

Office of Regulatory Management
Economic Review Form

Agency name	Board of Wildlife Resources
Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) Chapter citation(s)	4VAC15-260
VAC Chapter title(s)	Game: Waterfowl and Waterfowl Blinds
Action title	Special sea duck area
Date this document prepared	June 14, 2023
Regulatory Stage (including Issuance of Guidance Documents)	Exempt Final

Cost Benefit Analysis

Complete Tables 1a and 1b for all regulatory actions. You do not need to complete Table 1c if the regulatory action is required by state statute or federal statute or regulation and leaves no discretion in its implementation.

Table 1a should provide analysis for the regulatory approach you are taking. Table 1b should provide analysis for the approach of leaving the current regulations intact (i.e., no further change is implemented). Table 1c should provide analysis for at least one alternative approach. You should not limit yourself to one alternative, however, and can add additional charts as needed.

Report both direct and indirect costs and benefits that can be monetized in Boxes 1 and 2. Report direct and indirect costs and benefits that cannot be monetized in Box 4. See the ORM Regulatory Economic Analysis Manual for additional guidance.

Table 1a: Costs and Benefits of the Proposed Changes (Primary Option)

(1) Direct & Indirect Costs & Benefits (Monetized)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarify designation of the special sea duck area. <p>Direct Costs: There are no anticipated direct costs associated with this proposal.</p> <p>Indirect Costs: There are no anticipated indirect costs associated with this proposal</p> <p>Direct Benefits: There are no anticipated direct benefits associated with this proposal.</p> <p>Indirect Benefits: Clarifying and simplifying the description of the special sea duck area should enhance the waterfowl hunter’s understanding of the regulatory requirement, helping avoid unintended violations which result in fines and other costs associated with resolving regulation violations.</p>	
(2) Present Monetized Values	Direct & Indirect Costs	Direct & Indirect Benefits
	(a) Indeterminate	(b) Indeterminate
(3) Net Monetized Benefit	Indeterminate	
(4) Other Costs & Benefits (Non-Monetized)		
(5) Information Sources		

Table 1b: Costs and Benefits under the Status Quo (No change to the regulation)

(1) Direct & Indirect Costs & Benefits (Monetized)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain the current designation of the special sea duck area. <p>Direct Costs: There are no anticipated direct costs associated with maintaining the status quo.</p> <p>Indirect Costs: Failure to clarify the existing special sea duck area could lead to unintended violations of a regulation that requires hunters to determine whether or not they are 800 yards offshore.</p> <p>Direct Benefits: There are no anticipated direct benefits associated with maintaining the status quo.</p>	
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	Indirect Benefits: There are no anticipated indirect benefits associated with maintaining the status quo.	
(2) Present Monetized Values	Direct & Indirect Costs	Direct & Indirect Benefits
	(a) Indeterminate	(b) Indeterminate
(3) Net Monetized Benefit	Indeterminate	
(4) Other Costs & Benefits (Non-Monetized)	Failure to amend the special sea duck area regulation would limit a waterfowl hunter's ability to chase and retrieve sea ducks injured while hunting waterfowl by preventing the use of a boat under power for retrieval. An inability to retrieve sea ducks with a boat under power routinely results in loss of the bird as crippled sea ducks can dive and swim underwater for several minutes before surfacing at a significant distance.	
(5) Information Sources	Department waterfowl program management data	

Table 1c: Costs and Benefits under Alternative Approach(es)

(1) Direct & Indirect Costs & Benefits (Monetized)	<p>Alternative Approach – Modify the designation of the special sea duck area.</p> <p>Direct Costs: There are no anticipated direct costs associated with this alternative.</p> <p>Indirect Costs: Various ways to describe the special sea duck area were considered in developing this proposal. All alternatives other than the current proposal require waterfowl hunters to estimate their distance from shore. Requiring hunters to estimate distance can lead to unintended regulation violations with associated fines and other costs associated with resolving violations.</p> <p>Direct Benefits: There are no anticipated direct benefits associated with this alternative.</p> <p>Indirect Benefits: There are no anticipated indirect benefits associated with this alternative.</p>
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(2) Present Monetized Values	Direct & Indirect Costs	Direct & Indirect Benefits
	(a) Indeterminate	(b) None
(3) Net Monetized Benefit	Indeterminate	
(4) Other Costs & Benefits (Non-Monetized)	None	
(5) Information Sources	N/A	

Impact on Local Partners

Use this chart to describe impacts on local partners. See Part 8 of the ORM Cost Impact Analysis Guidance for additional guidance.

Table 2: Impact on Local Partners

(1) Direct & Indirect Costs & Benefits (Monetized)	<p>Direct Costs: There are no anticipated direct costs to local partners.</p> <p>Indirect Costs: There are no anticipated indirect costs to local partners.</p> <p>Direct Benefits: There are no anticipated direct benefits to local partners.</p> <p>Indirect Benefits: There are no anticipated indirect benefits to local partners.</p>	
(2) Present Monetized Values	Direct & Indirect Costs	Direct & Indirect Benefits
	(a) None	(b) None
(3) Other Costs & Benefits (Non-Monetized)	None	
(4) Assistance	N/A	
(5) Information Sources	N/A	

Impacts on Families

Use this chart to describe impacts on families. See Part 8 of the ORM Cost Impact Analysis Guidance for additional guidance.

Table 3: Impact on Families

(1) Direct & Indirect Costs & Benefits (Monetized)	<p>Direct Costs: There are no anticipated direct costs to families.</p> <p>Indirect Costs: There are no anticipated indirect costs to families.</p> <p>Direct Benefits: There are no anticipated direct benefits to families.</p> <p>Indirect Benefits: There are no anticipated indirect benefits to families.</p>	
(2) Present Monetized Values	Direct & Indirect Costs	Direct & Indirect Benefits
	(a) None	(b) None
(3) Other Costs & Benefits (Non-Monetized)	None	
(4) Information Sources	N/A	

Impacts on Small Businesses

Use this chart to describe impacts on small businesses. See Part 8 of the ORM Cost Impact Analysis Guidance for additional guidance.

Table 4: Impact on Small Businesses

(1) Direct & Indirect Costs & Benefits (Monetized)	<p>Direct Costs: There are no anticipated direct costs to small businesses.</p> <p>Indirect Costs: There are no anticipated indirect costs to small businesses.</p> <p>Direct Benefits: There are no anticipated direct benefits to small businesses.</p> <p>Indirect Benefits: There are no anticipated indirect benefits to small businesses.</p>	
(2) Present Monetized Values	Direct & Indirect Costs	Direct & Indirect Benefits

	(a) None	(b) None
(3) Other Costs & Benefits (Non-Monetized)	None	
(4) Alternatives	N/A/	
(5) Information Sources	N/A	

Changes to Number of Regulatory Requirements

Table 5: Regulatory Reduction

For each individual action, please fill out the appropriate chart to reflect any change in regulatory requirements, costs, regulatory stringency, or the overall length of any guidance documents.

Change in Regulatory Requirements

VAC Section(s) Involved	Initial Count	Additions	Subtractions	Net Change
4VAC15-260-120	3	0	1	-1

Cost Reductions or Increases (if applicable)

VAC Section(s) Involved	Description of Regulatory Requirement	Initial Cost	New Cost	Overall Cost Savings/Increases
4VAC15-260-120	Clarify designation of the special sea duck area.	Indeterminate	Indeterminate	Indeterminate

Other Decreases or Increases in Regulatory Stringency (if applicable)

VAC Section(s) Involved	Description of Regulatory Change	Overview of How It Reduces or Increases Regulatory Burden
4VAC15-260-120	Clarify designation of the special sea duck area.	This action removes a regulatory requirement that unduly prohibits waterfowl hunters from pursuing crippled sea ducks in an efficient manner, eliminating 1 of 3 requirements in this regulation section (33% regulatory reduction). Further, this action clarifies and simplifies the designation of the special sea duck zone to aid in understanding and compliance by waterfowl hunters.

Length of Guidance Documents (only applicable if guidance document is being revised)

Title of Guidance Document	Original Length	New Length	Net Change in Length
N/A			

