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DIVISION OF PARKS AND FORESTRY

State Park Service Code

Proposed Amendments: N.J.A.C. 7:2-1.7, 2.1, 2.5, 2.8, 2.9, 2.11, 2.12, 2.17, 2.20, 2.22, 2.25, 3.2, 3.4, 3.5, 3.10, 8.1, 8.9, 8.10, 9.7, 13.2, 13.3, 13.7, 16.2, 17.1 through 17.4

Proposed Repeal: N.J.A.C. 7:2-10

Proposed New Rules: N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.8 and 17.9

Authorized By: Bob Martin, Commissioner

Department of Environmental Protection

Authority: N.J.S.A. 13:1B, 13:1B-15.100 et seq., and 13:1L-1 et seq.

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The agency proposal follows:

Summary

Since the Department has provided a 60-day comment period on this proposal, the proposal is excepted from the rulemaking calendar requirement pursuant to N.J.A.C. 1:30-3.3(a)5.

The State Park Service Code, N.J.A.C. 7:2, governs the administration, operation, management and use of State Parks, Forests, recreation areas, historic sites, natural areas, marinas, golf courses, botanical gardens and other land, waters and facilities under the jurisdiction of the Department and assigned to the State Park Service in the Division of Parks and Forestry.

The Department proposes to amend its rules to address visitor safety and environmental stewardship throughout the State's parks through amendments relating to the use of fires, stoves and lanterns, firearms and fireworks, and motor vehicles (including over-sized and extra heavy vehicles). The Department is proposing to repeal Subchapter 10, Golf Courses; the Department no longer operates golf courses. The Department is also proposing to amend Subchapter 17, Fees for Services and Facilities Provided by the State Park Service.

SUBCHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

N.J.A.C. 7:2-1.7 Definitions

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The Department is proposing to amend the definition of “law enforcement personnel” to remove the reference to the Director of the Division of Parks and Forestry. As a result of a reorganization at the Department, the State Park Police are under the direction of the Director of State Park Police, who reports to the Assistant Commissioner for Natural and Historic Resources.

In an effort to better protect the beaches and natural areas of the State Parks, as well as wildlife and for public safety, the Department proposes to amend the definition of “mobile sport fishing vehicle.” As amended, the definition includes only two-axle, four-wheel drive passenger motor vehicles, with tires no larger than 40 inches in overall diameter, that are designed to be licensed and operated on the public roadways and the highways of the State, and that are capable of four-wheel drive operation when off the public roads on specifically-designated beaches. Only those vehicles that fall within the proposed amended definition are eligible for a mobile sport fishing permit. All-terrain vehicles (ATVs), recreational camping vehicles, trailers-in-tow, and military-designed or surplus vehicles are expressly excluded from the proposed definition, and are therefore ineligible for a mobile sport fishing vehicle permit. The Department proposes the amended definition in order to protect the beaches and natural areas, as well as birds nesting on the beaches, within the State Parks. Large vehicles, such as recreational camping vehicles, and military surplus vehicles, such as the High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle (HMMWV) (better known as the Humvee) or the M35 2½ ton cargo truck (also known as a deuce and a half), often damage the natural areas due to their extreme weight and the wide width of their tires, which cause ruts and other damage. The specifically excluded vehicles are often used for overnight camping, which is prohibited on the beach. Moreover, their size can limit visibility beyond and around them, particularly at night, which can endanger members of the

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public who are also using the beaches. The amended definition applies only to vehicles subject to mobile sport fishing vehicle permits. The existing rules at N.J.A.C. 7:2-3.4 prohibit all vehicles from operating in natural areas, unless specifically permitted. This includes woods, swamps, bogs, wetlands or fields, or off of established public roads or in designated parking areas. Accordingly, the vehicles that fall within the proposed amended definition are already precluded from most areas of the parks. Proposed new N.J.A.C. 7:2-3.2(e) discussed below, further restricts the use of many of the same vehicles.

The Department is proposing to amend the definition of a “motorized bicycle” to include bicycles powered by either a small gas motor or an electric motor, and capable of limited speed. The amended definition more accurately describes the existing technology for motorized bicycles and is the same as the definition of the term in the State’s statutes governing motor vehicles and traffic laws, at N.J.S.A. 39:1-1 et seq., Motor Vehicles and Traffic Regulation.

The Department has observed an increase in popularity of “motorized scooters” and “motorized skateboards” in State Parks. Accordingly, the Department proposes definitions that are the same as the definitions of the terms at N.J.S.A. 39:1-1, Motor Vehicles and Traffic Regulation. Motorized skateboards are among the types of vehicles included in the proposed definition of motorized scooter. Motorized scooters are discussed further below in proposed new N.J.A.C. 7:2-3.10, Motorized scooters are added to the exceptions in the proposed amended definition of “motor vehicle.” Vehicles identified as exceptions to the definition of motor vehicles are regulated separately from motor vehicles. (See N.J.A.C. 7:2-3.5, Snowmobiles, 7:2-3.9, Motorized bicycle restrictions, and 7:2-3.10, Motorized scooters.)

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The Department proposes a definition of “off-road vehicle.” The greater availability of new types of off-road vehicles and the popularity of their use in State Parks and Forests is having detrimental effects on many areas of New Jersey’s State Parks and Forests. Use of off-road vehicles is causing erosion, destruction of the habitat for sensitive animals and plants, and other negative impacts. The proposed definition applies to N.J.A.C. 7:2-3.4(d), Restriction on operation of motor vehicles, which precludes the use of off-road vehicles on any land or water under the jurisdiction of the State Park Service, except under limited circumstances. Although the proposed definition includes “motorcycles,” as defined in the statutes governing motor vehicles and traffic regulations, the Department has excluded from the proposed definition those motorcycles that are designed to be licensed and operated on the public roadways and highways. Such motorcycles include touring motorcycles, traditional or commuter-type, cruisers or choppers, and sport bikes (sometimes referred to as “crotch rockets”). These motorcycles are not designed to be operated off-road and are, therefore, excepted from the proposed definition. Accordingly, unlike the vehicles categorized as off-road vehicles, motorcycles may be driven on established public roads and in designated parking areas. (See also proposed amended N.J.A.C. 7:2-3.2.)

The Department is proposing a definition of “oversized vehicle.” An oversized vehicle, such as a recreational camping vehicle (RV or motor home) or combination of vehicles and trailers, does not fit into the standard sized parking spot of 10 feet x 20 feet, thereby taking up more than one parking spot. A vehicle that requires more than one parking spot limits the number of vehicles that can use the parking lot. This is a particular issue during peak season at the parks. The fee specified in N.J.A.C. 7:2-17 for an oversized vehicle is greater than the fee for a motor vehicle that is not oversized.

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The proposed new definitions of “initial active duty training,” “veteran” and “veterans’ organization” are the same as in N.J.S.A. 13:1L-12 and 12.1, which prohibits the Department from charging certain fees to New Jersey National Guard members, veterans and veterans’ organizations using a State Park or Forest, as discussed in the Summary of N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.9 below.

SUBCHAPTER 2. GENERAL USE

N.J.A.C. 7:2-2.1 Purpose/powers

The Department proposes to delete N.J.A.C. 7:2-2.1(c), which refers to the authority of the Director of the Division of Parks and Forestry to designate those State Park Service personnel to whom law enforcement authority is vested and who are empowered to warn, cite and/or arrest. As discussed above with regard to the proposed amended definition of law enforcement personnel, the State Park Police are overseen by the Director of State Park Police. The Legislature identified State Park Police as law enforcement personnel in P.L. 2005, c.216 (approved August 29, 2005) (replacing the term State Park Ranger with State Park Police officer at N.J.S.A. 13:1L-21).

N.J.A.C. 7:2-2.5 Commercial use

N.J.A.C. 7:2-2.5, Commercial use, requires a person engaged in a commercial enterprise or a commercial activity on lands and waters administered by the State Park Service to obtain a permit. The proposed amendment to N.J.A.C. 7:2-2.5 requires the person to have a copy of the permit in his or her possession at all times when engaging in the activity that is the subject of the permit. The proposed amendment is intended to assist the Department’s efforts to enforce the

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rule requiring a permit, to ensure that unauthorized commercial activity does not occur within State Parks and Forests. Such commercial activity includes, but is not limited to, sales and vending, commercial photography and videography, and concerts and performances. The Department also proposes to amend the rule for clarity.

N.J.A.C. 7:2-2.8 Pets

The Department is proposing new N.J.A.C. 7:2-2.8(b) to allow pets at specified pet friendly camping areas and overnight facilities within the State Parks. The Department has reviewed the properties that it administers and determined that certain camping and overnight facilities areas are suitable for pets. The pets at pet friendly areas are subject to N.J.A.C. 7:2-2.8, which requires pets to be caged or leashed and under the immediate control of the owner, and makes the owner responsible for pet behavior and waste. The Department is amending subsection (a) to refer to the pet friendly areas. Because pet friendly areas are identified in subsection (b), the reference in proposed amended subsection (c) to areas where pets are allowed is not necessary and is proposed to be deleted. Fees for the pet friendly areas are established at proposed new N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.2(d)5. The Department proposes to renumber the remaining provisions of N.J.A.C. 7:2-2.8 and correct cross references at N.J.A.C. 7:2-2.8(a) and 2.9.

N.J.A.C. 7:2-2.11 Conduct

N.J.A.C. 7:2-2.11, Conduct, applies generally to a person's conduct in areas under the jurisdiction of the State Park Service. The Department proposes to amend N.J.A.C. 7:2-2.11(o) and add new subsections (p) and (q) regarding conduct in State Park Service lands or waters. Proposed amended N.J.A.C. 7:2-2.11(o) identifies the types of authorized activities for which a

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person may remain in a State Park Service area between the daily closing and opening time. The existing rule provided no examples of an authorized use. The amendment is intended to apply to hunting, fishing and trapping in the early morning or late evening hours when the area would be otherwise closed. These times often provide the ideal conditions for such activities. The proposed amendment does not change the requirements at N.J.A.C. 7:2-2.18, Restrictions on hunting, fishing, and trapping. Appropriate permits and compliance with the Game Code (N.J.S.A. 7:25-5) and the Fish Code (N.J.S.A. 7:25-6), and other applicable laws are required.

Proposed new N.J.A.C. 7:2-2.11(p) and (q) are intended to protect the public and the employees of the State Park Service. Proposed new subsection (p) prohibits obstruction, deterrence or interference with any State Park Service employee or law enforcement personnel, by threat, menace or otherwise. Under proposed new subsection (q), a person shall not intentionally create a false public alarm that will result in public inconvenience or panic or a response by emergency service personnel. State Park Police officers are assigned to districts, and patrol various parks in their district. The safety of visitors and employees is placed at risk with each false alarm, which could limit the ability of emergency service personnel to respond to an actual emergency at another location.

N.J.A.C. 7:2-2.12 Fires, stoves and lanterns

N.J.A.C. 7:2-2.12, Fires, stoves and lanterns, governs live fires in areas under the jurisdiction of the State Park Service. Proposed amended N.J.A.C. 7:2-2.12(g) prohibits all fires from being left unattended. Fires that are charcoal or wood must be extinguished and cool to the touch before being left unattended. The existing rule expressly requires only charcoal fires to be extinguished and cool before a person leaves the fire. Although common sense and fire safety

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practices would lead most people to be sure all fires are fully extinguished, the existing rules are not explicit. As amended, the rule applies to charcoal fires as well as wood fires, stoves and lanterns, each of which can cause harm if left unattended.

N.J.A.C. 7:2-2.17 Target practice, firearms, and fireworks

N.J.A.C. 7:2-2.17 governs target practice, firearms and fireworks on State Park Service property. Existing N.J.A.C. 7:2-2.17(b) lists the types of weapons that a person may not possess or discharge on State Park Service property, without specific approval. Proposed amendments to N.J.A.C. 7:2-2.17(b) add paint guns and air soft guns to the list of weapons. Like the other weapons identified in the subsection, paint guns and air soft guns can injure people and wildlife if improperly used. The Department also proposes to amend the punctuation in the heading of the section.

N.J.A.C. 7:2-2.20 Swimming areas

N.J.A.C. 7:2-2.20 provides rules governing swimming areas administered by the State Park Service. There is no longer a swimming pool at Liberty State Park; accordingly, the Department proposes to delete N.J.A.C. 7:2-2.20(c), which sets an age restriction for the former facility, and recodify the remaining subsections.

N.J.A.C. 7:2-2.22 Restricted recreational activities

N.J.A.C. 7:2-2.22, Restricted recreational activities, identifies at existing subsection (a) activities that are not allowed on State Park Service lands and waters without specific approval. The Department proposes new N.J.A.C. 7:2-2.22(a)11 through 13 to add paragliding, parasailing

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and helicopter operations to the list of restricted activities. The Department anticipates that requiring specific approval for these activities will enable emergency service personnel to respond more quickly to an accident involving these higher risk recreational activities, since State Park Service personnel will be aware that the activities are taking place. The Department proposes to correct a spelling error at N.J.A.C. 7:2-2.22(a)6.

N.J.A.C. 7:2-2.25 Bicycles, roller skates, and skateboards

The Department proposes to amend N.J.A.C. 7:2-2.25(f) to replace “fancy riding” with “stunt riding.” The amended language more accurately reflects the type of riding that the rule is intended to regulate, such as hopping curbs, doing wheelies, riding on railings, and performing other dangerous stunts not considered traditional bike riding.

SUBCHAPTER 3. MOTORIZED VEHICLES

N.J.A.C. 7:2-3.2 Unauthorized motor vehicle use

N.J.A.C. 7:2-3.2, Unauthorized motor vehicle use, prohibits the use of certain vehicles and vehicle-related activities on the lands and waters under the jurisdiction of the State Park Service. In order to prevent damage to the natural areas within the jurisdiction of the State Park Service, the Department proposes to prohibit the use of motor vehicles likely to cause damage to natural areas. Although existing N.J.A.C. 7:2-3.4 already prohibits the operation of motor vehicles on natural areas and in areas other than established public roads and in designated parking areas, proposed new N.J.A.C. 7:2-3.2(e) will prohibit the use of damaging vehicles anywhere within the jurisdiction of the State Park Service. The Department has found that once

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the vehicles are allowed into the parks, their owners often do not limit their use to authorized areas, thereby damaging fragile State resources. The Department intends by the proposed restriction to enable the State Park Service to reduce damage to its roads and paved surfaces, better control the illegal riding that is occurring on many roads and trails within State Parks and Forests, and stop the continuing damage and destruction of the natural resources along these trails and roads. Certain large vehicles, such as military surplus vehicles, damage trails and off-road areas, and are too heavy for paved roadways in the State Parks. Similarly, ATVs operated on trails and in off-road areas cause damage. To the extent that an otherwise-prohibited vehicle falls within the definition of off-road vehicle, it may be operated in a designated area, on a pre-established course under prescribed conditions, in accordance with a permit issued for a special event, under N.J.A.C. 7:2-3.4(d).

N.J.A.C. 7:2-3.4 Restrictions on operation of motor vehicles

The Department is proposing to amend N.J.A.C. 7:2-3.4(d) by deleting all-terrain vehicle, dirt bike and trail bike. The vehicles are included in the proposed definition of “off-road vehicle” at N.J.A.C. 7:2-1.7, Definitions, which the Department proposes to add to the rule in place of “‘off-road’ motor vehicle.” The Department is also proposing to amend the heading to reflect that the section contains more than one restriction.

N.J.A.C. 7:2-3.5 Snowmobiles

N.J.A.C. 7:2-3.5 governs snowmobile use on lands and frozen waters under the jurisdiction of the State Park Service. The Department proposes to amend N.J.A.C. 7:2-3.5(e) to require a snowmobile accident involving personal injury or damage to property to be reported to

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State Park Police. The Department's goal in proposing this requirement is to enable law enforcement and emergency service personnel to respond more quickly to such an accident, minimizing further injury and damage. Moreover, notifying law enforcement will ensure that a formal record is made of the incident.

N.J.A.C. 7:2-3.10 Motorized scooters

The Department proposes new N.J.A.C. 7:2-3.10, Motorized scooters, to prohibit the use of motorized scooters on any lands or improved or unimproved roadways under the jurisdiction of the State Park Service. Motorized scooters are not appropriate in the parks and Forests, as they can be operated at relatively high speeds, and can create a hazard for the rider as well as other park patrons. When operated on unpaved surfaces, the motorized scooters can damage natural areas. The Department has observed that motorized scooters are operated on unpaved surfaces more frequently than their unmotorized counterparts.

SUBCHAPTER 8. BOATING/WATERCRAFT

N.J.A.C. 7:2-8.10 Ice boating

The Department proposes to amend N.J.A.C. 7:2-8.10(a) to allow ice boating and ice yachting at Lake Musconetcong, Swartswood Lake and Spruce Run Reservoir, in addition to Lake Hopatcong and Greenwood Lake. The Department has determined that conditions at these lakes are appropriate for the activities to be conducted there.

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SUBCHAPTER 9. DAY USE GROUP

N.J.A.C. 7:2-9.7 Group picnicking and reservation procedures

At 7:2-9.7(c)2, the Department proposes to delete the reference to the non-refundable reservation fee for group picnic areas at existing N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.3(a). The Department no longer charges a reservation fee and proposes to repeal the provision; however, the cancellation fee at proposed N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.3(a)13 remains in effect, and is charged if a group cancels its reservation.

SUBCHAPTER 10. GOLF COURSES

The Department is proposing to repeal N.J.A.C. 7:2-10, Golf Courses, and reserve the section. Private entities administer the Department's golf courses under agreements with the Department, making the section unnecessary. For the same reason, the Department proposes to delete the Spring Meadow Golf Course fee provisions at N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.1(j) and recodify the remaining provisions.

SUBCHAPTER 13. STATE MARINAS

N.J.A.C. 7:2-13.2 Application for vessel berth permits at State marinas

The Department is proposing to amend N.J.A.C. 7:2-13.2(d), which governs the waiting list for applications for vessel berth permits at State marinas. As in the existing rule, confirmation that an applicant wants to remain on the waiting list must be made in person or by mail. Telephone, fax or email is not accepted. The amended rule sets forth the hours that the marina office is open, and requires the confirmation to be provided during the month of January. The existing rule requires confirmation to be provided no later than January 31, but could be interpreted as allowing the confirmation to be made prior to January 1.

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N.J.A.C. 7:2-13.3 Berth permits

The Department proposes to amend N.J.A.C. 7:2-13.3(b)3 to change the berth permitting procedure so that if an applicant for a summer seasonal berth renewal does not return his or her application and make payment in full on or before December 31, the State Park Service will mail the permittee of record a cancellation notice and the berth will be immediately reassigned. Under the existing rule, the Department provides the permittee of record written notice by certified mail, allowing the permittee 10 working days to submit the documents and payment. The Department is proposing to delete N.J.A.C. 7:2-13.3(b)4, which pertains to the 10-day written notice.

N.J.A.C. 7:2-13.7 Marina regulations

Proposed amended N.J.A.C. 7:2-13.7(x) requires all dock boxes installed at the marina by the boat owners to be removed at the end of the permit year. Proposed new N.J.A.C. 7:2-13.7(y) prohibits swimming at a marina. The Department does not allow swimming at marinas, in order to protect the personal safety of boaters and visitors.

SUBCHAPTER 17. FEES FOR SERVICES AND FACILITIES PROVIDED BY THE STATE PARK SERVICE

The Department proposes to amend fees throughout Subchapter 17, and add fees for facilities and services that were not available when the subchapter was last amended. In establishing the proposed fees, the Department has taken into account the costs of providing a service or facility, including staffing and short- and long-term maintenance; whether the service

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or facility is provided to a New Jersey resident or a non-New Jersey resident; whether the activity for which a fee is charged is undertaken by a student, a commercial entity or a non-commercial entity; whether the service or facility is made available during the peak period between Memorial Day and Labor Day, or on a weekend, weekday or holiday; and the quality and quantity of amenities and services that the State Park Service offers at a particular facility.

The Department proposes to charge different fees for New Jersey residents and non-residents throughout the subchapter. Under the existing rules, in most instances New Jersey residents and non-residents pay the same fee. The only exceptions are the fees for bus groups at N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.1, which establishes a higher fee for out of State bus groups. The proposed amended fees are, in most instances, higher for non-residents. Operating costs of the State Park Service are funded through a General State Fund appropriation based on taxes, the bulk of which comes from taxes paid by New Jersey residents. Non-residents do not contribute to the operating costs, other than through fees; accordingly, some fees will be higher for non-residents.

N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.1 Day use fees for services and facilities provided by the State Park Service

At proposed amended N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.1(a) and (c), fees for entry to a park (walk in and parking fees) during the peak attendance period are not increased for State residents in the within proposed rules; however, non-residents will pay increased entry fees. As discussed above, taxes support the operating costs of the State Park Service. These taxes are paid primarily by New Jersey residents, thereby justifying the difference in fees for residents and non-residents. At N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.1(c), the fees for all bus groups during the peak period are proposed to increase, and bus groups and motorcycles will no longer be charged a different fee on weekdays than

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weekends and holidays during the peak period. Bus parking is at a premium at all times during the peak period, and space for bus parking is limited. Therefore, the Department proposes to eliminate the difference between the fees for weekdays and weekends and holidays. The Department proposes to reduce the fee for motorcycles (both New Jersey resident and non-resident) on weekends and holidays during peak periods. The reduced fee is in recognition that a motorcycle carries no more than two people (a typical car carries four or five), and usually requires less than a full parking place. During non-peak periods at Island Beach State Park, proposed N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.1(b) imposes a higher fee for non-resident automobiles and motorcycles, and for all bus groups. Throughout the rules, the fee to park an oversized vehicle is greater than for a vehicle that is not oversized. (See Summary of definitions, N.J.A.C. 7:2-1.7.)

The Department is instituting a reservation deposit for bus groups, in accordance with proposed new N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.1(d). The \$25.00 deposit is refundable if the group cancels its reservation six or more calendar days prior to the reserved date. The balance of the parking fee is to be paid upon arrival at the park. The requirement that the reservation deposit be paid at the time of reservation is intended to discourage last-minute cancellations. Each park is limited in the amount of bus parking it can accommodate. When a bus group cancels its parking reservation on short notice, park staff is unable to rebook the slot, which causes the Department to lose revenue and denies other bus groups the opportunity to utilize the park. Penalties for cancellation are not new. The existing rules at N.J.A.C. 7:2-9.7(c)2, 17.2(d) and 17.3(a)9 provide for cancellation fees for both group camping and group picnicking.

The Department is proposing to delete existing N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.1(d). Proposed new N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.1(e), like existing (d) provides for an annual parking pass for access to the State parks. The fee for an annual parking pass for New Jersey residents is unchanged, but is proposed

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to increase for non-residents. The pass is valid for all areas where a parking fee is charged. The Department proposes to continue the reduced fee for a second annual parking pass, if it is purchased at the same time as the first annual parking pass. The fee is unchanged for New Jersey residents, but is increased for non-residents and oversized vehicles. The proposed rule does not continue the existing requirement that the pass be purchased by someone in the same household as the purchaser of the first pass. The rule is intended to allow the public more flexibility in using annual park passes, and encourage greater visitation to New Jersey's State parks. Existing N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.1(e) is proposed to be recodified as (f).

The Department is proposing to recodify existing N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.1(f) as (g) and amend it to increase the daily and annual launch ramp fees for both New Jersey residents and non-residents at Leonardo State Marina, Liberty State Park, Corson's Inlet, Mullica River, and Hopatcong State Park. New daily and annual boat launch fees are being proposed for the Bull's Island Recreation Area boat launches located on the Delaware and Raritan Canal and its feeder canals, and Fisherman's Landing at Parvin State Park. The proposed new fees at the Delaware and Raritan Canal and Fisherman's Landing at Parvin State Park reflect the increased public demand for boat launching at these locations, which results in additional costs to the Department in order to maintain the launch areas, such as hiring additional seasonal employees to ensure the launch areas are clean and safe for the public to use.

The Department is proposing to recodify existing N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.1(g) and (h) as (h) and (i) and amend the subsections to increase the fee for dry boat storage permits at Spruce Run and Corson's Inlet. These fee increases are intended to defray costs associated with dry boat storage, and keep the Department's fees to store a boat at Spruce Run lower than similar fees at private facilities in the surrounding area. The Department also proposes at N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.1(h) to

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increase the late boat removal fee and the late boat storage fee, and add a cancellation fee for people who cancel their storage reservations. As discussed above with regard to N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.1(d), non-refundable deposits for bus groups, the Department is limited in the amount of dry boat storage it can offer. When someone cancels a reservation, the Department may be unable to rebook the space, causing a loss in revenue.

The Department is proposing to recodify existing N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.1(k) as (j), with no change in text. The Department is proposing to recodify existing N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.1(l) as (k) and to amend it to increase the daily fee for admission to Barnegat Lighthouse for visitors age 12 and older, and add a new fee for park visitors from age six through 11. Fees apply only during the peak season. The proposed fees will defray some of the Department's costs associated with providing additional employees at the facility during the peak season.

The Department is proposing to recodify existing N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.1(m) as (l) and amend it to apply not only to Batsto, but also to Ringwood Manor, Twin Lights and Fort Mott. The Department proposes to amend N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.1(l)1 to indicate that the lower fee is for visitors ages six through 11, for clarity, and increase the fee for unscheduled tours for visitors age 12 and over at proposed N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.1(l)2. The fees are being proposed in order that the Department can better manage tours through scheduling, which ensures that appropriate staff is available to conduct tours at the historic sites.

The Department is proposing new N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.1(m) to establish fees for facilities at Washington Crossing State Park. Visitors age six through 11 will pay a reduced fee. The Department is proposing these new fees to support the interpretive services it provides at Washington Crossing.

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N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.2 Overnight use fees for services and facilities provided by the State

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N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.2 establishes the fees for overnight use of the State's parks and forests. At N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.2(a) the Department is proposing to increase the overnight fees for New Jersey residents and non-residents, and add a fee at N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.2(a)5 for heated lean-tos, which have become available since the last time the section was amended. Although the Department is not basing its proposed fees on the fees of surrounding states, a comparison is instructive. The proposed fees for overnight facilities are consistent with the range of fees charged by the neighboring states of New York, Pennsylvania and Delaware, although the fee structure differs. Delaware and Pennsylvania distinguish between residents and non-residents, while New York does not. Although Pennsylvania, Delaware and New York charge a base rate per night that appears to be less per person than New Jersey's per person cost, when surcharges are factored in New Jersey's per night rate is lower.

The family campsite fee of \$20.00 for New Jersey residents, which remains unchanged by this proposal, is comparable to or less than the other state's fees, once other states' surcharges are added. The proposed increases to the non-resident camping fees range from \$2.00 to \$12.00 higher than the resident fees. The proposed differences between resident and non-resident fees are comparable to price differentials in Pennsylvania (\$5.00 to \$18.00 more for non-residents), and Delaware (\$4.00 to \$9.00 more for non-residents). As amenities such as electric and water hookups are added to the State's group camping areas, the Department will charge the additional fees at proposed N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.3(a)9 and 10, as appropriate.

The Department is proposing at N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.2(a)9 a new commercial backpacking fee of \$35.00 a group per night at Wawayanda and High Point State Parks and Stokes and

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Worthington State Forests. This new fee will apply to the many commercial enterprises that use the Appalachian Trail as a destination for their group backpacking trips. Because the group walks into the park along the Appalachian Trail, it does not pay an entry fee to the park. Because the group camps along the Appalachian Trail in the park, it does not pay a camping or overnight fee. The fee is proposed to be located in section 17.2 (overnight fees), rather than in section 17.3 (miscellaneous fees) because it applies only to commercial backpacking groups that camp overnight in the parks, and not to commercial backpacking day trips. The proposed fee is intended to defray a portion of the Department's cost to maintain the shelters along the Appalachian Trail, in which the groups camp..

The Department is proposing to amend N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.2(c)1 through 5 to increase the fees charged for cabins provided by the State Park Service. The proposed cabin fee increases are necessitated by the increased demand for use of the cabins, which require continual maintenance and preparation between cabin guests. Although the Department is not establishing its fees based on those charged by surrounding states or private facilities, again a comparison is instructive. The proposed fee for a four bunk cabin fee is lower than the fee that Delaware charges for a cabin with similar amenities that sleeps four. Pennsylvania offers modern cabins that sleep as few as six, and as many as 10 or 12. In Pennsylvania, cabins are rented only by the week, and a hotel tax is charged in addition to the cabin rental fees. A comparison of cabin fees charged at private campgrounds in New Jersey indicates that privately offered cabins that sleep four, and do not offer amenities such as inside running water, are rented at a base rate between \$55.00 and \$75.00 per night.

The Department is proposing to amend the cancellation fees at N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.2(d)1 and 2. Existing N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.2(d)1 applies generally to cancellation of overnight reservations.

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Existing N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.2(d)2 applies to cancellation of group cabin reservations. As proposed to be amended, N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.2(d)1 applies to cancellation of camping reservations, and N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.2(d)2 applies to overnight facilities (other than camping). The cancellation fees apply to groups and individuals. The proposed camping cancellation fee is the lesser of two nights' stay or \$40.00 for New Jersey residents and \$50.00 for non-residents. The overnight facility cancellation fee applies only if the reservation is canceled less than seven days before the first night of the reservation, and is equivalent to the cost of a one night stay. The cancellation fees are necessary because there is often insufficient time after the Department receives a cancellation for it to rebook the campsite or overnight facility, which results in lost revenue to the Department.

At N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.2(d)3 and 4, the Department proposes to increase the equipment removal and storage fees, for both residents and non-residents. These increases will help defray maintenance and administrative costs.

The Department is proposing new N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.2(d)5, to establish a fee of \$5.00 per night to campers who utilize the designated pet friendly campsites at State parks and forests. These are discussed at the Summary of proposed amended N.J.A.C. 7:2-2.8, above. This proposed fee will offset the additional maintenance required to ensure the pet friendly campsites are kept clean for the next campers.

Each campsite, leanto, yurt and shelter is allowed two vehicles, which is as many as most areas can accommodate. The number of vehicles that overnight facilities and group campsites are allowed varies, based on the size of the facility and the size of the adjacent parking area. Proposed N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.2(d)6 establishes a fee for bringing additional vehicles to these facilities. By requiring visitors to identify and pay for additional vehicles, the Department is

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better able to determine how many authorized vehicles are in the parks overnight, and ensure that there is sufficient safe parking for them.

N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.3 Miscellaneous fees for services and facilities when and where provided by the State Park Service

N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.3 establishes the fees for miscellaneous services and facilities that the State Park Service provides. The Department proposes to amend N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.3(a)2 through 4 to except Liberty State Park from the stated fee. The Department is proposing fees specific to Liberty State Park at N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.3(d). The Department is proposing new N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.3(a)5 to add a fee for Student Video/Documentary of \$55.00 per day. This offers students a reduced fee, rather than the commercial photography, video, or movie fees at N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.3(a)2 through 4. To qualify, a student must provide the Department with a letter of request on official letterhead from a college, university, high school or vocational school, signed by the student's instructor. The Department often receives requests from students taking courses in film or video production to create films or documentaries in the State Parks as part of their coursework. The proposed subparagraph addresses those requests. The remaining paragraphs are renumbered.

The Department is proposing to amend the fees at N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.3(a)6 through 8 for the Homeowners Firewood Permit, and clothes washer and dryer. Proposed new N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.3(a)9 and 10 establish fees for electric and water hook-ups, where available. These fees are intended to offset the increased utility fees to the State for the electric and/or water service that the Department anticipates offering at select campgrounds as part of its Capital Improvement

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Program, and is in addition to the applicable overnight use fee under N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.2. The Department proposes to recodify the remaining paragraphs.

The Department proposes to increase the fee for an organized group picnic both when the parking fee is in effect and when the parking fee is not in effect. These facilities are in high demand at peak attendance periods, often with multiple groups using the same site on a single day. The Department provides maintenance between groups, to keep the picnic areas clean and safe for visitors. The proposed fee increase will help defray such seasonal costs. The Department is proposing to delete the reference to a reservation fee at subparagraphs (a)11i and ii, as the State Park Service no longer charges this fee. The fees in proposed amended N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.3(a)11 apply to Cheesequake State Park, Spruce Run Recreation Area, Washington Crossing State Park, Parvin State Park, and Voorhees State Park, where there are separate group picnic areas for each group. Some parks or forests are identified in both “parking fee in effect” and “no parking fee in effect,” depending on whether a parking fee is imposed during the time of year. If there is no parking fee in effect, the group picnic reservation fee is higher, because the attendees will not be paying for parking. (See Summary of N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.3(a)12 below.)

Like N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.3(a)11, proposed new N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.3(a)12 imposes a fee for organized group picnics; however, paragraph 12 applies where the facilities for group picnics are not separate for each group. Several groups using the picnic area may share the amenities, such as lavatories. These shared facilities are at Bass River State Forest, Belleplain State Forest, High Point State Park, Stokes State Forest, Swartswood State Park, Brendan T. Byrne State Forest, Cape May Point State Park, Fort Mott State Park and Stephens State Park. As with the proposed fee at N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.3(a)11, the proposed fee will help defray increased seasonal maintenance costs.

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The Department is proposing N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.3(a)14 and 15 to designate separate special use permits for commercial and non-commercial organizations, each with its own fee. In the Department's experience, commercial entities make use of State Parks to make money (for example, commercial films and photography, or concerts); accordingly, the fee to a commercial entity will be higher than to a non-commercial entity. The existing rules at N.J.A.C. 7:2-2.5, Commercial use, reflect the Department's differentiation between commercial entities and others, by requiring a person engaged in a commercial enterprise or activity to obtain a permit, or enter into a contract or lease with the Department.

The Department proposes to recodify paragraph (a)11 as (a)16 and increase the transient RV trailer dumping fee for residents and non-residents who are not registered campers.

Proposed N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.3(a)17 through 23 and (a)25 through 28 are new. At proposed new N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.3(a)17 the Department proposes a programming fee of up to \$25.00 per person, which will be based on the type of program provided. The State Park Service provides an array of recreational and interpretive programs throughout the State Park System. For events that are sponsored by the State Park Service, the Department proposes to charge a fee to offset the cost of materials and equipment and staff time, since staff will be dedicated to leading these programs. The proposed fee is per person, and applies to programs such as guided hikes and walks that focus on the natural and historic resources within the State Park System. Programs that require less staff time and minimal equipment would command a lower fee. The Department anticipates that programs such as story hour, lectures and other educational programs that can be conducted on-site and are not resource intensive would continue to be free of charge. The programming fee would be in addition to any parking or admission fee.

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Charging a participation fee in advance, such as the proposed programming fee, has been shown to increase the level of participation on the day of the scheduled event. The programming takes time to prepare. If the group cancels, that preparation time is lost. Groups that pay a programming fee are less likely to cancel at the last minute. By way of example, the State of Delaware and some New Jersey county park systems charge for programs to offset their staff costs and as an incentive for registered guests to participate.

The Department proposes at N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.3(a)18 a reserved group tour fee for tours at historic sites scheduled in advance. Scheduling in advance ensures that appropriate staff is available to conduct the tour, and also allows the Department to tailor the tour to the interest of the group. The proposed fee is less for children age six through 11 than for visitors 12 and older.

The Department proposed at N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.3(a)19 a conference facility fee for the High Point Center and the Central Region Center. These conference facilities have recently become available for public rental. Their locations within these State Park Service areas provide an ideal setting within a natural resource environment to conduct meetings and are comparable to the cost to rent conference facilities in the general area of both locations. The proposed fee will help defray the administrative and maintenance costs associated with these conference rooms.

An off-site interpretive fee is proposed at N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.3(a)20. This fee is charged when State Park Service staff provides an interpretive program at a location other than a State Park. Often, historic or environmental interpretive specialists will present programs to schools or other organized groups. Under the existing rules no fee is charged for these programs; however, when an employee leaves his or her employment location to present the program, the State Park Service incurs operational costs. In some cases, the State must temporarily close the

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interpretive area to which the employee is assigned, because the employee will be off-site. This can result in lost revenue for the State. The proposed fee will offset some of the resulting costs.

At N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.3(a)21 the Department proposes a special event parking fee of \$5.00 per car for events at State parks, forests and recreation areas during the off season, where parking fees are not established. These events include competitions, concerts and other entertainment. Often these events draw large crowds. The proposed new fee is necessary to defray the costs of additional seasonal and permanent staffing that is necessary when these types of events are held at State park or forest locations.

A per event fee is proposed at N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.3(a)22 for the Allamuchy Mountain State Park concert field, which is approximately 12 acres. The Department proposes to make the concert field available to groups to hold large events for the public's enjoyment. The fee is necessary to defray the costs associated with maintaining this resource. The presence of a large number of people on the field requires, for example, post-concert maintenance and cleaning, in order that the field is available for the next group. Similarly, at N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.3(a)23 the Department proposes a fee for use of the Allamuchy Mountain State Park grounds. For both the concert field and the grounds, staff costs are additional, as set forth at proposed amended N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.3(a)24. The Department proposes to increase staff costs \$5.00 per hour per employee.

At new N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.3(a)25, the Department is proposing an online reservation transaction fee. The fee is associated with an online reservation system that is administered for the Department by a third party. The reservation system allows visitors to reserve overnight facilities through the internet. The proposed transaction fee is intended to offset the cost that the third party charges the Department. N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.3(a)26 and 27 are related fees, which apply

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when a visitor uses the online reservation system or the call center to change a reservation or to make a same day, in person reservation at a park or forest office. When the online reservation system is in place, the Department will no longer be able to accept in person reservations. If a person comes to a park or forest office for a same-day reservation, he or she will be required to use the online reservation system, for which a reduced transaction fee will be charged. These proposed fees offset what the Department is charged for the transaction.

Proposed N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.3(a)28 imposes a fee for Wi-Fi or other internet service, when it is available. The proposed fee is per stay and is intended to defray some of the costs of introducing and maintaining the service.

The Department is proposing to amend N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.3(b) and (c) to continue the existing fees for annual mobile sport fishing vehicle permits at Island Beach State Park and Corson's Inlet State Park for New Jersey residents, and to increase the fee for non-residents. The three-day mobile sport fishing vehicle permit at Island Beach State Park would increase for New Jersey residents and non-residents. The Department is proposing a mobile sport fishing vehicle permit replacement fee at N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.3(b)3 and (c)2. This new fee is necessary to defray the administrative costs associated with the issuance of the replacement permit.

The Department proposes at N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.3(b) and (c) to replace "sportfishing" with "sport fishing," in order that the rule is consistent with the defined term at N.J.A.C. 7:2-1.7, which is "mobile sport fishing vehicle."

The Department is proposing to amend N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.3(d)1 through 5 to increase the fees for use of the Interpretive Center and Central Railroad of New Jersey (CNRR) facilities at Liberty State Park. It is proposing to increase the fee for ticketed events at the CRRNJ Terminal from five percent of the ticket sales to 10 percent of the gross revenue from the event. The

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proposed amended fees will help to offset the cost of administering the CRRNJ facility, including the provision of personnel for security and maintenance at special events.

At N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.3(d)6 through 10 the Department is proposing new fees for use of rooms within the CRRNJ building. These rooms were recently renovated and are available to the public. Liberty State Park's proximity to New York City and other major urban areas makes it a popular location for meetings and conferences. The proposed fees have been established to make the rooms competitive within the surrounding market, and to offset some of the costs associated with maintaining these rooms for the public's use.

Proposed N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.3(d)11 and 12 apply to docking fees at Liberty State Park. The existing rule has a single fee for the entire site. The proposed rule differentiates between the Liberty Terminal Dock and the Liberty Park Office Dock. Because of popularity and location, the Department is proposing a higher fee for docking at the Liberty Terminal Dock than at the Liberty Park Office Dock.

The Department is proposing to increase the fee for the use of the North or South Field, and to relocate fee provisions associated with Green Park, North or South Lawn, and the Dog Show Field (now known as Freedom Field) from proposed amended paragraph 13. Fees for South Lawn and Freedom Field are proposed at N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.2(d)14 through 16. The Department proposes at N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.2(d)14 to allow the use of half of the South Lawn or Dog Show Field at a reduced fee, which will give the public the option of reserving half of the field for smaller events. The Department proposes new fees, which differ for New Jersey residents and non-residents, for use of the picnic pavilions at Freedom Field. The proposed fees for North or South Field, South Lawn and Freedom Field will help to offset the cost of providing

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personnel for security and maintenance at the special events, as well as the cost to restore lawns after an event.

Fees for Green Park are proposed at new N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.2(d)17 and 18, and differ for commercial and non-commercial use, for the reasons discussed in the Summary of amendments to N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.3(a)14 above. The proposed fees include a flat fee for use of the Green Ring, plus a per acre fee for each acre outside of the Green Ring, plus a per day fee for setup and breakdown of the site. The setup and breakdown fees do not apply if the set up and break down take place the same day as the event. The setup fee applies to each day that the area is set up in advance of the event, and the breakdown fee applies to each day after the event that equipment, seating or other items remain at the site. Liberty State Park's location along the Hudson River provides a panoramic view of the New York skyline, making it an ideal venue for events. Liberty State Park is in high demand for major events, which have a significant impact on the facility, which increases the Department's cost to provide and maintain the area.

Parking fees for Liberty State Park are set forth at proposed new and amended N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.3(d)19 through 22. The Department is proposing a daytime special event Liberty Reserve parking lot fee of \$700.00 or \$7.00 per parking space per event, whichever is less. The resulting fee is consistent with the existing fee for parking in the other two parking lots located within Liberty State Park at proposed amended N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.3(d)21 and 22. The proposed evening special event Liberty Reserve parking lot fee at N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.3(d)20 remains the same as the existing per vehicle fee for parking in the lot, except the total proposed parking fee is not capped at \$500.00, as in the existing rule. (See existing N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.3(d)8.) The Department proposes to amend the parking-related rules to refer to "vehicles," rather than "cars," to more accurately reflect the use of the lots. Not all vehicles that use the parking lots are cars.

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The Department is proposing at N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.3(d)23 to raise the minimum fee for use of the concert site at Liberty State Park, and add a charge of five percent of all sales and receipts, including tickets and concession sales. The minimum fee would be charged regardless of ticket and concession sales, but would increase to equal five percent of the ticket and concession sales. Basing the fee on tickets and concessions makes this fee similar to what the Department charges vendors who enter into concession contracts at other State parks and forests. The proposed increase in the minimum fee reflects prevailing costs at other metropolitan sites of comparable size,

At N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.3(d)24, 25 and 26, the Department is proposing specific commercial photography, commercial movie and commercial video/advertisement fees for Liberty State Park, which are in addition to staff costs. Liberty State Park's location across the Hudson River from New York City makes this site very popular for the filming of movies and commercials, photo shoots and other commercial film ventures, and these fees will help offset the costs associated with these activities, including the provision of personnel for security and maintenance, as well as the administrative costs associated with each commercial project. As discussed at proposed N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.3(a)5, the Department is proposing a student video fee. The fee is the same for Liberty State Park and the rest of the State Parks and Forests, but is repeated at both N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.3(a) and (d) in order that it is clear that the reduced student fee is available at Liberty State Park.

The Department is proposing to increase the fee at N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.3(e) associated with the use of the Batsto Auditorium. The cost to provide this facility, which includes a kitchen and up-to-date technology, has increased, which necessitates the proposed increased fee.

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Proposed new N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.3(f) and (g) establish fees for use of the High Point Center at High Point State Park and the State Park Service Central Region Office, which were not previously available for public use. The proposed fees are intended to defray staff and maintenance costs.

N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.4 Fees for services and facilities provided by the State Park Service at State marinas

Existing N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.4 establishes fees for services and facilities at State Marinas. The Department proposes to amend N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.4(a) and (b) to increase fees for seasonal berthholder permits at the Forked River State Marina and Leonardo State Marina. As in the existing rule, the proposed fees are lower in winter months when demand is not as great. The Department also proposes to amend the fees at the marina for daily and monthly berths, and for commercial vessels. The proposed fees are more in line with competitive pricing elsewhere, and are intended to help to defray staffing and maintenance costs. The proposed amended rule implements different fees for New Jersey residents and non-residents. At proposed amended N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.4(b)2, the Department proposes to amend the column heading from “berth size” to “vessel size,” to better reflect the basis for the fee, and to conform the heading to paragraph (a)2, which also contains fees based upon the length of the vessel. Similarly, proposed amendments to N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.4(c) establish different fees for residents and non-residents for summer and transient berthholders at South Seaside Park. Throughout the section the Department proposes to replace “ft” with “foot,” for consistency.

Operating costs of the State Park Service are funded through a General State Fund appropriation based on taxes, the bulk of which comes from taxes paid by New Jersey residents.

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Proposed N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.8, Eligibility for a fee applicable to a New Jersey resident, contains the means by which the Department will determine residency for purposes of fees. The distinction between a New Jersey resident and a non-resident must be one that the staff at the State Parks can make quickly, in order that the flow of entrants at the parks is not delayed. The Department is proposing to distinguish a New Jersey resident from a non-resident through a visual determination of vehicle license plates for parking fees. Using the license plate as the method of determination is a rapid means of identification by the gate staff and will facilitate the movement of vehicles into the parking areas. Visitors in a vehicle with out-of-State license plates can qualify for the New Jersey resident parking fee if one of the visitors has valid government-issued identification that shows he or she is a resident of New Jersey.

For a per person fee or permit, the Department proposes to determine whether a New Jersey resident or non-resident fee applies based on a government-issued identification. For fees relating to boats, canoes or other vessels, such as boat launch or storage, the Department proposes to determine whether a New Jersey resident or non-resident fee applies based on the registration of the vessel, as displayed on the hull, or the visitor's residence, as evidenced by government-issued identification.

The Department proposes that a residency-based fee for group permits be dependent on the residence address on the government-issued identification of the person making the reservation or applying for the permit. The person making the reservation must be among the members of the group, and must have his or her identification available for inspection at the time the group uses the State facility. It is not appropriate for a resident of the State to make a reservation for an out-of-State group (of which he or she is not a part), in order that the group is charged the New Jersey resident fee. Government-issued identification includes, but is not

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limited to, a driver's license, pilot's license, vehicle registration, or voter registration, provided the state of residence is on the identification card.

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 13:1L-12 and 12.1, the Department shall not charge a daily parking fee or daily walk-in fee to any resident of the State aged 62 or older, or who is totally disabled, or who is an active member of the New Jersey National Guard who has completed initial active duty training. Nor shall the Department charge a daily parking or daily walk-in fee to any veteran during an event held by a veterans' organization at a State Park or forest. There is also no fee for a veterans' organization using a State Park or forest for an event. These statutory provisions are incorporated in proposed N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.9, Exemption from fees. The Department proposes to delete N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.1(i), which contains exemptions that are included in proposed N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.9.

The Department also proposes to correct grammatical errors and cross-references throughout the chapter.

Social Impact

The proposed new rules, amendments and repeal are expected to provide a positive social impact by maintaining public safety as well as improving stewardship of trails, beaches, and all natural and historic resources located within New Jersey's State Parks and Forests. The proposed amendments relating to fees are anticipated to generate additional revenue, thereby providing the Department with resources to maintain public safety and protect the natural and historic resources located within New Jersey's State Parks and Forests and will assist the Department to partially offset the operating costs required to continue to provide recreational services and facilities to the public.

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Economic Impact

The Department anticipates that the proposed new rules, amendments and repeal will have a economic impact on users of the State's parks and facilities, as a result of new and increased fees. Including the increase in fees proposed, the revenue collected by the State Park Service still falls far short of the costs incurred by the Department to operate the State's park system. Increased public demand to use these facilities and increasing costs for support and maintenance of the facilities require the Department to provide more services and face increasing expenses without receiving additional funding from the State General Fund.

The State Park and Forestry Resource Act, N.J.S.A. 13:1-1 et seq. authorizes the Department to charge and collect fees for the services it performs at the State's parks and forests. (N.J.S.A. 13:1L-19) The State Park Service manages 440,000 acres of land and water in 39 State Parks, 11 State Forests, three recreation areas and 57 historic sites and districts. The current cost of providing and maintaining these areas is approximately \$40 million annually. The State Park Service recovers approximately \$5 million through the fees it charges users, and an additional \$3 million from payments by concession operators and leaseholders; the remaining budget comes from State appropriations. Fees paid by users of State park facilities offset less than 15 percent of the operating costs of the State Park Service annually.

The Department has been able to accommodate some budget shortfalls for the State Park Service through a combination of using excess receipts (revenue in excess of what the State Park Service must return to the State's General Fund), declines in staffing due to retirements and other attrition, reducing part-time (seasonal) staff at certain State Parks and Forests during the winter season, and deferring maintenance of facilities and equipment purchases. Many of these

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strategies result in a decline in the quality and number of facilities and amenities that the State Park Service is able to offer visitors. Nevertheless, expenses including but not limited to utilities, vehicle replacement and maintenance, and salaries continue to increase. In 2008, the Department proposed to close certain State Parks, Forests and historic sites due to funding shortfalls. To prevent the closures the Legislature appropriated \$9 million from the Shore Protection Fund to defray the cost of operation and maintenance of the State Parks and Forests for one year. (N.J.S.A. 13:19-16.1b2(a)) The use of these funds eliminated the immediate threat of closure, but the Legislature has had to find other dedicated revenue sources to make up the deficit each subsequent year.

When the Legislature appropriated funds for State Parks in 2008, it required the Department to evaluate its fee structure for facilities managed by the State Park Service, and to research additional revenue options to offset the increasing operating costs to maintain the State Parks and Forests. (P.L. 2008, c.31) The Department continues to pursue additional revenue options to offset increased operating and maintenance costs of State Parks and Forests. Marketing and leasing opportunities are being analyzed to ensure that existing fees and leases are consistent with surrounding market value rates. In addition, new opportunities to enhance public amenities are being pursued through innovative concession agreements. Although new revenue will be realized from concessions and through the updating of leases to address fair market value, the Department does not anticipate that the additional revenue will offset a portion of the funding needs in fiscal year 2013 (FY 2013), which began July 1, 2012, or in the foreseeable future.

As part of its analysis of revenue options subsequent to the Legislature's 2008 appropriation, the Department reviewed State Park Service revenues and costs, compared the

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State's fees against fees for similar services by other states, other governmental entities in New Jersey, and the private sector. The proposed amended fees will ensure that New Jersey remains competitive with other providers of similar services in the region, while generating approximately \$1.5 million in additional revenue.

The Department recognizes that the proposed fees will have an economic impact on users of State Park services and facilities; however, these fee changes are necessary to keep the amenities and services available to New Jerseyans as well as tourists to the Garden State. The proposed rules offer a balance between the State's need to offset a portion of its operating costs and the public's desire that the economic impact on visitors be minimized.

Environmental Impact

The Department anticipates that the proposed new rules, amendments and repeal will have a positive environmental impact. The proposed rules will assist the State Park Service in meeting its stewardship responsibilities for New Jersey's State Parks and Forests, which include administering, managing and regulating the lands and facilities within the State parks, forests, recreation areas, natural areas, historic sites, marinas, botanical gardens and other lands, waters and facilities under the administration of the State Park Service. The proposed new rules, amendments and repeal are intended to provide the financial resources that are necessary for the State Park Service to continue to administer and manage State Parks and Forests and other natural areas.

Federal Standards Statement

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Executive Order No. 27(1994) and N.J.S.A. 52:14B-1 et seq. (P.L. 1995, c.65) require State agencies that adopt, readopt or amend any State rule or regulation that exceeds any Federal standards or requirements to include in the rulemaking document a Federal standards analysis.

The proposed new rules, amendments and repeal are not promulgated under the authority of or in order to implement, comply with or participate in any program established under Federal law, or under a State statute that incorporates or refers to Federal law, Federal standards or Federal requirements. Accordingly, Executive Order No. 27(1994) and N.J.S.A. 52:14B-1 et seq. do not require a Federal standards analysis.

Jobs Impact

The Department does not anticipate that the proposed new rules, amendments and repeal will have an impact on jobs or employment in New Jersey. The State Park Service Code, N.J.A.C. 7:2, governs the administration, management and use of lands, waters and facilities under the jurisdiction of the Department and assigned to the State Park Service in the Division of Parks and Forestry.

Agriculture Industry Impact

The proposed new rules, amendments and repeal are not anticipated to have an impact on the agriculture industry in New Jersey. The State Park Service Code, N.J.A.C. 7:2, governs the administration, management and use of lands, waters and facilities under the jurisdiction of the Department and assigned to the State Park Service in the Division of Parks and Forestry, and do not relate to agriculture or the agricultural industry.

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Regulatory Flexibility Statement

In accordance with the New Jersey Regulatory Flexibility Act, N.J.S.A. 52:14B-16 et seq., the Department has determined that the proposed new rules, amendments and repeal will not impose additional reporting or recordkeeping requirements on small businesses. The proposed new rules, amendments and repeal will not require small businesses to employ professional services in order to comply. To the extent that a small business makes use of facilities or services provided by the State Park Service (such as applying for a permit for commercial photography, or presenting a concert in a State Park), the business will be subject to the proposed amendments, such as N.J.A.C. 7:2-2.5, Commercial use, and the fees at Subchapter 17.

Housing Affordability Impact

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:14B-4, as amended effective July 17, 2008, by P.L. 2008, c.46, the Department has evaluated the proposed new rules, amendments and repeal to determine their impact, if any, on the affordability of housing. The State Park Service Code, N.J.A.C. 7:2, governs the administration, management and use of lands, waters and facilities under the jurisdiction of the Department and assigned to the State Park Service in the Division of Parks and Forestry. The rules do not have an impact on the Statewide availability or affordability of housing. Accordingly, the Department has determined that the proposed new rules, amendments and repeal will not evoke a change in the average costs associated with housing.

Smart Growth Development Impact

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In accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:14B-4, as amended effective July 17, 2008, by P.L. 2008, c. 46, the Department has evaluated the proposed new rules, amendments and repeal to determine their impact, if any, on smart growth development. The State Park Service Code, N.J.A.C. 7:2, has no impact on housing production in New Jersey because the rules govern the administration, management and use of lands, waters and facilities under the jurisdiction of the Department and assigned to the State Park Service in the Division of Parks and Forestry. Therefore, there is an extreme unlikelihood that the proposed new rules, amendments and repeal will evoke a change in housing production within Planning Areas 1 or 2 or within designated centers, under the State Development and Redevelopment Plan.

Full text of the proposed repeal may be found in the New Jersey Administrative Code at N.J.A.C. 7:2-10.

Full text of the proposal follows (additional indicated in **boldface** thus; deletions indicated in brackets [thus]):

SUBCHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

7:2-1.7 Definitions

The following words and terms, when used in this chapter, shall have the following meaning unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

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“Initial active duty training” means basic military training, for members of the New Jersey Air National Guard, and basic combat training and advanced individual training, for members of the New Jersey Army National Guard.

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“Law enforcement personnel” means a State Park Police Officer, State Park Police Sergeant, State Park Police Lieutenant or other State Park Service personnel [whom the Director of the Division of Parks and Forestry has] vested with law enforcement authority and empowered to warn, cite and/or arrest.

“Mobile sport fishing vehicle” means a **two-axle**, four-wheel drive **passenger** motor vehicle, **having tires no larger than 40 inches in overall diameter**, designed to be licensed and operated on the public roadways and highways of the State and capable of four-wheel drive operation when off the public roads on the beach. [ATV’s, golf carts and specialty vehicles] **ATVs, recreational camping vehicles (RVs), trailers-in-tow, and military-designed or military surplus vehicles (whether or not modified for civilian use) are specifically excluded from this definition.**

“Motor vehicle” means any vehicle propelled other than by muscular power, except motorized bicycles, **motorized scooters, motorized skateboards** and vehicles that run only upon rails or tracks.

“Motorized bicycle” means a pedal bicycle having a helper motor **characterized in that either the maximum piston displacement is less than 50 cc, or said motor is rated at no more than 1.5 brake horsepower or is powered by an electric drive motor.**

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“Motorized scooter” means a miniature vehicle propelled other than by muscular power and includes, but is not limited to, pocket bikes, super pocket bikes, scooters, mini-scooters, sport scooters, mini choppers, mini motorcycles, motorized skateboards and other vehicles with motors not manufactured in compliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards and which have no permanent Federal Safety Certification stickers affixed to the vehicle by the original manufacturer. This term shall not include electric personal assistive mobility devices, motorized bicycles or low-speed vehicles, or motorized wheelchairs, mobility scooters or similar mobility assisting devices used by persons with physical disabilities or persons whose ambulatory mobility has been impaired by age or illness.

“Motorized skateboard” means a skateboard that is propelled otherwise than by muscular power.

“Off-road vehicle” means any motorized vehicle with two or more wheels or tracks that is capable of being operated off of improved and maintained roads including, but not limited to, motorcycles as defined at N.J.S.A. 39:1-1, Motor Vehicles and Traffic Regulation, snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles, and dirt bikes as defined at N.J.S.A. 13:1L-3, Acquisition, Construction and Management of State Parks and Forests. A motorcycle that is designed to be licensed and operated primarily on the public roadways and highways of the State is not considered capable of operating off of improved and maintained roads and is not included in this definition.

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“Oversized vehicle” means a single vehicle or combination of vehicles and trailers that will not fit into a 10 feet x 20 feet parking space. This includes, for example, recreational camping vehicles, and vehicles towing trailers or other vehicles.

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“Veteran” means any resident of the State of New Jersey who has been honorably discharged or released under honorable circumstances from active service in any branch of the armed forces of the United States, or any honorably discharged member of the American Merchant Marine who served during World War II and is declared by the United States Department of Defense to be eligible for Federal veterans’ benefits.

“Veterans’ organization” means the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, or other veterans’ organizations chartered under Federal law, or any service foundation of such an organization recognized in its bylaws.

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SUBCHAPTER 2. GENERAL USE

7:2-2.1 Purpose/powers

(a) and (b) (No change.)

[(c) The Director of the Division of Parks and Forestry shall designate by Division Administrative Order those State Park Service personnel to whom law enforcement authority is vested and who are empowered to warn, cite and/or arrest.]

7:2-2.5 Commercial use

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A person shall not engage in a commercial enterprise [and]or activit[ies]y on lands and waters under the jurisdiction of the State Park Service without a permit issued by the State Park Service or pursuant to a contract or lease entered into with the Department. **A person to whom such a permit has been issued must keep a copy of the permit on his or her person, available for inspection, while engaging in the enterprise or activity that is the subject of the permit.**

7:2-2.8 Pets

(a) Except as provided in N.J.A.C. 7:2-2.9, **Service animals and hunting dogs, and (b) below**, all pets are prohibited from buildings, swimming beaches, swimming waters, [all]camping and overnight facilities **other than those designated as pet friendly**, golf courses, and botanical gardens.

(b) Pets are allowed at camping areas and overnight facilities designated as pet friendly, provided the owner complies with (c) below.

[(b)](c) [Where allowed in areas not listed in (a) above, e]Except as provided in [(c)](d) below and N.J.A.C. 7:2-2.9, the owner or any pet shall keep the pet caged or held on a leash (maximum length – six feet) and under the immediate control of the owner at all times.

Recodify (d) through (f) as (e) through (g). (No change in text.)

7:2-2.9 Service animals and hunting dogs.

(a) (No change.)

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(b) Dogs used while hunting during open season, or while used in field trials in accordance with New Jersey fish, game and wildlife regulations, are exempt from the leashing requirement in N.J.A.C. 7:2-2.8[(b)](c).

7:2-2.11 Conduct

(a) through (n) (No change.)

(o) A person shall not enter or remain in any State Park Service area between the daily closing and opening time as posted, [authorized use excepted]**except for authorized activities, which include, but are not limited to, authorized fish, game and wildlife activities such as hunting, fishing and trapping.**

(p) **No person shall, by threat, menace, or in any other manner attempt to obstruct, deter or interfere with State Park Service employees or law enforcement personnel who are performing their duty.**

(q) **No person shall intentionally create a false public alarm by any action, utterance or deed that results in public inconvenience or panic, or results in a response by emergency service personnel.**

7:2-2.12 Fires, stoves and lanterns

(a) through (f) (No change.)

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(g) Live [charcoal]fires **of any kind** shall not be left unattended. All charcoal **and wood fires** shall be extinguished and cool to the touch before being left unattended.

(h) (No change.)

7:2-2.17 Target practice[;], firearms[;], **and** fireworks

(a) (No change.)

(b) A person shall not possess or discharge any firearm, pellet gun, **paint gun, air soft gun**, bow and arrow, slingshot or other weapon capable of injuring persons or wildlife while on State Park Service property without the specific approval of the Superintendent or designee. Hunters in compliance with the rules of the Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife and this chapter are excepted.

(c) (No change.)

7:2-2.20 Swimming areas

(a) and (b) (No change.)

[(c) A person under the age of 12 years shall not be admitted to the swimming pool at Liberty State Park unless the person is accompanied by a person 18 years of age or older.]

Recodify (d) through (i) as (c) through (h) (No change in text.)

7:2-2.22 Restricted recreational activities

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(a) A person shall not engage in the following recreational activities on State Park Service lands and waters without specific approval of the Assistant Director of the State Park Service, or the Regional Superintendent or their designee:

1. – 5. (No change.)

6. **Rappelling;**

7. – 8. (No change.)

9. **Rocketry; [or]**

10. **Archeological, geological, botanical, zoological, or paleontological expeditions;**

11. Paragliding;

12. Parasailing; or

13. Helicopter operations.

(b) and (c) (No change.)

7:2-2.25 Bicycles, roller skates, and skateboards

(a) through (e) (No change.)

(f) A person shall not practice any tricks or [fancy] **stunt** riding on a State Park Service roadway.

(g) through (l) (No change.)

SUBCHAPTER 3. MOTORIZED VEHICLES

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7:2-3.2 Unauthorized motor vehicle use

(a) through (d) (No change.)

(e) Except in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:2-3.4(d), a person shall not operate or permit the operation on or over lands or in or on waters under the jurisdiction of the State Park Service of a motorized vehicle likely to cause damage or injury to persons, wildlife, or property within the jurisdiction of the State Park Service. Such vehicles include, but are not limited to, a motor vehicle having more than two axles and capability of four-wheel drive, an ATV, military-designed or surplus vehicle (whether or not modified for civilian use), or an unlicensed or unregistered motor vehicle.

7:2-3.4 Restrictions on operation of motor vehicles

(a) through (c) (No change.)

(d) A person shall not operate an [all-terrain vehicle, dirt bike, trail bike, or “off-road” motor]**off-road** vehicle on or over the lands and waters under the jurisdiction of the State Park Service at any time except that, when an area is so designated by the State Park Service, permits may be granted for organized “special events” to operate on a pre-established course under prescribed conditions.

(e) (No change.)

7:2-3.5 Snowmobiles

(a) through (d) (No change.)

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(e) All accidents involving personal injury or damage to property shall be reported to the Superintendent [or designee] **and law enforcement personnel** of the State park at which the accident occurred as soon as possible after the occurrence.

(f) through (h) (No change.)

7:2-3.10 Motorized scooters

A person shall not operate a motorized scooter on any lands under the jurisdiction of the State Park Service, including improved or unimproved roads, walkways and parking areas.

SUBCHAPTER 8. BOATING/WATERCRAFT

7:2-8.1 Launching of boats

(a) The launching of boats, canoes and other vessels is allowed at designated areas subject to the posted conditions and the payment of a launching fee where required pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.1[(f)](g)

7:2-8.9 Boat storage at the Spruce Run Recreation Area

(a) A limited number of boat storage spaces are available at Spruce Run Recreation Area during the season from April 1 through October 31. Fees shall be charged pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.1[(g)](h) and non-transferable decals shall be assigned for this use. Decals shall be permanently affixed to the boat registered for storage as directed by the Superintendent or designee.

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(b) Double-capacity trailers occupying a single storage space shall pay one and one-half times the normal season storage fee as provided in N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.1[(g)](h).

(c) and (d) No change

7:2-8.10 Ice boating

(a) Ice boating and ice yachting shall be allowed on Lake Hopatcong, **Lake Musconetcong, Swartwood Lake, Spruce Run Reservoir** and Greenwood Lake.

(b) through (c) (No change.)

7:2-9.7 Group picnicking and reservation procedures

(a) and (b) (No change.)

(c) Applications for reservation of group picnicking facilities shall:

1. (No change.)
2. [Be accompanied by payment of the non-refundable reservation fee pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.3(a)].
3. through 5. (Recodify as 2. through 4.) (No change in text.)

(a) and (e) (No change.)

SUBCHAPTER 13. STATE MARINAS

7:2-13.2 Application for vessel berth permits at State marinas

(a) through (c) (No change.)

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(d) [Each]**Annually, in January, an** applicant must [annually] confirm that [the applicant]**he or she** wants to remain on the applicant waiting list. [Confirmation shall be made at the marina office. The applicant must provide the State Park Service with a signed confirmation that he or she wants to remain on the waiting list. The applicant shall deliver the signed confirmation in person to the marina office, or mail the signed confirmation by United States Postal Service, post marked no later than January 31, to the marina office. If the signed confirmation is mailed, it must include a self addressed envelope, postage prepaid. A telephone call will not be accepted. Failure to notify the marina office as above provided shall result in cancellation of the application and removal of the applicant from the waiting list.] **Written confirmation shall be submitted to the marina office, which is open seven days a week between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. (except legal holidays and emergency closing of offices). The applicant shall sign the confirmation and submit the confirmation by appearing in person at the marina office, or by mailing the confirmation form to the marina office. Mailed confirmation forms must be postmarked no later than January 31, and shall include a self-addressed, stamped envelope. The State Park Service is not responsible for misdirected or lost mail. A telephone call, fax, or email will not be accepted. Failure to notify the marina office in accordance with this subsection shall result in cancellation of the application and removal of the applicant from the waiting list.**

(e) and (f) (No change.)

7:2-13.3 Berth permits

(a) (No change.)

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(b) Berth permits for the summer season from April 1 to October 31 shall be issued in accordance with the following procedure.

1. -2. (No change.)

3. If the permittee of record does not return the documents and payment in full on or before December 31 as required in (b)2 above, [the State Park Service shall on the first business day after the due date or as soon as possible thereafter give the permittee of record written notice by certified mail return receipt requested, to return the documents and payment to the marina office within 10 working days after the date of the notice.] **the State Park Service will mail the permittee a notice of cancellation and the slip will be immediately reassigned.**

[4. If the documents and payment are not received in the marina office within 10 working days after the date of the written notice as provided in (b)3 above, the offer to renew the permit as provided in (b)1 above shall become void immediately upon expiration of the 10 day period and the subject berth permit immediately reassigned.]

(c) through (g) (No change.)

7:2-13.7 Marina regulations

(a) through (w) (No change.)

(x) Dock boxes shall be installed only with the prior approval of Superintendent or designee, **and must be removed at the end of the permit year.**

(y) Swimming is prohibited at marinas.

SUBCHAPTER 16. ISLAND BEACH STATE PARK RULES

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7:2-16.2 Mobile sport fishing vehicles/permits/restrictions

(a) Four-wheel drive mobile sport fishing vehicles (MSFV) are permitted on specifically designated areas of Island Beach State Park for the purpose of surf fishing from the open beach provided:

1. (No change.)

2. An approved permit, decal or placard for which the proper fee has been fully paid as provided in N.J.A.C. 7:2-17.3(b) is displayed on or from the MSFV as directed by the Superintendent or designee when on Island Beach State Park.

(b) through (g) (No change.)

SUBCHAPTER 17. FEES FOR SERVICES AND FACILITIES PROVIDED BY THE STATE PARK SERVICE

7:2-17.1 Day use fees for services and facilities provided by the State Park Service

(a) Daily parking fees for automobiles at designated State parks, for the period beginning with Memorial Day weekend and ending on Labor Day inclusive, area as follows:

	NJ Resident	Non-resident	NJ Resident	Non-resident
			Weekends/	Weekends/
<u>Area</u>	<u>Weekdays*</u>	<u>Weekdays*</u>	<u>Holidays*</u>	<u>Holidays*</u>

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1. Allaire			\$5.00	\$7.00
2. Atsion	\$5.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$20.00
3. Bass River	\$5.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$20.00
4. Batsto			\$5.00	\$7.00
5. Belleplain	\$5.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$20.00
6. Cheesequake	\$5.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$20.00
7. High Point	\$5.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$20.00
8. Hopatcong	\$6.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$20.00
9. Island Beach	\$6.00	\$12.00	\$10.00	\$20.00
10. Ringwood Manor			\$5.00	\$7.00
11. Skylands			\$5.00	\$7.00
12. Shepard Lake	\$5.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$20.00
13. Round Valley	\$5.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$20.00
14. Spruce Run	\$5.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$20.00
15. Stokes	\$5.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$20.00
16. Swartswood	\$5.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$20.00
17. Washington			\$5.00	\$7.00
Crossing				
18. Wawayanda	\$5.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$20.00

***At all State parks, forests and recreation areas, the fee for an oversized vehicle shall be twice the fee for a vehicle that is not oversized.**

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(b) At Island Beach State Park, for the period commencing on the day after Labor Day and ending on the day before Memorial Day weekend, the daily day use parking fees are as follows:

<u>Vehicle</u>	<u>Fee</u>
1. Automobile*	\$5.00 (NJ resident) \$10.00 (non-resident)
2. Motorcycle	\$5.00 (NJ resident) \$ 7.00 (non-resident)
3. Bus (out-of-State groups)	[\$105.00/bus] \$120.00/bus
4. Bus (in-State groups)	[\$55.00/bus] \$65.00/bus

***The fee for an oversized vehicle shall be twice the fee for a vehicle that is not oversized.**

(c) **Daily** [P]parking fees for motorcycles and buses at State parks, forests and recreation areas identified in (a) above, for the period beginning with Memorial Day weekend and ending on Labor Day inclusive, are as follows:

<u>Vehicle</u>	<u>[Weekdays]Fee</u>	<u>[Weekends and Holidays]</u>
1. Motorcycle	\$5.00 (NJ resident) \$7.00 (non-resident)	[\$10.00]
2. Bus (out-of-State groups)	[\$105.00]\$120.00/bus	[\$105.00]

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3. Bus (in-State groups) [\$55.00] **\$65.00**/bus [\$55.00]

(d) [The fee for an annual parking pass for automobiles and motorcycles at all State parks, forests and recreation areas is \$50.00. The fee for a second annual parking pass purchased by an individual residing in the same household as the first permit holder is \$25.00.] **Each bus group shall pay a reservation deposit equal to \$25.00 per bus, at the time the reservation is made. The deposit is refundable if the group cancels its reservations six or more calendar days prior to the reserved date; thereafter, the deposit is non-refundable.**

(e) **An annual parking pass for automobiles and motorcycles is available as follows:**

1. <u>Area</u>	<u>NJ resident</u>	<u>Non-resident</u>
All State parks, forests and recreation areas)*	\$50.00	\$75.00

***The fee for an annual pass for an oversized vehicle shall be twice the fee for a vehicle that is not oversized.**

2. The fee for a second annual parking pass when purchased at the same time as the first annual parking pass is \$25.00 for New Jersey residents, \$35.00 for non-residents and \$50.00 for oversized vehicles.

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[(e)](f) The daily or annual walk-in and bicycle fee for persons 12 years old and above at designated State parks, forests and recreation areas, for the period beginning with Memorial Day weekend and ending on Labor Day inclusive, is as follows:

1. (No change.)

2. An annual walk-in and bicycle pass purchased at one of the State parks, forests and recreation areas listed in [(e)] (f)1 above shall be honored for walk-in and bicycle admittance at any of the designated State parks, forests and recreation areas.

[(f)] (g) The daily or annual launch ramp fee at designated State parks and marinas are as follows:

<u>Area</u>	<u>Daily Fee</u>	<u>Annual Fee</u>
1. Leonardo State Marina	[\$15.00/launch] \$20.00/launch (NJ resident) \$25.00/launch (non-resident)	[\$150.00] \$170.00 (NJ resident) \$200.00 (non-resident)
2. Liberty State Park	[\$15.00/launch] \$20.00/launch (NJ resident) \$25.00/launch (non-resident)	[\$150.00] \$170.00 (NJ resident) \$200.00 (non-resident)

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| <p>3. Corson’s Inlet (beginning on Memorial Day weekend and Ending on Labor Day inclusive)</p> | <p>[\$10.00/launch]
 \$12.00/launch
 (NJ resident)
 \$20.00/launch (non-resident)</p> | <p>[\$55.00] \$60.00 (NJ resident)
 \$80.00 (non-resident)</p> |
| <p>4. Mullica River (beginning on Memorial Day Weekend and ending on Labor Day inclusive)</p> | <p>[\$10.00/launch
 \$55.00]
 \$12.00/launch (NJ resident)
 \$20.00/launch (non-resident)</p> | <p>\$60.00 (NJ resident)
 \$80.00 (non-resident)</p> |
| <p>5. Hopatcong State Park (beginning on April 1 and ending on the Friday before Memorial Day Weekend, and beginning the day after Labor Day and ending on October 31)</p> | <p>[\$10.00/launch]
 \$12.00/launch
 (NJ resident)
 \$20.00/launch (non-resident)</p> | <p>[\$55.00] \$60.00 (NJ resident)
 \$80.00 (non-resident)</p> |
| <p>6. D & R Canal (Bull’s Island Recreation Area boat launches) (beginning on Memorial Day weekend and Ending on Labor Day</p> | <p>\$12.00/launch(NJ resident)
 \$20.00/launch (non-resident)</p> | <p>\$60.00 (NJ resident)
 \$80.00 (non-resident)</p> |

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inclusive)

7. Parvin (Fisherman’s Landing) (beginning on Memorial Day weekend and Ending on Labor Day inclusive)

\$12.00/launch (NJ resident)	\$60.00 (NJ resident)
\$20.00/launch (non-resident)	\$80.00 (non-resident)

Memorial Day weekend and Ending on Labor Day inclusive)

[(g)](h) The fee for dry boat storage permits at designated State parks and recreation areas for the period from April 1 to October 31, issued pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:2-8.9, is as follows:

<u>Area</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Spruce Run	Single Boat Trailer (Half Rate after August 1)	[\$155.00] \$250.00 (NJ resident) \$295.00 (non-resident)
Spruce Run	Double Deck Boat Trailer (Half Rate after August 1)	[\$230.00] \$325.00 (NJ resident) \$370.00(non-resident)
Corson’s Inlet	Catamaran (Half Rate after August 1)	[\$180.00] \$200.00 (NJ resident) \$225.00 (non-resident)

Late Removal Fee – [~~\$30.00~~] **\$35.00**

Late Boat Storage Fee – [~~\$15.00~~] **\$20.00/Day**

Cancellation - \$35.00

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[(h)](i) The fee for dry boat storage permits for the period from November 1 to March 31, at designated State parks and recreation areas issued pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:2-8.9, is as follows:

<u>Area</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Spruce Run	Single Boat Trailer	[\$120.00]
		\$200.00 (NJ resident)
		240.00 (non-resident)
Spruce Run	Double Deck Boat Trailer	[\$180.00]
		\$260.00 (NJ resident)
		\$320.00 (non-resident)

(i) No daily parking fee for automobiles and motorcycles pursuant to (a), (b) and (c) above and no daily walk-in fee pursuant to (e) above shall be charged for New Jersey residents age 62 and over or who are totally disabled or who are active members of the New Jersey National Guard who have completed Initial Active Duty Training.

(j) Fees for the Spring Meadow Golf Course are as follows:

Type Fee

1. Green Fees

- i. Weekdays \$28.00
- ii. Saturdays, Sundays and State
designated holidays \$33.50
- iii. Senior Citizens (New Jersey)

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dents - Age 62 and over)

(weekdays only) \$19.00

iv. Twilight, weekdays (three hours \$23.00

before closing)

v. Twilight, weekends and State

designated holidays three hours

before closing) \$28.00

2. School team member practice \$7.50/student

3. Golf Carts:

i. Power (daily) \$36.50

ii. Power (twilight - three hours

before closing) \$30.50

iii. Power (disabled persons) (daily) \$18.50

iv. Power (disabled persons)

(twilight-three hours before

closing) \$15.50

v. Hand \$6.50

4. Club Rental \$24.00

5. Driving Range-includes one

club and one basket of balls

i. Small basket \$5.50

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ii. Large basket \$8.50]

[(k)](j) (No change in text.)

[(l)](k) The daily fee per person for admission to the Barnegat Lighthouse will be \$[1.00]**3.00** for each person age 12 and over **and \$1.00 for each person age six through 11** for the period beginning Memorial Day weekend and ending on Labor Day.

[(m)] (l) Fees for the Batsto, **Ringwood Manor, Twin Lights and Fort Mott** Historic Tour, are as follows:

<u>Age (years)</u>	<u>Fee</u>
1. Six [to] through 11	\$1.00/person
2. 12 and above	\$[2.00] 3.00 /person

(m) Fees for tours of the facilities at Washington Crossing State Park are as follows:

- 1. Museum/Ferry House \$3.00/person (Age 12 and over)**
- \$1.00/person (Age 6 through 11)**

7:2-17.2 Overnight use fees for services and facilities provided by the State Park Service

(a) Camping and overnight facilities permit fees shall be as follows:

<u>Type</u>	<u>Fee</u>
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1. Group campsites
\$[1.00] **3.00**/person/night based on the capacity of the campsite (**NJ resident**)
\$5.00/person/night based on the capacity of the campsite (non-resident)
2. Family campsites
\$20.00/night (**NJ resident**)
\$25.00/night (non-resident)
3. Wilderness campsites
\$17.00/night (**NJ resident**)
\$22.00/night (non-resident)
4. Lean-tos
\$[30.00] **35.00**/night (**NJ resident**)
40.00/night (non-resident)
5. Lean-tos (heated)
\$40.00/night (NJ resident)
\$45.00/night (non-resident)
- [5]6. Shelters
\$[10.00/bunk per night based on number of bunks]**\$48.00/night (NJ resident)**
\$60.00/night (non-resident)
- [6]7. Yurts
\$[30.00] **35.00**/night (**NJ resident**)
\$40.00/night (non-resident)
- [7]8. Primitive Campsites
\$[2.00] **\$3.00**/person per night (**NJ resident**)
\$5.00/person per night (non-resident)

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9. Commercial Backpacking \$35.00/group per night at Wawayanda State Park, High Point State Park, Stokes Forest and Worthington State Forest

(b) (No change.)

(c) Cabin permit fees shall be as follows:

	<u>Size and Type</u>	<u>Fee</u>
1.	Four bunks	[\$45.00] 55.00/night (NJ resident) \$65.00/night (non-resident)
2.	Six bunks	[\$65.00] 75.00/night (NJ resident) \$85.00/night (non-resident)
3.	Eight bunks	[\$85.00] 100.00/night (NJ resident) \$110.00/night (non-resident)
4.	12 bunks	[\$125.00] 140.00/night (NJ resident) \$150.00/night (non-resident)

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- 5. Group cabin \$[155.00] **175.00/night (NJ resident)**
- High Point 24 bunk, **\$185.00/night (non-resident)**
- Belleplain 30 bunk

(d) Miscellaneous camping and overnight facilities fees:

<u>Type</u>	<u>Fee</u>
1. Camping cancellation fee	\$40.00 or two nights stay, whichever is less (NJ resident)
	\$50.00 or two nights stay, whichever is less (non-resident)
2. [Group cabin] Overnight facility cancellation fee	\$[155.00] If cancelled seven days or less prior to the initial date of reservation, equivalent to the cost of a one night stay at the overnight facility reserved.
3. Equipment removal fee	\$[30.00] 40.00 (NJ resident)
	\$50.00 (non-resident)

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- 4. Equipment storage fee \$[15.00] **20.00/night (NJ Resident)**
\$30.00/night (non-resident)

- 5. **Pet friendly camping** **\$5.00/night (in addition to applicable camping or overnight use fee)**

- 6. **Extra vehicle** **\$5.00/night**

7:2-17.3 Miscellaneous fees for services and facilities when and where provided by the State Park Service

(a) Miscellaneous fees for services and facilities when and where provided by the State Park Service shall be as follows:

	<u>Service</u>	<u>Fee</u>
1.	(No change.)	
2.	Commercial Photography	\$325.00/day plus staff costs (except at Liberty State Park)
3.	Commercial Videos/ Advertisements	\$425.00/day plus staff costs (except at Liberty State Park)
4.	Commercial Movie	\$1,025.00/day plus staff costs (except at Liberty State Park)

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5. Student Video/Documentary \$55.00/day (requires a letter of request on official letterhead from a college, university, high school and/or vocational school, signed by the student's instructor.)

[5]6. Homeowners Firewood/Permit \$[20.00] **25.00/cord**

[6]7. Clothes dryer \$[1.00] **1.50**

[7]8. Clothes washer [\$1.00] **1.50**

9. Electric hookup \$5.00/night

10. Water hookup \$5.00/night

[8]11. Organized group picnic:

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- i. **Parking fee in effect** ~~[\$55.00]~~ **100.00/day**
(Cheesequake State Park, Spruce Run Recreation Area and Washington Crossing State Park) [reservation fee] **(NJ resident)** plus applicable vehicle parking fee [(reservation fee under (a)9 below included)]

\$150.00/day (non-resident),
plus applicable vehicle parking fee
 - ii. **No parking fee in effect** ~~[\$80.00]~~**125.00/day**
(Cheesequake State Park, Parvin State Park, Spruce Run Recreation Area, Voorhees State Park and Washington Crossing State Park) [(reservation fee under (a) 9 below included)]**(NJ resident)**

\$175.00/day (non-resident)
- 12. **Organized group picnic**
– without separate facilities:

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- i. Parking fee in effect \$55.00/day (NJ resident)**
 - (Bass River State Forest, plus applicable vehicle parking**
 - Belleplain State Forest, fee**
 - High Point State Park,**
 - Stokes State Forest and \$65.00/day (non-resident)**
 - Swartwood State Park) Plus applicable vehicle parking**
 - fee**
 - ii. Parking fee not in effect \$80.00/day (NJ resident)**
 - (Brendan T. Byrne, \$90.00/day (non-resident)**
 - Cape May Point State**
 - Park, Fort Mott State**
 - Park, High Point State**
 - Park, Stephens State**
 - Park, Stokes State**
 - Forest, and Swartwood**
 - State Park)**
- [9] 13. Cancellation fee 50 percent of fee**
- [10] 14. Special Use permit (non-commercial) \$[55.00] 60.00 plus staff**
- administrative costs (NJ**
- resident)**
- \$75.00 plus staff**
- administrative costs (non-**

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		resident)
15.	Special Use permit	\$150.00 plus staff
	(commercial)	administrative costs (NJ
		resident)
		\$200.00 plus staff
		administrative costs (non-
		resident)
[11]16.	Transient R/V trailer dumping	[\$15.00]20.00/dump (No fee for
	fee	registered campers) (NJ
		resident)
		\$30.00/dump (No fee for
		registered campers) (non-
		resident)
17.	Programming	Maximum \$25.00/person
18.	Reserved group tour	
	i. (Age 12 and over)	\$3.00/person
	ii. (Age 6 through 11)	\$1.00/person
19.	Conference facilities:	
	High Point Center	\$500.00/day/event
	Central Region Center	\$300.00/day/event
20.	Off-site interpretive fee	\$50.00/visit

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21.	Special event parking	\$5.00/car
22.	Allamuchy Mountain State Park (Waterloo Village) Concert Field	\$1,200/day/event plus staff costs
23.	Allamuchy Mountain State Park (Waterloo Village) grounds	\$400.00.day/event Plus staff costs
[12] 24.	Staff costs	\$[55.00] 60.00 /hour/employee
25.	Online reservation	\$9.25/transaction (when available)
26.	Online or Call Center reservation change	\$7.00/transaction
27.	Same day in person reservation	\$5.00/transaction (when available)
28.	Wi-Fi/internet connection	\$5.00/per stay (when available)

(b) Miscellaneous fees for services and facilities provided by the State Park Service at Island Beach State Park are as follows:

<u>Service</u>	<u>Fee</u>
1. Annual mobile [sportfishing]	\$195.00 (NJ resident)
sport fishing vehicle permit	\$225.00 (non-resident)

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- 2. Three-day mobile [sportfishing] \$ [50.00] **\$75.00 (NJ resident sport fishing vehicle permit \$90.00 (non-resident))**

- 3. **Mobile sport fishing vehicle permit replacement fee \$25.00**

(c) Miscellaneous fees for services and facilities provided by the State Park Service at Corson's Inlet State Park as follows:

	<u>Service</u>	<u>Fee</u>
1.	Annual mobile [sportfishing] sport fishing vehicle permit	\$50.00 (NJ resident) \$75.00 (non-resident)
2.	Mobile sport fishing vehicle permit replacement fee	\$25.00

(d) Miscellaneous fees for services and facilities provided by the State Park Service at Liberty State Park are as follows:

<u>Service</u>	<u>Fee</u>
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1. Use of Interpretive Center \$[275.00] **300.00/day/** event plus staff costs
2. Central Railroad of New Jersey (CRRNJ) Terminal Waiting Room \$[3,500.00] **3,900.00/day/event** plus staff costs
3. CRRNJ Terminal Concourse \$[2,000.00] **2,200.00/day/event** plus staff costs
4. CRRNJ Terminal Tunnels (North and South) \$[525.00] **580.00ea./day/event** plus staff costs
5. Ticketed Event at CRRNJ Terminal [Five] **10 percent** [of ticket sales] of **gross revenue** plus any fees charged for rental of other areas of the CRRNJ Terminal as specified above)
6. **CRRNJ Blue Comet Auditorium** **\$1,200.00/day/event plus staff costs**
7. **CRRNJ Riverside Conference Room** **\$700.00/day/event plus staff costs**
8. **CRRNJ Room 206A** **\$400.00/day/event plus staff costs**

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| | Classroom | |
| 9. | CRRNJ Room 206B | \$500.00/day/event plus staff costs |
| | Classroom | |
| 10. | CRRNJ Conference Room | \$800.00/day/event plus staff costs |
| | 306 (third floor, center room) | |
| [6.] 11. | [Boat docking fee for one arrival and one departure] | [\$325.00] 500.00 (one arrival and one departure) |
| | Liberty Terminal Dock | |
| 12. | Liberty Park Office Dock | \$325.00 (one arrival and one departure) |
| [7.] 13. | North or South Field[, Green Park, North or South Lawn Use or Dog Show Field] | [\$400.00] 450.00/day/event plus staff costs |
| 14. | South Lawn or Freedom Field | \$400.00 for ½ field
\$600.00 for full field |
| 15. | Small Freedom Field Picnic Pavilion | \$125.00/day (NJ resident)
\$175.00/day (non-resident) |
| 16. | Large Freedom Field Picnic Pavilion | \$175.00 /day (NJ resident)
\$225.00/day (non-resident) |
| 17. | Green Park (Green Ring) | \$10,000 plus a \$200.00 per acre fee |

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| | (Commercial) | for any area outside of the Green Ring, plus \$450.00/day setup for each day prior to the event and \$450.00/day breakdown for each day after the event |
| 18. | Green Park (Green Ring)
(Non-commercial) | \$1,000 plus a \$200.00 per acre fee for any area outside of the Green Ring, plus \$450.00/day setup for each day prior to the event and \$450.00/day breakdown for each day after the event |
| [8.] 19. | Special event parking,
Liberty Reserve Parking Lot
- daytime | [\$500.00 or \$5.00] \$700.00 or \$7.00/parking space/event (whichever is less) |
| 20. | Special event parking,
Liberty Reserve Parking
Lot - evening | \$5.00 per vehicle |
| [9.] 21. | Special event parking,
Liberty Ferry Parking Lot | \$7.00 per [car] vehicle |
| [10.] 22. | Special event parking,
Liberty Science Center
Parking Lot | \$7.00 per [car] vehicle |

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| [11.] 23. | Concert Site | Five percent of [ticket sales] all sales receipts (tickets and concessions) (\$[10,000] 15,000 minimum), plus \$450.00/day setup for each day prior to the event and \$450.00/day breakdown for each day after the event. |
| 24. | Commercial Photography | \$2,500/day plus staff costs and other applicable fees |
| 25. | Commercial Movie | \$2,500/day plus staff costs and other applicable fees |
| 26. | Commercial Video/Advertisement | \$2,500/day plus staff costs and other applicable fees |
| 27. | Student Video | \$55.00/day (requires a letter of request on official letterhead from a college, university, high school or vocational school, signed by the student's instructor) |

(e) Miscellaneous fees for services and facilities provided by the State Park Service at Wharton State Forest are as follows:

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1. Batsto Auditorium Fee \$[150.00] **200.00/day/event**, plus staff costs

(f) Miscellaneous fees for services and facilities provided by the State Park

Service at High Point State Park are as follows:

1. **High Point Center** **\$500.00/day/event, plus staff costs**

(g) Miscellaneous fees for services and facilities provided by the State Park Service at the State Park Service Central Region Office are as follows:

1. **Central Region Center** **\$300.00/day/event, plus staff costs**

7:2-17.4 Fees for services and facilities provided by the State Park Service at State marinas.

- (a) Fees for services and facilities provided by the State Park Service at the Forked

River State Marina are as follows:

1. Pleasure Seasonal berthholder permit fee:

<u>Season</u>	<u>Fee</u>
i. Summer (April 1 to October 31)	[\$67.00] \$70.00/foot length overall (NJ resident) \$80.00 ft length overall (non-resident)

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- ii. Winter (November 1 to March 31) [~~\$28.00~~] **\$32.00/foot** length overall (**NJ resident**)

\$37.00/foot length overall (non-resident)

2. Transient berthholder fee:

<u>Vessel Size</u>	<u>Daily</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
i. 40 feet and under	[\$2.50] \$3.00/foot length overall (NJ resident) \$4.00/foot length overall (non-resident)	[\$22.50] \$23.00/foot length overall (NJ resident) \$28.00/foot length overall (non-resident)
ii. 41 feet and over	\$3.00/foot length overall (NJ resident) \$5.00/foot length overall (non-resident)	\$28.00/foot length overall (NJ resident) \$30.00/foot length overall (non-resident)

3. Commercial berthholder fee (April 1 to October 31):

i. Charter vessel

- Six passengers and under \$73.00/foot length overall (**NJ resident**)

\$80.00/foot length overall (non-resident)

- ii. Other commercial vessel \$73.00/foot length overall

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(b) Fees for services and facilities provided by the State Park Service at the Leonardo

State Marina shall be as follows:

1. Pleasure seasonal berthholder permit fee:

<u>Season</u>	<u>Fee</u>
i. Summer (April 1 to October 31)	<p>[\$73.00]/foot** \$80.00 (NJ resident)</p> <p>(Minimum Fee Based on Applicable Berth Length)</p> <p>\$90.00/foot** (non-resident)</p> <p>(Minimum Fee Based on Applicable Berth Length)</p>

**This fee shall be based on the designated size of each boat slip. Any boat with an overall length that exceeds the designated size of the boat slip shall pay a boat slip fee based on the overall boat length at the rate outlined above. Overall boat length shall include any swim and/or bow platforms(s).

ii. Winter (November 1 to March 31)	<p>[\$28.00] \$32.00/foot length overall (NJ resident)</p> <p>\$37.00/foot length overall (non-resident)</p>
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2. Transient berthholder fee:

<u>[Berth]Vessel Size</u>	<u>Daily</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
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i. 40 feet and under	[\$2.50]/ \$3.00 /foot length overall (NJ resident)	[\$20.50] \$23.00 /foot length overall (NJ resident)
	\$4.00/foot length overall (non-resident)	\$28.00/foot length overall (non-resident)

ii. 41 feet and over	\$3.00/foot length overall (NJ resident)	\$28.00/foot length overall (NJ resident)
	\$5.00/foot length overall (non-resident)	\$30.00/foot length overall (non-resident)

3. Commercial berthholder fee (April 1 to October 31):

i. Charter Vessel	[\$95.00] \$105.00 /foot based on berth length.(NJ resident)
Six passengers and under	30-foot minimum berth length
	\$125.00/foot based on berth length (non-resident). 30-foot minimum berth length
ii. Other commercial vessel	\$95.00/foot length overall (NJ resident)
	\$100.00/foot length overall (non-resident)

(c) Fees for services and facilities provided by the State Park Service at the Marina in South Seaside Park, Berkeley Township, Ocean County, are as follows:

1. Pleasure seasonal berthholder permit fee:

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<u>Season</u>	<u>Fee</u>
i. Summer (April 1 to October 31)	[\$79.50] 80.00/ft.* (NJ resident) \$90.00/ft.* (non-resident)

*This fee shall be based on the designated size of each boat slip. Any boat with an overall length that exceeds the designated size of the boat slip shall pay a boat slip fee based on the overall boat length at the rate outlined above. Overall boat length shall include any swim and/or bow platforms(s).

2. Transient berthholder fee:

- i. ~~[\$2.50]~~**\$3.00/ft. length overall, per day based on the availability of berths (NJ resident);**
\$4.00/ft. length overall, per day based on the availability of berths (non-resident)

(d) (No change.)

7:2-17.8 Eligibility for a fee applicable to a New Jersey resident

(a) If a fee differs between a New Jersey resident and a non-resident, the following shall be eligible for a fee applicable to a New Jersey resident:

1. For a parking fee:

- i. A motor vehicle with a New Jersey license plate; or**
- ii. A person who is a resident of New Jersey, as evidenced by a valid government-issued identification;**

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- 2. For a per person fee or permit, a person who is a resident of New Jersey, as evidenced by a valid government-issued identification;**
- 3. For a fee associated with a boat, canoe or other vessel:**
 - i. A boat, canoe or other vessel with a New Jersey registration marked on the hull; or**
 - ii. A person who is a resident of New Jersey, as evidenced by a valid government-issued identification;**
- 4. For a fee associated with an overnight facility (other than a group reservation), a person who is a resident of New Jersey, as evidenced by a valid government-issued identification; and**
- 5. For a fee associated with a group reservation or permit, a group whose reservation or permit application is made by a person who is a resident of New Jersey, as evidenced by a valid government-issued identification. The New Jersey resident making the reservation or applying for the permit shall be among the group for the group to be eligible for the New Jersey resident fee.**
 - (b) If a valid government-issued identification is required under (a) above, the person claiming New Jersey residency shall have the identification available on his or her person for inspection by State Park Service employees at the time the person or group makes use of State facilities.**

7:2-17.9 Exemptions from fees

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- (a) No daily parking fee for automobiles and motorcycles and no daily walk-in fee shall be charged to a New Jersey resident who is:**
- 1. Aged 62 and over;**
 - 2. Totally disabled;**
 - 3. An active member of the New Jersey National Guard who has completed initial active duty training; or**
 - 4. A veteran attending an event by a veterans' organization at a State Park or forest.**
- (b) The Department shall not charge a facilities fee of any kind to any veterans' organization using a State Park or forest for an event.**