

**6264.0280 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN EVALUATION OF EXPERIMENTAL AND SPECIAL MANAGEMENT WATERS DESIGNATION.**

Subpart 1. **Experimental waters.** Public meetings held to determine if experimental waters should be terminated, extended, or designated as special management waters must provide an opportunity for public review, comment, and questions concerning the proposed action. The commissioner shall review public comments before making a final determination on whether experimental waters should be terminated, extended, or designated as special management waters. Final determination regarding changes in experimental waters designation will consider public comments, but will also be based on natural resource needs and department management plans.

Subp. 2. **Special management waters.** The commissioner may hold meetings to allow public review, comment, and questions concerning existing special management waters. The commissioner shall review public comments before making a determination on changing the status of special management waters. Final determination regarding changes in special management waters designation will consider public comments, but will also be based on natural resource needs and department management plans.

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