

Public Notice

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State Hosts Public Discussion about Great Hosmer Pond, Little Hosmer Pond, and the Vermont Use of Public Waters Rules

WHAT: The Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (VTDEC) will host a public meeting to discuss possible amendments to the Vermont Use of Public Waters Rules for Great Hosmer Pond and Little Hosmer Pond in Craftsbury, Vermont.

The Department seeks input from the public regarding the highest traffic times on Great Hosmer Pond, the needs of various users of the water, and suggestions for appropriate times and locations on the Pond for rowing and high speed boating to prevent conflicts between users.

WHEN: Tuesday, December 13th, 6:45 p.m. – 8:15 p.m

WHERE: Craftsbury Town Hall, Craftsbury, Vermont

BACKGROUND:

- The Department’s mandate under the Vermont Use of Public Waters Rules is to manage public waters “so that the various uses may be enjoyed in a reasonable manner, considering safety and the best interests of both current and future generations of citizens of the state and the need to provide an appropriate mix of water-based recreational opportunities on a regional and statewide basis.” The Rules can be accessed at the following website:
http://dec.vermont.gov/sites/dec/files/documents/WSMD_Use_of_Public_Waters_Rules.pdf
- The current uses of Great Hosmer Pond have resulted in altercations and unsafe interactions among anglers, rowers, paddlers, swimmers, and high speed boaters, and additional management of the Pond is needed to protect both the normal uses and the users of the Pond.
- The Department will hold information gathering meetings on December 13th and a January date-to-be-announced about possible amendments to the Vermont Use of Public Waters Rules relating to Great Hosmer Pond and Little Hosmer Pond. The Department intends to initiate formal rulemaking in early 2017.

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