

**NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (DEP)
 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT
 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 16 OF TITLE 15 OF
 THE RULES OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK:
 RULES FOR THE RECREATIONAL USE OF
 WATER SUPPLY LANDS AND WATERS**

IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 1043(b) OF THE NEW YORK CITY CHARTER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the intention of the Department of Environmental Protection to amend §16-02, §16-03, §16-04, §16-05, §16-06, §16-07, §16-12 and §16-19 of Chapter 16 of Title 15 of the Rules of the City of New York, the DEP Rules for the Recreational Use of Water Supply Lands and Waters.

The proposed rules would be promulgated pursuant to the authority of the Department of Environmental Protection as set forth in §1043(a) of the New York City Charter, and §§24-315, 24-326, 24-327 and 24-359 of the New York City Administrative Code.

Further notice is hereby given that the Department of Environmental Protection will hold hearings on the proposed rules on the following dates:

LOCATION	DATE	TIME
1 Lefrak City Plaza 59-17 Junction Boulevard 3rd floor - Cafeteria Flushing, NY 11373	September 30, 2010 (Thursday)	3:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Belleayre Mountain 181 Galli Curci Road Discovery Lodge Highmount, NY 12441	October 4, 2010 (Monday)	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Sparkle Lake Service Building 178 Granite Springs Road Meeting Room Yorktown Heights, NY 10598	October 6, 2010 (Wednesday)	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Persons interested in pre-registering to speak should give written notice by United States Postal Service (USPS) mail to Melissa Siegel, Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Legal Affairs, 59-17 Junction Blvd., 19th floor, Flushing, NY, 11373-5108 or by electronic mail to rules@dep.nyc.gov. Please include a telephone number where you can be reached during normal working hours. Speakers will be limited to five minutes. Persons who require a sign language interpreter or other form of reasonable accommodation for disability are asked to notify Ms. Siegel at least ten days prior to the hearing date. Registration to testify at the hearings will also be accepted at the door until 4:30 pm at the Lefrak City location and until 8:30 pm at the other locations, however, preference in order of testimony will be given to those who pre-register.

Persons wishing to submit written comments may submit their comments to Ms. Siegel by either USPS or electronic mail to the addresses above. Written comments must be received by 5:00 pm on October 15, 2010.

A copy of the proposed rules may be obtained from the offices of the Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Legal Affairs, 59-17 Junction Blvd., 19th floor, Flushing, NY, 11373-5108 and at www.nyc.gov/dep.

Written comments and transcripts of the public hearings will be available for public inspection within a reasonable time after receipt of a request at either of the addresses above, between the hours of 10:00 am and 4:00 pm at the offices of the Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Legal Affairs, 59-17 Junction Blvd., 19th floor, Flushing, NY, 11373-5108.

The rules have a number of purposes. First, the rules make the definition of "group" consistent with the number of people eligible to receive a Group Access Permit. Second, the rules prohibit certain fishing equipment due to the threat of invasive species from such equipment. Third, the rules establish a maximum amount that NYCDEP can charge to retrieve a boat that has been removed from the water and stored by NYCDEP and limit boaters' abilities to change Boat Storage Areas to facilitate NYCDEP's management of Boat Storage Areas. Fourth, the rules expand year-round boating to the Kensico and New Croton reservoirs and, when available, enable all boaters to use steam cleaning facilities belonging to non-NYCDEP entities. Fifth, the rules establish a penalty schedule for violation of the rules.

