

Rulemaking Hearing Rules
Of The
Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency

Chapter 1660-2-6
Rules And Regulations Governing Uniform Waterway Marker System

AMENDMENT

Rule 1660-2-6-.01(1) Navigation Aids and Regulatory Markers is amended by deleting paragraph (1) in its entirety and by replacing it with the following:

1660-2-6-.01 NAVIGATION AIDS AND REGULATORY MARKERS.

- (1) Lateral navigation markers of the U.S. Aids to Navigation System identify dangerous or controlled areas and guide vessel operators safely along waterways. Green cylinder-shaped buoys and red cone-shaped buoys are used in pairs on well-defined channels, including rivers or other relatively narrow waterways, to indicate that the navigation channel lies between the buoys and boats should pass between them. On irregularly defined channels, solid colored buoys may be used singly in staggered fashion on alternate sides of the channel. They will be spaced at sufficiently close intervals to indicate that the channel lies between the buoys and boats should pass between them. A smaller version of the green cylinder-shaped buoys with a white top and the red cone-shaped buoys with a white top mark secondary channels and boats should pass between them. Red triangle signs and green square signs called daymarks are attached to structures such as posts in the water or on the bank also indicate the channel. Green buoys with a red stripe or red buoys with a green stripe are junction buoys and indicate two channels coming together.
 - (a) The green buoys mark the left side of the channel looking upstream. If they are numbered, they will show odd numbers. Numbers increase in an upstream direction.
 - (b) The red buoys mark the right side of the channel looking upstream. If they are numbered, they will show even numbers. Numbers increase in an upstream direction.
 - (c) Smaller green cylinder-shaped buoys with a white top mark the left side of the secondary channel looking upstream.
 - (d) Smaller red cone-shaped buoys with a white top mark the right side of the secondary channel looking upstream.

- (e) The green daymarks mark the left side of the channel looking upstream. If they are numbered, the numbers are odd and indicate the mile marker.
- (f) The red daymarks mark the right side of the channel looking upstream. If they are numbered, the numbers are even and indicate the mile marker.
- (g) Green buoys with a red horizontal stripe at the topside of the buoy indicate two channels coming together and the preferred channel is to the right of the buoy as you travel upstream.
- (h) Red buoys with a green horizontal stripe at the topside of the buoy indicate two channels coming together and the preferred channel is to the left of the buoy as you travel upstream.
- (i) Where used, lights on these buoys and daymarks are regularly flashing (30 flashes per minute), red lights on red buoys and red daymarks, and green lights on green buoys and green daymarks. A quick-flashing light (60 flashes per minute) has special significance as at sharp turns or sudden constructions in the channel or to mark wrecks or other navigation obstructions.

Rule 1660-2-6-.01(2) is amended by deleting subparagraphs (a), (b), and (c) in their entirety and replacing them with the following:

- (a) A red striped white buoy marks mid-channels and may be passed on either side.
- (b) A black striped white buoy indicates that an obstruction to navigation extends from the nearest shore to the buoy and boats must not pass between the buoy and the nearest shore.
- (c) Where used, lights on the buoys are quick-flashing (60 flashes per minute); red lights on red buoys or daymarks, green lights on green buoys or daymarks, and white lights on other buoys.

Statutory Authority: T.C.A. Sections 70-1-206, 69-9-209.

The rulemaking hearing rule amendment set out herein was properly filed in the Department of State on the 9th day of March, 2006 and will become effective on the 23rd day of May, 2006.