

**§2492. Collection program**

The commissioner shall establish and oversee a program for the convenient and safe collection of expired marine flares pursuant to this section. [PL 2021, c. 422, §1 (NEW).]

**1. Site collection.** The commissioner shall coordinate the following site collection operations.

A. The commissioner shall, in coordination with a statewide association of fire chiefs, identify fire departments in the State that have the capacity and willingness to accept expired marine flares from members of the public. A participating fire department may choose to designate the geographic area from which the fire department will accept expired marine flares. A participating fire department and the commissioner shall coordinate for timely pickup of the collected expired marine flares. [PL 2021, c. 422, §1 (NEW).]

B. The commissioner shall coordinate with sponsors of annual community events that choose to include expired marine flare collection as part of their events. [PL 2021, c. 422, §1 (NEW).]

C. The commissioner shall coordinate with marinas, municipalities and groups that organize events at which the public is invited to drop off expired marine flares for timely collection. [PL 2021, c. 422, §1 (NEW).]

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**2. Short-term storage.** The commissioner shall provide guidance for short-term storage to persons collecting expired marine flares under subsection 1 if the commissioner determines that safety equipment or special procedures are required.

[PL 2021, c. 422, §1 (NEW).]

**3. Direct collection.** The commissioner shall designate fire inspectors to collect expired marine flares in a timely way from individuals who fish commercially and recreational boaters in the State who contact the Department of Public Safety to notify the department of expired marine flares in need of disposal.

[PL 2021, c. 422, §1 (NEW).]

**SECTION HISTORY**

PL 2021, c. 422, §1 (NEW).

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