven - Dodge County, Two miles west from Fremont.

015.02O1 All powered watercraft shall operate in a counter-clockwise direction.

015.02O2 From ½ hour after sunset until ½ hour before sunrise, boat speed is limited to 5 mph/no wake.

015.02O3 Boats operating in the traffic pattern as described on the attached map have the right-of-way over entering boats.

015.02O4 The racing of boats is prohibited.

015.02P Sundance Lake - Merrick County, 14 miles west of Osceola.

015.02P1 All powered watercraft shall operate in a counter-clockwise direction. All boats must stay to the right of the buoys when entering or exiting the west lake as indicated on the attached map.

015.02P2 The maximum speed limit for boats (daylight hours) is 35 miles per hour. From ½ hour after sunset until ½ hour before sunrise, boat speed is limited to 5 mph/no wake.

015.02P3 The towing of inflatable non-steerable flotation devices (inner tubes,

etc.) is not allowed. The towing of flotation devices specifically manufactured for pulling behind boats is permitted.

015.02P4 The racing of powered craft is prohibited.

015.02P5 Boats shall not follow a skier closer than 200 feet.

015.02P6 In the area marked by buoys and as indicated on the attached map, boat speed is limited to 5 mph/no wake.

015.02P7 As a safety measure during special events, boating activity may be restricted as deemed necessary and as posted by the Sundance Lake Association.

015.02Q Ventura Lake - Dodge County, 5 miles west of Fremont.

015.02Q1 All powered watercraft shall operate in a counter-clockwise direction.

015.02Q2 Under the bridge as indicated on the attached map, 5 mph/no wake traffic must stay to the left of the buoys, or as marked on the bridge.

015.02Q3 The maximum boating speed is 40 mph.

015.02Q4 The towing of inflatable non-steerable flotation devices (inner tubes, etc) is not allowed. The towing of steerable flotation devices specifically manufactured for pulling behind boats is permitted.

015.02R Villa Springs - Sarpy County, 2 miles south of Springfield.

015.02R1 All powered watercraft shall operate in a counter-clockwise direction.

015.02R2 From ½ hour after sunset until ½ hour before sunrise, boat speed is limited to 5 mph/no wake.

015.02R3 Power boats shall not be operated between a downed skier and the towing boat.

015.02R4 Boating in the channel east of Lots 7 & 8 as delineated on the attached map is limited to 20 mph.

015.02R5 The maximum boating speed is 35 mph.

015.02S Wa-con-da Lake - Cass County, 2 miles north and 3 miles east of Union.

015.02S1 All powered watercraft shall operate in a counter-clockwise direction as designated on the attached map.

015.02S2 From ½ hour after sunset until ½ hour before sunrise, boat speed is limited to 5 mph/no wake.

015.02S3 The towing of inflatable non-steerable flotation devices (inner tubes, etc.) is not allowed. The towing of flotation devices specifically manufactured for pulling behind boats is permitted.

015.02S4 Boat speed in the cove areas as indicated on the attached map is limited to 5 mph/no wake.

015.02T Wagner Lakes - Platte County, within the city limits of Columbus.

015.02T1 From ½ hour after sunset until ½ hour before sunrise, boat speed is limited to 5 mph/no wake.

015.02T2 All powered watercraft shall operate in a counter-clockwise direction.

015.02T3 In lakes Ann, Cottonwood, Dirk, Judd, Pearl, and Shangri-la as indicated on the attached map, boat speed is limited to 5 mph/no wake.

015.02T4 A boat shall not be anchored for fishing or any other purpose in such a way as to obstruct a passageway ordinarily used by other boats.

015.02T5 In all canals skiing or towing of other devices is not permitted, no boat shall overtake and pass another boat and boat speed is limited to 5 mph/no wake.

015.02T6 Skiing is permitted only in Lake August and in Lake August other power boats shall yield the right-of-way to powered boats pulling skiers.

015.02T7 Skiing will not be allowed within 40 feet of the shoreline.

015.02U Whitetail Lake - Platte County, ½ mile south of Columbus.

015.02U1 From ½ hour after sunset until 10:00 a.m., boat speed is limited to 5 mph/no wake.

015.02U2 All powered watercraft shall operate in a counter-clockwise direction.

015.02U3 The maximum allowable length of a tow rope shall be 75 feet.

015.02U4 Skiing will not be allowed within 40 feet of the shoreline.

015.02U5 As indicated on the attached map, the speed limit in the indicated cove areas is limited to 5 mph/no wake.

015.02V Willers Cove - Stanton County, from

Pilger, 1½ miles south.

015.02V1 The maximum speed limit for boats (daylight hours) is 55 miles per hour. From ½ hour after sunset until ½ hour before sunrise, boat speed is limited to 5 mph/no wake.

015.02W Willow Bend - Hamilton County, 3 miles south of Central City.

015.02W1 All powered watercraft shall operate in a counter-clockwise direction.

015.02W2 Boat and skiing traffic must keep to the right of the buoys on the east corner as indicated on the attached map.

015.02W3 In the lake area adjacent to the Platte River, boat speeds must not exceed 20 mph at any time, only one skier per boat is allowed, and the skier must stay directly behind the boat.

015.02W4 Boating in excess of 40 mph is prohibited.

015.02W5 From ½ hour after sunset until ½ hour before sunrise, boat speed is limited to 5 mph/no wake.

015.02W6 The speed for all vessels in the cove at the northwest corner of the lake in the water around "Duck Island" from lot 9, around the boat ramp, and lots 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14, is limited to 5 mph/no wake.

015.02X Wolf Lake - Saunders County, 2 miles east of Morse Bluff.

015.02X1 The maximum speed limit for boats is 25 miles per hour.

015.02X2 From one-half hour after sunset until 8:00 a.m., speed is limited to 5 mph/no wake.

015.02Y Woodcliff Lakes Inc.- Saunders County, 5 miles south and 1 mile east of Fremont

015.02Y1 From ½ hour after sunset until ½ hour before sunrise, boat speed is limited to 5 mph/no wake.

015.02Y2 The marina area and the associated entrance channel, Church's Cove, Quack Bay, Poehlings Bay, South Cedar Bay, North Cedar Bay, and Horseshoe Bend are designated as 5 mph/no wake zones as indicated on the attached map.

015.02Y3 All boating and skiing on Lake Ski-Di will be in a counter clockwise direction adjacent to the island as identified on the attached map.

015.02Y4 The towing of inflatable non-steerable flotation devices (ex.- inner tubes) is not allowed. The towing of flotation devices specifically manufactured for pulling behind boats is permitted except between the hours of 12:00 noon and 6:00 p.m. on weekends and holidays.

015.02Y5 As a safety measure during special events, boating activity may be restricted as deemed necessary and as posted by Woodcliff Lakes, Inc.

015.02Z Lake Oconee Estates - Platte County, 6W of Columbus

015.02Z1 Speed limit for all boats shall be 35 mph from 10:00 a.m. to one-half hour after sunset and 5 mph/no wake from one-half hour after sunset to 10:00 a.m.

015.02Z2 There shall be no motorboat towing or otherwise assisting a person on waterskis, aquaplane, tube or similar device from a period of one-half hour after sunset to 10:00 a.m.

015.02Z3 Tow ropes shall not exceed 75 feet in length.

015.02AA Heron Point Lake Merrick County, 14 miles west of Osceola.

015.02AA1 All powered watercraft shall operate in a counter-clockwise direction.

015.02AA2 The maximum speed limit for boats (daylight hours) is 35 miles per hour. From ½ hour after sunset until ½ hour before sunrise, boat speed is limited to 5 mph/no wake.

015.02AA3 The towing of inflatable nonsteerable flotation devices (inner tubes, etc.) is not allowed. The towing of flotation devices specifically manufactured for pulling behind boats is permitted.

015.02AA4 The racing of powered craft is prohibited.

015.02AA5 Boats shall not follow a skier closer than 200 feet.

015.02AA6 In the area marked by buoys west from lot line 7/8 and lot line 40/41 and as indicated on the attached map, boat speed is limited to 5 mph/no wake.

015.02AB Lake Socorro - Colfax County, 1 mile south of Schuyler

015.02AB1 Speed for all boats shall not exceed 40 mph between 8:00 a.m. and ½ hour after sunset, and shall not exceed 5 mph/no wake from ½ hour after sunset to 8:00 a.m.

015.02AB2 The towing of inflatable non-steerable floatation devices (inner tubes, etc.) is prohibited. The towing of floatation devices specifically manufactured for pulling behind boats is permitted.

015.02AB3 The racing of motorboats is prohibited.

015.02AB4 All powered watercraft shall operate in a counter-clockwise direction.

015.02AB5 Non-powered watercraft (canoes, rafts, tubes etc) unless being towed as prescribed in 015.02AC2, shall be restricted to an area within 50 feet of the shoreline.

015.02AB6 Tow lines shall not exceed 75 feet in length and all vessels shall be limited to a maximum of two tow lines. All vessels are prohibited from following a skier for a distance of 200 feet.

015.02AB7 In the area marked by buoys east of lot line 12/13 of Lake Socorro 3<sup>rd</sup> addition, the area marked by buoys south of lot line 18/19 of Lake Socorro 2<sup>nd</sup> addition, and the area marked by buoys east of lot line 1/2 of Lake Socorro 2<sup>nd</sup> addition, as indicated on the attached map, boat speed shall not exceed 5 mph/no wake.

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016 Special Rules and Regulations for Subdivisions of this State.

016.01 These special rules and regulations governing operation of vessels, including water-skiing and other related activities, on waters administratively controlled by subdivisions of this State are adopted under authority of sections 37-1265 and 37-1266, R.R.S. 1993. They are effective following enactment by the Game and Parks Commission, approval by the Attorney General and Governor and when five days have elapsed after filing with the Secretary of State.

016.01A City lake - Phelps County, City of Holdrege

016.01A1 The maximum speed of any watercraft shall be 5 miles per hour (mph)/no wake.

016.01B Crystal Cove Lake, Dakota County, South Sioux City

016.01B1 Open to non-powered vessels and those powered with conventional outboard electric motors. The use of internal combustion motors is prohibited.

016.01C Holmes Lake, Lancaster County, City of Lincoln

016.01C1 Open to non-powered vessels and those powered with conventional outboard electric motors. The use of internal combustion motors is prohibited.

016.01D Johnson Park Lake, Dodge County, City of Fremont

016.01D1 Open to non-powered vessels and those powered with conventional outboard electric motors. The use of internal combustion motors is prohibited.

016.01E Lake Hastings - Adams County, City of Hastings.

016.01E1 All watercraft must be operated in a counter clockwise direction.

016.01E2 The maximum speed of any watercraft shall be 35 miles per hour (mph).

016.01F Skyview Lake - Madison County, City of Norfolk

016.01F1 Open to non-powered vessels and those powered with conventional outboard electric motors. The use of internal combustion motors is prohibited.

016.01G Spalding Lake - Greely County, Village of Spalding.

016.01G1 Speed in excess of five miles per hour is prohibited. Speed of all vessels must be reduced so the wash and wake will

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cause no discomfort, hazard, injury or  
damage to person, vessels or property.

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017 Boating Safety Education

Under authority of and in compliance with sections 37-1241.01 through 37-1241.08, the following regulations are prescribed by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission and are effective following enactment by the Game and Parks Commission, approval by the Attorney General and Governor, and when five days have elapsed since filing with the Secretary of State.

017.01 It shall be unlawful to fail to immediately show upon demand to any officer or person whose duty it is to enforce the State Boat Act satisfactory proof of completion of a boating safety course as provided in Nebraska State Statute 37-1241.06.

017.02 No person shall permit or knowingly authorize the operation of any motorboat contrary to Nebraska State Statute 37-1241.06.

017.03 The Nebraska Boating Basics boating safety course shall consist of a minimum of six formal classroom hours and shall be taught by instructors approved by the Commission.

017.03A Satisfactory completion of the boating safety course is 75% accurateness of a proctored exam approved by the Commission.

017.04 The Nebraska Boating Basics Home-study boating safety course shall consist of a minimum of two formal classroom hours and shall be taught by instructors approved by the commission.

017.04A Satisfactory completion of the home-study boating safety course is 75% accurateness of a proctored exam approved by the Commission.

017.05 Reciprocity - Successful completion of boating safety courses certified and recognized by other States will be accepted in lieu of Nebraska Boating Basics by a non-resident motorboat, including personal watercraft operator. It shall be the responsibility of the non-resident motorboat, including personal watercraft operator to provide proof of such successful completion of a boating safety course certified and recognized by any other State if such person is operating any motorboat, including personal watercraft on the waters of this state.

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018 Underwater activities

Under authority of and in compliance with sections 37-1264 and 37-1266, R.R.S. 1993, the following regulations are prescribed by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission and are effective following enactment by the Game and Parks Commission, approval by the Attorney General and Governor, and when five days have elapsed since filing with the Secretary of State.

018.01 Definitions

018.01A SCUBA Diving is defined as swimming with the aid of a self-contained underwater breathing apparatus (airtank) and shall not apply to snorkeling.

018.01B A Diver Down flag is defined as a flag at least twelve (12) inches in height and at least twelve (12) in width with a red background and a white diagonal stripe that is one-fifth the width of the flag.

018.02 SCUBA Diving activities

018.02A SCUBA Diving is prohibited within 200 feet of the outer limits of any designated swimming area, boat mooring, boat docking, or boat launching areas.

018.02B It shall be unlawful to fail to display the Diver Down flag when SCUBA diving or for a SCUBA diver to exceed a one hundred fifty feet (150)radius from the Diver Down flag or to

display a Diver Down flag when not actively engaged in SCUBA diving.

018.02C SCUBA diving is permitted in all waters of the state except in waters and at times where such activity is prohibited by private owners, political sub-divisions, or in any interest of public safety or health.

018.03 Boat operation within SCUBA operations

018.03A It shall be unlawful to operate any vessel within one hundred fifty (150) feet of a Diver Down flag except that this restriction shall not apply to vessels engaged in law enforcement activities, vessels engaged in rescue operations, or vessels tendering the diving operation.

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019 Non-Resident Aquatic Invasive Species Stamp

The following regulations are prescribed by the Game and Parks Commission, State of Nebraska in accordance with Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 37-301, 37-304, 37-215.01, 37-524, 37-524.02, 37-524.03, 37-548, 37-1214, 37-1266 and 84-907.09. For purposes of these regulations, unless context otherwise requires, the definitions found in Chapter 37, sections 202 through 247 of the Game Law, are used. These regulations are effective following enactment by the Commission, approval by the Attorney General and Governor, and when five days have elapsed since filing with the Secretary of State.

019.01 It shall be unlawful:

019.01A for any owner or operator of a motorboat not registered in the state of Nebraska to launch into border waters from this state without first purchasing or displaying a valid Aquatic Invasive Species Stamp issued by the Commission.

019.01B for any owner or operator of a motorboat not registered in the state of Nebraska to operate or launch on any inland waters of the state without first purchasing or displaying a valid Aquatic Invasive Species Stamp issued by the Commission.

019.01C for owners or operators of a motorboat utilizing a Temporary Aquatic Invasive Species Stamps purchased online to fail to fill out and show upon demand the Temporary Internet Aquatic Invasive Species Stamp. This temporary permit will be valid for fifteen (15) days from the date of purchase printed on the temporary stamp.

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019.01D upon receipt of the Aquatic Invasive Species Stamp, to fail to permanently affix the stamp on the starboard and rearward side of the motorboat, on the outside of the hull above the water line.