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Comments on Docket #2025-R-P-0017 - State Parks Regulations

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Hello, I am writing in regards to the proposed regulations restricting the use of kayaks and other non-motorized vessels to deploy fishing baits in Delaware State Parks. I acknowledge that land-based shark fishing has become a growing trend in this Mid-Atlantic/Northeast in recent years, and with that comes many positives and negatives. The two main concerns I see involve the safety of the fish, and the safety of the public, both of which are already protected by, or could be protected by regulations that do not unfairly impact the many responsible and respectful shark anglers that fish the waters of Delaware. If shark safety is a concern, than pre-existing laws regarding the handling of prohibited species should be publicized and enforced. If public safety is a concern, then regulations should be developed for sections of beaches that are customarily used for swimming, that restrict fishing activities to the evening, nighttime, and early morning, when lifeguards are not present and most people are out of the water. As outlined above, there are simple solutions to the problems caused by this growing trend, that can be addressed by regulations that do not have an unfair impact on legal and responsible shark angling. Sincerely,
Brian G [REDACTED]