

**Date, Time, and Place of Board Action:**

Board Action: Tuesday, March 24, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. at the DNR Board Room, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive. SE, Suite 1252 East, Atlanta, GA 30034.

**Public Participation Plan**

**Proposed Amendment to Saltwater Fishing Regulations, Rule 391-24-.19,**

During the 2019 session, the Georgia General Assembly passed House Bill 501 to amend O.C.G.A. Title 27 Chapter 4 relating to the development of mariculture in Georgia for oysters, clams and other molluscan species. The Bill authorized the Board of Natural Resources to promulgate rules necessary to develop and cultivate the shellfish industry. The proposed rule amendment updates the Saltwater Fishing Regulations to establish requirements for closed season harvest of subtidal, maricultured oysters.

Members of the Georgia Shellfish Industry were consulted during the development of this rule and support the proposed amendment.

- January 30, 2026 - CRD presents the proposed amendment of rule 391-2-4-.19 to the Board of Natural Resources, Coastal Committee.
- February 2, 2026 - Public Notice of the proposed rule amendment is advertised through various print media, Gov Delivery and on CRD website. Additionally, the notice will be mailed to all persons who have requested in writing that they be placed upon a mailing list which shall be maintained by the agency for advance notice of its rule-making proceedings and who have tendered the actual cost of such mailing as from time to time estimated by the agency.
- March 4, 2026 – Public comment period closes.
- March 24, 2026 – Board consideration of public comments and final action on proposed rule amendment.