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## Exempt Action: Final Regulation Agency Background Document

<b>Agency name</b>	Virginia Board of Wildlife Resources
<b>Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) Chapter citation(s)</b>	4 VAC 15-430
<b>VAC Chapter title(s)</b>	Watercraft: Safety Equipment Requirements
<b>Action title</b>	Conforming boating equipment requirements to the federal Code of Federal Regulations
<b>Final agency action date</b>	August 18, 2022
<b>Date this document prepared</b>	October 11, 2022

This information is required for executive branch review pursuant to Executive Order 19 (2022) (EO 19), any instructions or procedures issued by the Office of Regulatory Management (ORM) or the Department of Planning and Budget (DPB) pursuant to EO 19. In addition, this information is required by the Virginia Registrar of Regulations pursuant to the Virginia Register Act (§ 2.2-4100 et seq. of the Code of Virginia). Regulations must conform to the Regulations for Filing and Publishing Agency Regulations (1 VAC 7-10), and the *Form and Style Requirements for the Virginia Register of Regulations and Virginia Administrative Code*.

### Brief Summary

*Provide a brief summary (preferably no more than 2 or 3 paragraphs) of this regulatory change (i.e., new regulation, amendments to an existing regulation, or repeal of an existing regulation). Alert the reader to all substantive matters. If applicable, generally describe the existing regulation.*

This regulatory change conforms references to lifejacket and fire extinguisher types to the current terminology found in the federal Code of Federal Regulations.

### Mandate and Impetus

*Identify the mandate for this regulatory change and any other impetus that specifically prompted its initiation (e.g., new or modified mandate, internal staff review, petition for rulemaking, periodic review, or board decision). For purposes of executive branch review, "mandate" has the same meaning as defined in the ORM procedures, "a directive from the General Assembly, the federal government, or a court that requires that a regulation be promulgated, amended, or repealed in whole or part."*

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Updates to the regulations of the United States Coast Guard changed references to lifejacket and fire extinguisher types. As Virginia's recreational boating agency, the Department is required to remain consistent with USCG requirements and regulations, thus serving as the impetus for this change.

### **Statement of Final Agency Action**

*Provide a statement of the final action taken by the agency including: 1) the date the action was taken; 2) the name of the agency taking the action; and 3) the title of the regulation.*

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The Board of Wildlife Resources adopted these final amendments to regulations found in 4VAC15-430 (Watercraft: Safety Equipment Requirements) at its meeting held on August 18, 2022.