

Final Proposed Filing - Coversheet

Instructions:

In accordance with Title 3 Chapter 25 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated and the "Rule on Rulemaking" adopted by the Office of the Secretary of State, this filing will be considered complete upon filing and acceptance of these forms with the Office of the Secretary of State, and the Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules.

All forms shall be submitted at the Office of the Secretary of State, no later than 3:30 pm on the last scheduled day of the work week.

The data provided in text areas of these forms will be used to generate a notice of rulemaking in the portal of "Proposed Rule Postings" online, and the newspapers of record if the rule is marked for publication. Publication of notices will be charged back to the promulgating agency.

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Certification Statement: As the adopting Authority of this rule (see 3 V.S.A. § 801 (b) (11) for a definition), I approve the contents of this filing entitled:

10 V.S.A. App. §15a, Fees for the use of Fish and Wildlife Department Lands and Facilities

/s/Julie Moore

(signature)

, on 01/13/2026

(date)

Printed Name and Title:

Julie Moore, Secretary
Agency of Natural Resources

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1. TITLE OF RULE FILING:

10 V.S.A. App. §15a, Fees for the use of Fish and Wildlife Department Lands and Facilities

2. PROPOSED NUMBER ASSIGNED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE
25P 041

3. ADOPTING AGENCY:

Vermont Agency of Natural Resources, Department of Fish and Wildlife

4. PRIMARY CONTACT PERSON:

(A PERSON WHO IS ABLE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CONTENT OF THE RULE).

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Web URL *(WHERE THE RULE WILL BE POSTED):*

<https://www.vtfishandwildlife.com/about-us/commissioners-office/commissioners-rules>

5. SECONDARY CONTACT PERSON:

(A SPECIFIC PERSON FROM WHOM COPIES OF FILINGS MAY BE REQUESTED OR WHO MAY ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT FORMS SUBMITTED FOR FILING IF DIFFERENT FROM THE PRIMARY CONTACT PERSON).

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6. RECORDS EXEMPTION INCLUDED WITHIN RULE:

(DOES THE RULE CONTAIN ANY PROVISION DESIGNATING INFORMATION AS CONFIDENTIAL; LIMITING ITS PUBLIC RELEASE; OR OTHERWISE, EXEMPTING IT FROM INSPECTION AND COPYING?) No

IF YES, CITE THE STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR THE EXEMPTION:

PLEASE SUMMARIZE THE REASON FOR THE EXEMPTION:

7. LEGAL AUTHORITY / ENABLING LEGISLATION:

(THE SPECIFIC STATUTORY OR LEGAL CITATION FROM SESSION LAW INDICATING WHO THE ADOPTING ENTITY IS AND THUS WHO THE SIGNATORY SHOULD BE. THIS SHOULD BE A SPECIFIC CITATION NOT A CHAPTER CITATION).

10 V.S.A. § 4132(e)

8. EXPLANATION OF HOW THE RULE IS WITHIN THE AUTHORITY OF THE AGENCY:

The Commissioner of the Department of Fish and Wildlife is explicitly directed in statute, subject to the approval of the Secretary, to adopt rules establishing reasonable fees for the use of lands, roads, buildings, other property, and the use of and tuition for the Green Mountain Conservation Camps.

9. THE FILING HAS NOT CHANGED SINCE THE FILING OF THE PROPOSED RULE.

10. THE AGENCY HAS NOT INCLUDED WITH THIS FILING A LETTER EXPLAINING IN DETAIL WHAT CHANGES WERE MADE, CITING CHAPTER AND SECTION WHERE APPLICABLE.

11. SUBSTANTIAL ARGUMENTS AND CONSIDERATIONS WERE NOT RAISED FOR OR AGAINST THE ORIGINAL PROPOSAL.

12. THE AGENCY HAS INCLUDED COPIES OF ALL WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS AND SYNOPSIS OF ORAL COMMENTS RECEIVED.

13. THE AGENCY HAS INCLUDED A LETTER EXPLAINING IN DETAIL THE REASONS FOR THE AGENCY'S DECISION TO REJECT OR ADOPT THEM.

14. CONCISE SUMMARY (150 WORDS OR LESS):

The proposed rule amendments would update Green Mountain Conservation Camp tuition rates from \$250 to \$300 per week, and modify the Day Use and wedding facility rental fees at Buck Lake and Kehoe Education Centers. Day use rentals of Buck Lake and Kehoe would increase to \$300 per day for partnering organizations, and \$600 per day for private entities.

15. EXPLANATION OF WHY THE RULE IS NECESSARY:

The proposed amendments are necessary to offset Department costs associated with facility rentals, maintain a financially viable facility rental program, and continue to provide high-quality outdoor educational programming at the Green Mountain

Conservation Camps (GMCC). Furthermore, the proposed facility rental fee amendments are necessary to ensure that expenses related to staff coverage, prep work, and cleaning, are covered at Department facilities. The proposed fees will not generate profit; they are intended to mitigate losses associated with facility rentals and create financial stability so the Department can continue to offer low-cost facility rentals to the community. The rule has not been updated since 2013, and Department expenses associated with staff time and maintenance of facilities have increased substantially without any commensurate increase in rental fees.

16. EXPLANATION OF HOW THE RULE IS NOT ARBITRARY:

The proposed fees represent a proportional increase based on increased expenses associated with the operation of Department facilities, and are reasonable based on all available information. The current GMCC tuition rate of \$250/person is significantly lower than any other residential summer camp in Vermont. The increase in tuition fees will allow the GMCC program to remain financially viable and allow the Department to pay competitive staff salaries and attract and employ qualified hunters, anglers, outdoor enthusiasts, and environmental education professionals.

Regarding the proposed increased facility rental fees, under the current fee structure the Department incurs costs every time it hosts an event at its GMCC facilities. The rental fees at these facilities are well below market rate for equivalent rentals, and mitigating expenditures to move closer to a balanced budget is critical to maintaining the financial viability of the rental program.

17. LIST OF PEOPLE, ENTERPRISES AND GOVERNMENT ENTITIES AFFECTED BY THIS RULE:

GMCC campers and their families

Partner entities renting Department facility space

Private entities renting Department facility space.

18. BRIEF SUMMARY OF ECONOMIC IMPACT (150 WORDS OR LESS):

The GMCC tuition fees will increase from \$250 to \$300 per camper per week, representing a 20% increase in

tuition. This will impact the families of campers, but it should be noted that \$300 per week is still significantly lower than other residential summer camps in Vermont. Additionally, roughly 25% of GMCC campers are sponsored, meaning community organization or individual donations paid for 50-100% of their tuition fee. Rental fees for Department facilities will be subject to increases from \$100 to \$175, depending on the facility. Rentals for weddings will increase from from \$3,000 to \$5,000, or \$4,000 if a certified wedding planner is used for the event.

19. A HEARING WAS NOT HELD.

20. HEARING INFORMATION

(THE FIRST HEARING SHALL BE NO SOONER THAN 30 DAYS FOLLOWING THE POSTING OF NOTICES ONLINE).

IF THIS FORM IS INSUFFICIENT TO LIST THE INFORMATION FOR EACH HEARING, PLEASE ATTACH A SEPARATE SHEET TO COMPLETE THE HEARING INFORMATION.

Date:

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21. DEADLINE FOR COMMENT (NO EARLIER THAN 7 DAYS FOLLOWING LAST HEARING):

KEYWORDS (PLEASE PROVIDE AT LEAST 3 KEYWORDS OR PHRASES TO AID IN THE SEARCHABILITY OF THE RULE NOTICE ONLINE).

Department of Fish and Wildlife

Buck Lake

Kehoe

Green Mountain Conservation Camp

Fees

Facility fees



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Agency Of Natural Resources

January 13, 2026

Lindsey Schreier, Committee Assistant
Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules
Vermont State House
115 State Street
Montpelier, VT 05633-5301

Re: Final Proposed Rule: 10 V.S.A. App. §15a, *Fees for the use of Fish and Wildlife Department Lands and Facilities*

Dear Ms. Schreier,

Enclosed for filing please find the final proposed amendments to the Department of Fish and Wildlife Rule titled *Fees for the use of Fish and Wildlife Department Lands and Facilities*.

The proposed rule amendments will increase tuition for the Green Mountain Conservation Camps and increase certain facility rental fees at the Edward F. Kehoe Education Center and Buck Lake Conservation Camp. The proposed fee increases are necessary for the Department to maintain a financially stable facility maintenance and rental program, and to continue to provide high-quality outdoor educational programming at the Green Mountain Conservation Camps (GMCC).

No changes to the rule have been proposed since the filing of the Proposed Rule with the Secretary of State. The attached filing includes the complete Final Proposed Rule filing forms, the annotated and clean copies of the rule, and the public comment response summary. All written public comments received are also attached. Thank you for your assistance and please don't hesitate to contact me at 802-461-8187 or hannah.smith@vermont.gov with any questions.

Sincerely,

Hannah Smith, Esq., General Counsel
Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife



Adopting Page

Instructions:

This form must accompany each filing made during the rulemaking process:

Note: To satisfy the requirement for an annotated text, an agency must submit the entire rule in annotated form with proposed and final proposed filings. Filing an annotated paragraph or page of a larger rule is not sufficient. Annotation must clearly show the changes to the rule.

When possible, the agency shall file the annotated text, using the appropriate page or pages from the Code of Vermont Rules as a basis for the annotated version. New rules need not be accompanied by an annotated text.

1. TITLE OF RULE FILING:

10 V.S.A. App. §15a, Fees for the use of Fish and Wildlife Department Lands and Facilities

2. ADOPTING AGENCY:

Vermont Agency of Natural Resources, Department of Fish and Wildlife

3. TYPE OF FILING (*PLEASE CHOOSE THE TYPE OF FILING FROM THE DROPODOWN MENU BASED ON THE DEFINITIONS PROVIDED BELOW*):

- **AMENDMENT** - Any change to an already existing rule, even if it is a complete rewrite of the rule, it is considered an amendment if the rule is replaced with other text.
- **NEW RULE** - A rule that did not previously exist even under a different name.
- **REPEAL** - The removal of a rule in its entirety, without replacing it with other text.

This filing is **AN AMENDMENT OF AN EXISTING RULE** .

4. LAST ADOPTED (*PLEASE PROVIDE THE SOS LOG#, TITLE AND EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE LAST ADOPTION FOR THE EXISTING RULE*):

SOS Log #13-017, Fees for the use of Fish and Wildlife Department Lands and Facilities, July 12, 2013.

Interagency Committee on Administrative Rules (ICAR) Minutes

Date/Time: November 17, 2025, 2:00 PM

Location: Virtually via Microsoft Teams

Members Present: Nick Kramer, Jared Adler, John Kessler, Natalie Weill, Michael Obuchowski, Nicole Dubuque, John Kessler, Jennifer Mojo

Members Absent: Diane Sherman

Minutes By: Chrissy Gilhuly

- ▶ 2:02 p.m. meeting called to order
- ▶ Review and approval of minutes from the November 10, 2025 [meeting](#).
- ▶ No additions/deletions to agenda. Agenda approved as drafted.
- ▶ No public comments were made.
- ▶ Presentation of Proposed Rule with recommended changes on pages to follow:
 1. Agency of Natural Resources - Fish and Wildlife Department
 - The Rule: 10 V.S.A. App. §15a, Fees for the use of Fish and Wildlife Department Lands and Facilities
 - a. The proposed rule amendments would update Green Mountain Conservation Camp tuition rates from \$250 to \$300 per week and modify the Day Use and wedding facility rental fees at Buck Lake and Kehoe Education Centers. Day use rentals of Buck Lake and Kehoe would increase to \$300 per day for partnering organizations and \$600 per day for private entities.
- ▶ Next scheduled meeting is December 8, at 2:00 p.m.
- ▶ 2:21 p.m. meeting adjourned.

Vermont Agency of Administration

Proposed Rule: Agency of Natural Resources, Department of Fish and Wildlife. The Rule: 10 V.S.A. App. §15a, Fees for the use of Fish and Wildlife Department Lands and Facilities

Presented By: Hannah Smith, General Counsel, and Alison Smith, Director of Outreach Division; Department of Fish and Wildlife

Motion made to accept the rule by Nicole Dubuque, seconded by John Kessler, and passed unanimously with the following recommendations:

- 1) Proposed Filing – Coversheet:
 - a. #11 – consistency with capitalization on the word the Department.
 - b. #12 – At the end of the paragraph, clarify exactly what “licensed” wedding planner means.

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Economic Impact Analysis

Instructions:

In completing the economic impact analysis, an agency analyzes and evaluates the anticipated costs and benefits to be expected from adoption of the rule; estimates the costs and benefits for each category of people enterprises and government entities affected by the rule; compares alternatives to adopting the rule; and explains their analysis concluding that rulemaking is the most appropriate method of achieving the regulatory purpose. If no impacts are anticipated, please specify “No impact anticipated” in the field.

Rules affecting or regulating schools or school districts must include cost implications to local school districts and taxpayers in the impact statement, a clear statement of associated costs, and consideration of alternatives to the rule to reduce or ameliorate costs to local school districts while still achieving the objectives of the rule (see 3 V.S.A. § 832b for details).

Rules affecting small businesses (excluding impacts incidental to the purchase and payment of goods and services by the State or an agency thereof), must include ways that a business can reduce the cost or burden of compliance or an explanation of why the agency determines that such evaluation isn’t appropriate, and an evaluation of creative, innovative or flexible methods of compliance that would not significantly impair the effectiveness of the rule or increase the risk to the health, safety, or welfare of the public or those affected by the rule.

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10 V.S.A. App. §15a, Fees for the use of Fish and Wildlife Department Lands and Facilities

2. ADOPTING AGENCY:

Vermont Agency of Natural Resources, Department of Fish and Wildlife

3. CATEGORY OF AFFECTED PARTIES:

LIST CATEGORIES OF PEOPLE, ENTERPRISES, AND GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES POTENTIALLY AFFECTED BY THE ADOPTION OF THIS RULE AND THE ESTIMATED COSTS AND BENEFITS ANTICIPATED:

Campers attending GMCC and their families will be impacted by the proposed tuition increase from \$250 to \$300 per camper per week, representing a 20% increase in tuition costs. Roughly 25% of GMCC campers are sponsored, meaning community organization or individual

donations paid for 50-100% of their tuition fee. Based on feedback the Department has received in recent years from sponsoring organizations, the Department anticipates that the robust network of sponsoring organizations currently in place will alleviate this burden through financial aid offerings to any camper in need.

Day use fees at Kehoe will increase from \$175 to \$300 for partner organizations.

Day use fees at Buck Lake will increase from \$125 to \$300.

Day use fees at Kehoe will increase from \$500 to \$600 for private entities. A new provision is added to impose a \$600 private entity rental fee at Buck Lake. The Department is also proposing to create some parity by eliminating the existing \$750 Weekend day-use fee for private entities at Kehoe, and imposing the \$600 fee every day of the week.

For individuals renting the camp space for weddings, the wedding rental fee at Kehoe will increase from \$3,000 to \$5,000, or \$4,000 if a licensed wedding planner is used for the event.

The Department anticipates a public benefit associated with the fee increases, which will allow the Department to maintain a financially stable facility rental program for the community, and to continue to provide high-quality outdoor educational programming at the Green Mountain Conservation Camps.

4. IMPACT ON SCHOOLS:

INDICATE ANY IMPACT THAT THE RULE WILL HAVE ON PUBLIC EDUCATION, PUBLIC SCHOOLS, LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND/OR TAXPAYERS CLEARLY STATING ANY ASSOCIATED COSTS:

The rule amendments will not have an impact on public schools.

5. ALTERNATIVES: CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES TO THE RULE TO REDUCE OR AMELIORATE COSTS TO LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS WHILE STILL ACHIEVING THE OBJECTIVE OF THE RULE.

The proposed rule amendments will not impact schools.

6. IMPACT ON SMALL BUSINESSES:

INDICATE ANY IMPACT THAT THE RULE WILL HAVE ON SMALL BUSINESSES (EXCLUDING IMPACTS INCIDENTAL TO THE PURCHASE AND PAYMENT OF GOODS AND SERVICES BY THE STATE OR AN AGENCY THEREOF):

The Department does not anticipate that the rule amendments will have an impact on small businesses.

7. SMALL BUSINESS COMPLIANCE: EXPLAIN WAYS A BUSINESS CAN REDUCE THE COST/BURDEN OF COMPLIANCE OR AN EXPLANATION OF WHY THE AGENCY DETERMINES THAT SUCH EVALUATION ISN'T APPROPRIATE.

The proposed rule amendments will not have an impact on small businesses.

8. COMPARISON:

COMPARE THE IMPACT OF THE RULE WITH THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF OTHER ALTERNATIVES TO THE RULE, INCLUDING NO RULE ON THE SUBJECT OR A RULE HAVING SEPARATE REQUIREMENTS FOR SMALL BUSINESS:

The proposed rule amendments will not have an impact on small businesses.

9. SUFFICIENCY: DESCRIBE HOW THE ANALYSIS WAS CONDUCTED, IDENTIFYING RELEVANT INTERNAL AND/OR EXTERNAL SOURCES OF INFORMATION USED.

This analysis is based on an assessment of all available information about the current usage of Department of Fish and Wildlife facilities.

Environmental Impact Analysis

Instructions:

In completing the environmental impact analysis, an agency analyzes and evaluates the anticipated environmental impacts (positive or negative) to be expected from adoption of the rule; compares alternatives to adopting the rule; explains the sufficiency of the environmental impact analysis. If no impacts are anticipated, please specify "No impact anticipated" in the field.

Examples of Environmental Impacts include but are not limited to:

- Impacts on the emission of greenhouse gases
- Impacts on the discharge of pollutants to water
- Impacts on the arability of land
- Impacts on the climate
- Impacts on the flow of water
- Impacts on recreation
- Or other environmental impacts

1. TITLE OF RULE FILING:

10 V.S.A. App. §15a, Fees for the use of Fish and Wildlife Department Lands and Facilities

2. ADOPTING AGENCY:

Vermont Agency of Natural Resources, Department of Fish and Wildlife

3. GREENHOUSE GAS: *EXPLAIN HOW THE RULE IMPACTS THE EMISSION OF GREENHOUSE GASES (E.G. TRANSPORTATION OF PEOPLE OR GOODS; BUILDING INFRASTRUCTURE; LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT, WASTE GENERATION, ETC.):*

The proposed rule amendments will not have an impact on the emission of greenhouse gasses.

4. WATER: *EXPLAIN HOW THE RULE IMPACTS WATER (E.G. DISCHARGE / ELIMINATION OF POLLUTION INTO VERMONT WATERS, THE FLOW OF WATER IN THE STATE, WATER QUALITY ETC.):*

The proposed rule amendments will not impact water quality.

5. LAND: EXPLAIN HOW THE RULE IMPACTS LAND (E.G. IMPACTS ON FORESTRY, AGRICULTURE ETC.):

The proposed rule amendments will not impact land use.

6. RECREATION: EXPLAIN HOW THE RULE IMPACTS RECREATION IN THE STATE:

The proposed rule amendments will contribute to the continued financial viability of conservation camps in the state, which actively work to promote an interest in outdoor recreation among campers.

7. CLIMATE: EXPLAIN HOW THE RULE IMPACTS THE CLIMATE IN THE STATE:

The proposed rule amendments will not impact the climate.

8. OTHER: EXPLAIN HOW THE RULE IMPACT OTHER ASPECTS OF VERMONT'S ENVIRONMENT:

The proposed rule amendments are not anticipated to have other environmental impacts.

9. SUFFICIENCY: DESCRIBE HOW THE ANALYSIS WAS CONDUCTED, IDENTIFYING RELEVANT INTERNAL AND/OR EXTERNAL SOURCES OF INFORMATION USED.

This analysis is based on an assessment of all available information about the current usage of Department of Fish and Wildlife facilities..

Public Input Maximization Plan

Instructions:

Agencies are encouraged to hold hearings as part of their strategy to maximize the involvement of the public in the development of rules. Please complete the form below by describing the agency's strategy for maximizing public input (what it did do, or will do to maximize the involvement of the public).

This form must accompany each filing made during the rulemaking process:

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2. ADOPTING AGENCY:

Vermont Agency of Natural Resources, Department of Fish and Wildlife

3. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE AGENCY'S STRATEGY TO MAXIMIZE PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROPOSED RULE, LISTING THE STEPS THAT HAVE BEEN OR WILL BE TAKEN TO COMPLY WITH THAT STRATEGY:

The Department sent notification of the proposed tuition fee changes to all active camper-sponsoring organizations last December, seeking feedback on the proposal. No feedback was received on the proposed changes. The Department will have a 30-day public comment period. The proposed rule language will be posted to the Department's website and publicized through press releases issued by the Department.

4. BEYOND GENERAL ADVERTISEMENTS, PLEASE LIST THE PEOPLE AND ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN OR WILL BE INVOLVED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROPOSED RULE:

Department staff.

Public Input

Responsiveness Summary

On November 21, 2025, the Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife filed amendments to the *Fees for the use of Fish and Wildlife Department Lands and Facilities* rule (cited at 10 V.S.A. App. § 15a). The proposed rule amendments would update Green Mountain Conservation Camp (GMCC) tuition rates from \$250 to \$300 per week and modify the Day Use and wedding facility rental fees at Buck Lake and Kehoe Education Centers. Day use rentals of Buck Lake and Kehoe would increase to \$300 per day for partnering organizations, and \$600 per day for private entities. During the public notice and comment period, the Department received comments from five individuals. Three of those comments expressed support for the fee increases. The following is a summary of the substantive comments received, and the Department's responses. Comments have been summarized and consolidated for organizational purposes.

Comment 1: The proposed fee increases represent a 20% to 600% increase over existing fees for certain facility rentals, which is unreasonable. The fees should be limited to a 3% increase, based on the current rate of inflation.

Response: GMCC tuition and facility fee rental rates were last updated in 2013, they are not increased annually based on inflation. The proposed fees were calculated based on proportional increases in expenses incurred by the Department associated with operation of Department facilities. Specifically, expenses associated with staff time and maintenance of rental facilities have increased significantly, as well as the cost of food service for campers. Additionally, the Department would like to be able to offer competitive salaries to GMCC staff, to employ highly qualified environmental education professionals. The GMCC tuition fee increase from \$250 to \$300 per camper per week represents a 20% increase, but the current operating cost per camper attending a GMCC session is approximately \$600. As operating costs have continually increased in recent years, the Department is proposing to increase camp fees to generate sufficient funds to cover half of the expenditures. This will allow the Department to mitigate expenditures and continue supporting quality conservation education experiences for all campers.

The current and proposed increased rental fees are well below current market rate for equivalent rentals. The intent of the proposed fee increase is to ensure that expenses related to prep work, cleaning, and staff oversight are covered. The fee for private entities is higher to account for necessary staff coverage during those events. The proposed increased fees will not generate profit; they are intended to mitigate losses associated with facility rentals and create financial stability so the Department can continue to offer low-cost facility rentals to the community.

Fees for the Use of Fish and Wildlife Department Lands and Facilities (10 App. V.S.A. § 15a)
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Comment 2: Who qualifies as a certified wedding planner under Section 4.1(c)? There are a number of different organizations that offer this type of certification.

Response: The Department considers a certified wedding planner to be a professional who holds accreditation with the American Association of Certified Wedding Planners, or the equivalent.

Comment 3: Why is there a rental discount offered for weddings using a certified wedding planner?

Response: The use of Department facilities for weddings requires significant staff time for prep and cleaning of the facilities. Weddings utilizing certified professional planners require less Department staff time and engagement, and similar venues offer discounts for events utilizing wedding planner.

From: ANR - FW GMCC
Sent: Thursday, December 18, 2025 10:22 AM
To: Connolly, Abigail; Smith, Hannah
Subject: FW: 2026 GMCC

Hi Abigail and Hannah,

Below is an email from Marcia Marble in response to the potential fee increase for GMCC tuition. Marica handles camp sponsorships for VT Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs, Lamoille Valley Fish and Game Club, and Morrisville Rotary Club, and is very active in sending kids to GMCC.

This is the only email in the realm of public comment I have received thus far, but I will forward along any other I may receive.

Thanks!
Hannah



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From: Marcia and Roy Marble <mmarrealty@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 17, 2025 11:40 AM
To: ANR - FW GMCC <ANR.FWGMCC@vermont.gov>
Subject: Re: 2026 GMCC

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If you need my vote to raise the fee, here it is.
thanks,
Marcia

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On Wednesday, December 17, 2025 at 11:31:21 AM EST, ANR - FW GMCC <anr.fwgmcc@vermont.gov> wrote:

Thanks Marcia!

I will send out the sponsorship forms ASAP—we are in a bit of a holding pattern as we are waiting on the legislative rule process to make a determination on our request to increase camp fees to \$300 per child this year.

Thanks for your patience and willingness to preemptively keep track of campers!

Best,

Hannah



Hannah Lafont | Education Specialist

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<https://vtfishandwildlife.com/learn-more/gmcc>

From: Marcia and Roy Marble <mmarrealty@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 17, 2025 11:03 AM
To: ANR - FW GMCC <ANR.FWGMCC@vermont.gov>
Subject: 2026 GMCC

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Hi,

I already have a request for funding an advance week camper.

I will tell the Mom that the 2026 sponsorship forms are not yet available, however, I will keep their name as Number 1 for the VTFSC

available sponsorships.

Merry Christmas,

Marcia

Treasurer-still --of the VTFSC

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From: Zachary Pratt <zackpratphd@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 13, 2025 9:54 AM
To: ANR - FW Public Comment
Subject: "Commissioner's Rule 2008-01: Fees for the Use of Fish and Wildlife Department Lands and Facilities.
Attachments: 12-12-25 Zachary Pratt's Comments on Commissioner's Rule 2008-01.pdf

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Dear VT F&W Board Chair Ferland:

Attached are my thoughts relating to: "Commissioner's Rule 2008-01: Fees for the Use of Fish and Wildlife Department Lands and Facilities."

Sincerely,

Zachary Pratt, PhD
Rutland, Vermont

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December 12, 2025

Brad Ferland – Chair
Vermont Fish & Wildlife Board
Caledonia County
Hardwick, VT 05843

Dear Chair Ferland:

My comments here are in relation to the Department of Fish and Wildlife, "Commissioner's Rule 2008-01: Fees for the Use of Fish and Wildlife Department Lands and Facilities." In Section 4: I have in blue added my comments and suggest an increase of 3%, the rate of current inflation.

Title 10 Appendix: Vermont Fish and Wildlife Regulations
Chapter 001: Game
Subchapter 001: GENERAL PROVISIONS
(Cite as: 10 App. V.S.A. § 15a)
§ 15a. Fees for the Use of Fish and Wildlife Department Lands and Facilities

1.0 Authority.

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4.0 Fees.

4.1 Edward F. Kehoe Education Center

(a) Partnering Organizations and Municipalities

Education Center Day Use (per day/all facilities \$175 - \$300

This is a 71% increase of \$125. A 3% increase would be ≈ \$180 new fee.

~~Conference Room \$30/day, \$20/1/2 day~~

Damage Deposit (refundable if all requirements are met) \$150 day/use

Cabin Rental (Includes 4 people \$5 per additional person) \$60 / night

School Groups (K-12) Day Use \$5/per student

(b) Private Entity

~~Grounds - Day Use (Weekend) \$750~~

~~Grounds - Education Center Day Use (Weekday) \$500 - \$600~~

This is a 20% increase of \$100. A 3% increase would be ≈ \$515 new fee.

Conference Room (single) ~~\$200~~
Conference Room (double) ~~\$350~~

Weddings: ~~\$3,000 - \$5,000 or \$4,000 if a certified wedding planner is used for the event.~~
~~It is not clear what the need for a certified wedding planner would require a \$1,000 discount. What benefit does F&W expect to gain with this \$2,000 increase for do-it-yourselfers. I had no difficulty planning my wedding, no certified wedding planner needed. It would seem like there would be more paperwork on the F&W Dept. to track and keep the Certs in file, so the wedding planner fee should be larger of the two.~~

This is a 66.7% increase of \$2,000. A 3% increase would be ≈ \$3,090: new fee for the \$5,000.

This is a 33.3% increase of \$1,000. A 3% increase would be ≈ \$3,090: new fee for the \$4,000.

4.2 Buck Lake Conservation Camp

(a) Partnering Organizations and Municipalities

~~Education Center Facility Day Use (per day/all facilities): \$125 - \$300~~

This is a 140% increase of \$175. A 3% increase would be ≈ \$129 new fee.

Damage Deposit (refundable if all requirements met) \$150 /day us

(b) Private Entity

~~Education Center Facility Day Use (per day/all facilities) \$600~~

This is a 600 % increase of \$600. Should be the same as 4.1 (b) ≈ \$515 new fee.

~~Dining Hall Only \$50 day; \$25/1/2 day~~

Cabin Rentals (rate is for 4 people; \$5.00 per additional person) \$60/night

4.3 Conservation Camp Tuition \$250 - ~~\$300~~

This is a 20% increase of \$50. A 3% increase would be ≈ \$258 new fee.

4.4 Controlled Waterfowl Hunt ~~(Dead Creek & Mud Creek WMA)~~ \$10 /person

4.5 Meeting Rooms - Grand Isle Fish Culture Station, Gorden Center Training Facility \$25 /day

Overnight Accommodations - Gordon Center Training Facility \$25/person/night

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Conclusion:

The smallest increase asked for here is 20% and the largest is 600% in a year when it seems everybody in Vermont is being asked to pay outrageous amounts of money to fund government programs, I find these **rate increases unreasonable**.

Per - 1.1 This rule is adopted pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 4132(e) that requires the Commissioner of the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department to **adopt and publish regulations for reasonable fees** for the use of Department lands.

Sincerely,

Zachary Pratt

Zachary Pratt, PhD

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The increase seems reasonable to me and is still way under almost all summer camps.
Eric

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A society or culture is ultimately measured not by what it develops or consumes, but rather by what it has nurtured and preserved.

Jim Posewitz

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Regarding Section 4.1(c):

While I support the reduced price for weddings organized by a certified wedding planner, there is some ambiguity of who is a certified wedding planner. There are multiple organizations that offer this type of certification (American Association of Certified Wedding Planners, CWP Society, the Wedding Planner Institute, etc., even Vermont State University through Longevity). Since the Wedding Planner profession is not regulated by the Vermont Secretary of State's Office of Professions, how will the Commissioner ensure fair implementation of the reduced fee?

Bruce King
Manchester, Vt.

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Commissioner's Rule 2008-01

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Education Center Day Use (per day/all facilities): \$600

~~Dining Hall Only:~~ \$50/day; \$25/half day

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Title 10 : Conservation and Development

Chapter 103 : Department of Fish and Wildlife

Subchapter 003 : POWERS AND DUTIES

(Cite as: 10 V.S.A. § 4132)

§ 4132. General duties of Commissioner

- (a) The Commissioner shall have charge of the enforcement of the provisions of this part.
- (b) The Commissioner may publish such bulletins as he or she deems advisable for information and instruction concerning the work of the Department and shall keep an account of the business and proceedings of the Department. Any publication available to the general public that describes rules regarding boating and fishing shall include information about aquatic nuisances provided to the Commissioner.
- (c) The Commissioner may confer with the fish and wildlife directors or commissioners of other states and Canada.
- (d) The Commissioner of Fish and Wildlife may develop promotional programs to include the sale of promotional items at a reasonable profit, to promote hunting, fishing, and trapping and the use of wildlife management areas. Proceeds from the sale of promotional items shall be deposited in the Fish and Wildlife Fund.
- (e) The Commissioner, subject to the direction and approval of the Secretary, shall adopt and publish rules in the name of the Agency for reasonable fees or charges for the use of the lands, roads, buildings, other property, and the use of and tuition for the Green Mountain Conservation Camps, notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 603. Fees collected for the use of fish and wildlife lands and properties shall be deposited in the Fish and Wildlife Fund.
- (f) The Commissioner may collect data, conduct scientific research, and contract with qualified consultants for the purposes of managing fish and wildlife in the State and achieving the requirements and policies of this part. The Commissioner may designate

as confidential any records produced or acquired by Department staff or contractors in the conduct of a study of or research related to fish, wildlife, wild plants, or the habitat of fish, wildlife, or wild plants, if release of the records would present a threat of harm to a species or the habitat of a species. Records designated as confidential under this subsection shall be exempt from inspection and copying under the Public Records Act. Records of Department staff or contractors that are not designated as confidential under this subsection shall be available for inspection and copying under the Public Records Act. (Added 1961, No. 119, § 1, eff. May 9, 1961; amended 1991, No. 230 (Adj. Sess.), § 8; 2003, No. 121 (Adj. Sess.), § 68, eff. June 8, 2004; 2003, No. 163 (Adj. Sess.), § 10, eff. Jan. 1, 2006; 2005, No. 72, § 10; 2007, No. 76, § 26a; 2015, No. 97 (Adj. Sess.), § 24; 2017, No. 170 (Adj. Sess.), § 1.)



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Deadline For Public Comment

Deadline: Dec 24, 2025

The deadline for public comment has expired. Contact the agency or primary contact person listed below for assistance.

Rule Details

Rule Number:	25P041
Title:	10 V.S.A. Appendix §15a, Fees for the use of Fish and Wildlife Department Lands and Facilities.
Type:	Standard
Status:	Proposed
Agency:	Department of Fish and Wildlife, Agency of Natural Resources
Legal Authority:	10 V.S.A. § 4132(e)
Summary:	The proposed rule amendments would update Green Mountain Conservation Camp (GMCC) tuition rates from \$250 to \$300 per week, and modify the Day Use and wedding facility rental fees at Buck Lake and Kehoe Education Centers. Day use rentals of Buck Lake and Kehoe would increase to \$300 per day for partnering organizations, and \$600 per day for private entities.
Persons Affected:	Green Mountain Conservation Camp (GMCC) campers and their families; Partner entities renting Department facility space; Private entities renting Department facility space.
Economic Impact:	The GMCC tuition fees will increase from \$250 to \$300 per camper per week, representing a 20 increase in tuition. This will impact the families of campers, but it should be noted that \$300 per week is still significantly lower than other residential summer camps in Vermont. Additionally, roughly 25 of GMCC campers are sponsored, meaning community organization or individual donations paid for 50-100 of their tuition fee. Rental fees for Department facilities will be subject to increases from \$100 to \$175, depending on the facility. Rentals for weddings will increase from \$3,000 to \$5,000, or \$4,000 if a certified wedding planner is used for the event.

Hearing Information

There are not Hearings scheduled for this Rule

Contact Information

Information for Primary Contact

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Vermont Proposed Rule: 25P041

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