

Charlene Dindo

From: Buchan <buchan@stowevt.net>
Sent: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 10:46 AM
To: Charlene Dindo
Subject: [External] Wake-Surfing Boats

[External]

Hi Charlene,

If wake-surfing has to be allowed please make sure they have to be at the very least 1000 feet from the shoreline. There are so many reasons for this for the peace and enjoyment for all people and for the environment. Frankly they should not be allowed on any small body of water like the Waterbury Reservoir.

Thank you,
Kathleen

Kathleen Buchan
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Charlene Dindo

From: Mary Nichols <nicholsroadtrip@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 11:32 AM
To: Charlene Dindo
Cc: Mark MacDonald; Trevor Squirrel; Christopher Bray; Virginia Lyons; David Weeks; Seth Bongartz; M...
Subject: [External] Te..., 2024 on ANR proposed ruling on Wake Boats.

[External]

I ask the LCAR, as called for in 3 VSA 842, to **propose and send it back to the ANR, and for them to amend the proposal to a**..., 2024 on ANR proposed ruling on Wake Boats. to the overwhelming public comments on the rule to be consistent with current laws and to be consistent with the mission of the ANR for the following reasons:

ANR has not, as called for in 16 VSA 840, "considered fully all written and oral comments and testimony." Wake-Surf-boats, where allowed, will diminish the environment that attracts many other quiet users to lakes and ponds – literally drive them away and damage waterfront property. Wake boat use will create safety hazards for other recreational users – especially paddle sports, fishermen, and shoreline users.

ANR has "decided in a final proposal to overrule substantial arguments and considerations raised for and against the original proposal," as explained in 3 VSA 841, That decision is arbitrary, as described in eVSA 842(a)(3)

The proposed rule is contrary to the intent of the Legislature, as spelled out in 3 VSA 842.

The legislature intended for ANR to preserve and protect the health and traditional uses of our lakes and ponds. Specifically, the legislature at 10 VSA 1424 tasked the ANR "to manage the public waters so that the various uses may be enjoyed in a reasonable manner, in the best interests of all the citizens of the state.

I own a home in Warren Vt and enjoy rowing and kayaking on Waterbury Reservoir on a regular basis. What a beautiful resource it is! While it is fairly narrow, I think most of it is less than 2000 feet wide, at 6 1/2 miles in length it has a lot to explore! Even when the parking lot is packed, we are able to enjoy rowing or kayaking on that lake without fear of large waves flipping us over. (Have you ever tried getting back into a rowing scull from the water after flipping? Nigh impossible for all but the most fit and athletic, and swimming with a boat in tow for much distance is also extremely difficult.) I cannot imagine the havoc a wake boat allowed to operate at full speed within 500 feet of shore would do on that lake...I certainly would no longer be able to enjoy kayaking and rowing...

I am not against power boats and wake boats, we have owned power boats for 25 years that we have enjoyed fishing, cruising, waterskiing, wakeboarding, and tubing with. I've even tried wake surfing that this legislation is concerned with, where the boat throws up a big enough wake that you can ride it without needing a rope attached to the boat. It is great fun, but needs to be limited to large bodies of water with gradual depth changes where the wake can dissipate before hitting shore or it quickly creates a dangerous and damaging series of waves. Unfortunately, I am well aware that not all boat owners share my awareness and concern for the effects a powerboat wake can cause on other humans in the water, on wildlife, and on shorelines. I hope you will heed the many voices of Vermonters who want to protect small and/or narrow bodies of water from the negative effects a very small number of users could create by operating wake boats on them.

With kind regards and appreciation for your dedication to civic service,

Mary Nichols

Charlene Dindo

From: roger weingarten <rogerweingarten12@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 5:27 PM
To: Charlene Dindo
Subject: [External] Wake Surfing Boats

[External]

Ban them, if you care about our waters, shores, and our safety.
Roger Weingarten
74 liberty St, Montpelier, VT 05602

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Charlene Dindo

From: Amy Kresloff <akresloff@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 5:30 PM
To: Charlene Dindo
Subject: [External] Waterbury Reservoir Safety

[External]

Hi, please keep the reservoir safe for wildlife and our quieter nature living activities. Ban wakeboards and all loud motorized boats.

Thank you.

Frequent kayaker,

Amy Kresloff

3797 Elmore Mountain Rd, Elmore

Sent from my iPhone

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Charlene Dindo

From: Claire <cla.diamond@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 5:42 PM
To: Charlene Dindo
Subject: [External] Wake Boats

[External]

Hi,
I am writing to urge you to reject the 500 foot proposal for wake boats in VT!!! I am an avid swimmer and canoe-er. This would very negatively impact how other people use the lakes and ponds in VT. More importantly wake boats negatively impact our ecosystems. Please reject the 500 foot proposal! Thank you,
Claire Diamond

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Claire Diamond
Rosen Method Bodywork Intern
Somatic Psychotherapist
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Charlene Dindo

From: Cheryl Bean <1106cherbear@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 5:45 PM
To: Charlene Dindo
Subject: [External] Wake Boarding legislation

[External]

PLEASE reject the current plan which goes against all that is good and just, in our lifetimes, to allow wakeboard activity that disrupts what is left of the serenity and natural ecology of our lakes.

Please!
Cheryl Bean
Middlesex VT

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Charlene Dindo

From: Tricia Knoll <triciaknoll@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 5:48 PM
To: Charlene Dindo
Subject: [External] Wake-Surf Boats: I oppose

[External]

I can't come to the public hearing on February 1, but I want to voice that I am opposed to allowing wake-surf boats. That said, I would like to see the 1,000 foot limit from shore if this goes forward. I am concerned about safety issues, damage to shorelines, noise pollution, and impacts on birds and wildlife.

Tricia Knoll
2612 S. Brownell Road
Williston, VT 05495

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Charlene Dindo

From: KATE VANDENBERGH <katevdb@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 5:48 PM
To: Charlene Dindo
Subject: [External] Re: ANR rule regarding wake boats on lakes

[External]

Dear LCAR -

I am writing as a citizen of Vermont, resident of Montpelier, and family property owner in Greensboro to voice my concern about ANR's recent recommendation to allow wake boats on Vermont's lakes (including the problematic restriction of only 500 ft operating limit on the shoreline). I strongly encourage the committee to reject the ANR proposal and consider a proposal that represents a true protection of our lakes. These wake boats (even just one) can quickly change the character and experience of those trying to recreate on a lake. These boats result in more significant disruption than any other motorized vehicle and are best used on large bodies of water.

Thank you,

Kate Vanden Bergh
110 Chestnut Hill Road
Montpelier, VT

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Charlene Dindo

From: Lois Eby <lebyvt@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 5:54 PM
To: Charlene Dindo
Subject: [External] Ban wake boats from Vermont lakes!

[External]

I urge the legislature to reject the proposal from ANR regarding wake boats and instead ban them altogether from all Vermont lakes except possibly Lake Champlain. These boats don't belong in Vermont and will disturb the natural environment and the many Vermonters who use the lakes to experience their beauty, wildlife and quiet.

If the boats can't be banned altogether they should have to be 1000 feet from shore. These boats are dangerous to swimmers and wildlife alike. I can't believe the ANR would even consider allowing them in Vermont.

Sincerely,
Lois Eby
Montpelier, Vermont

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Charlene Dindo

From: Thea Wren Music <theawrenmusic@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 5:56 PM
To: Charlene Dindo
Subject: [External] regulate the use of wake boarding boats

[External]

Hello Charlene,

I wanted to voice my opposition to the regulation of wakeboarding boats on Vermont Lakes. As an open water swimmer and paddleboarder, I can attest to numerous times when boaters are in complete disregard of swimmers or non motorized boats in the water. This has knocked me and others off our paddleboards, and/or made me frantically swim as it looked like a boat was coming my way and did not see me or care (I swim with a neon floating device) and these are not even wake boats! Not to mention the disregard and almost seemingly disdain many boaters have when they need to slow down because of a swimmer.

Allowing wake boats would only strengthen this already dangerous attitude of neglect and disrespect. Let's do our best to keep Vermont Lakes a place where everyone can safely recreate and enjoy our beautiful water features. Let's also not forget our sensitive loon populations, beavers and other water creatures who need safe and undisturbed habitat to raise their young.

Thank you.

Warm Regards,

Thea

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Charlene Dindo

From: Lolly Cochran <lollycochran@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 5:56 PM
To: Charlene Dindo
Subject: [External] Wake boats

[External]

Dear Charlene,

I would like to add my vote to an outright ban of wake boats on small Vermont lakes and reservoirs and to require a minimum of 1,000 feet from shore, I think this is a critical distance in order to protect fish, wildlife, nesting birds; to keep lake sediment from being mobilized; to avoid the introduction of invasive species; and to allow the lakes to be usable for every other use of these precious bodies of water - swimmers, paddlers, small boat users, people fishing, as well as children and the elderly trying to swim, wade or play in the shallows.

Please protect these vital resources that we are all lucky enough to enjoy and share.

Thank you for your consideration,
Sarah Cochran, East Montpelier

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Charlene Dindo

From: Carley <carley.claghorn@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 6:00 PM
To: Charlene Dindo
Subject: [External] Wake surf boats vs swimmers and kayakers

[External]

Hello

I'm writing to express my concern about possible legislation that would protect the water access rights of wake surf boats over the rights and needs of quieter recreational activities.

Prioritizing access to wake surf boats over swimmers, kayakers and fisherman is caving to the demands of a noisy minority. There must be protections and provisions for the majority of people who access our lakes and reservoirs with low impact recreational endeavors. And now is time to recognize the significant negative environmental impact of these boats while you are still able.

Thank you,
Carley Claghorn
Montpelier VT

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Charlene Dindo

From: Judith Horton <islandjude@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 6:16 PM
To: Charlene Dindo
Subject: [External]

[External]

Regarding Wake Surf Boats

Allowing these noisy and dangerous boats on our Vermont lakes would be the equivalent of allowing motorcycles on our pedestrian only hiking trails. It is unconscionable to let the rich finance a powerful lobby that is influencing our legislators. Please protect the wildlife, the lakes and the people who want to be able to enjoy nature in peace.

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Charlene Dindo

From: Together <clacy@together.net>
Sent: Saturday, January 13, 2024 1:33 PM
To: Charlene Dindo
Cc: Edey Graning; Trevor Squirrell
Subject: [External] Wake Boats

[External]

Rep Dindo,

I believe you are the right person to write about Wake Boats.

I fish on Lake Champlain primarily in the Inland Sea and on a number of smaller water bodies including Lake Iroquois, Waterbury Reservoir, Lake Willoughby and Lake Elmore. One week a year I camp on either Knight Island or Woods Island in the Inland Sea between St Albans and North Hero.

I've experienced Wake Boats in the Inland Sea and on Lake Iroquois while in my 16 foot aluminum fishing boat. The wakes appeared suddenly and were astonishingly huge. In some cases I needed to maneuver my boat to feel safe. The impact of the wakes on nearby shorelines seems severe. The nature of the sport involves covering the same water repeatedly which thoroughly disrupts other users.

Importantly, wake boating is a new industry. Marketing by manufacturers for new boats emphasizes larger boats, more horsepower and bigger wakes. The first regulations need to anticipate the future of this industry and ever larger wakes. I don't have the expertise to recommend how this could be done. But based on the marketing I am sure we will see ever larger wake boats.

I believe the wake boats I've experienced should be limited to Lake Champlain and possibly Lake Memphremagog with science based required distances from shoreline. The current wake boats are simply too disruptive for other users of inland lakes like kayaks, canoes, small fishing boats and swimmers.

If you do permit wake boats in inland lakes you need to regulate both the size of the boats and the distance from the shoreline. A wake boat is not a wake boat is not a wake boat. People need to know before buying boats what size wake boats will be allowed where and at what distance from shoreline.

Sincerely,

Chuck Lacy
Jericho, Vermont
802-355-6596

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Charlene Dindo

From: Jane LeGard <2girlsandadog@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 4:54 PM
To: Charlene Dindo
Cc: Trevor Squirrel; Mark MacDonald; Christopher Bray; Virginia Lyons; David Weeks; Seth Bongartz; Mark Higley; Carol Ode
Subject: [External] Testimony for LCAR hearing, Feb 1, 2024 on ANR proposed ruling on Wake Boats

[External]

Dear legislators,

I ask the LCAR, as called for in 3 VSA 842, to return the weak 500 ft proposal and send it back to the ANR, and for them to amend the proposal to a 1000ft rule.

I can't even believe wakeboats are allowed on any of our local ponds/reservoirs. They should be confined to large bodies of water like Lake Champlain.

When I go out to a location like the Waterbury Reservoir, I go there to enjoy nature, listen out for the sound of the loons and the numerous other birds and frequently, to enjoy time on my kayak. Listening to the engines roaring and radios blasting from wakeboats (and the speedboats) is such a detriment to the tranquility that should be the reservoir. Im barely able to stay on my sit-on-top kayak sometimes from the huge wakes they create and you can not tell me that they are not an erosion problem as all you need to do is kayak around the edges of the reservoir (where I am so often forced thanks to the wakes from boats) and you will see the very evident splashing and erosion that is happening.

Last year 759 lake users wrote to the ANR supporting the restricting of wake-surf boats to 1,000 ft from shore, whereas only 53 were against. Thats a ration of 15:1 for the 1,000 ft rule. How can this be ignored? Please listen to the majority of us users who want to try and enjoy this body of water.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Jane LeGard
81 Town Rd
Waterbury, Vermont 05676

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Charlene Dindo

From: Cindy Maynard <maynard.cindy@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 8:30 AM
To: Charlene Dindo
Cc: Trevor Squirrell; Mark MacDonald; Christopher Bray; Virginia Lyons; David Weeks
Subject: [External] Waterbury Reservoir

[External]

Dear LCAR,

I am writing to the LCAR, as called for in 3 VSA 842, to return the weak 500-foot proposal and a send it back to the ANR, and for them to amend the proposal to a 100-foot rule, in response to the overwhelming public comments on the rule to be consistent with the current laws and to be consistent with the mission of the ANR for the following reasons.

Wake surf boats, if allowed, will diminish the quiet environment that many people enjoy at the reservoir. Wake boats will create a safety hazard. for all of the kayakers, paddle borders and swimmers. Have you seen the number of paddlers and swimmers at the reservoir?

I believe given the number of paddlers and swimmers that no motor boats should not be allowed on the Waterbury Reservoir, or at least restricted to the western end. It's just not safe the way it is now. Wake surf boats would make it even worse.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Cynthia and Robert Maynard
Waterbury, VT

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Charlene Dindo

From: Nancy H. Stone <nstone11@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 6:32 PM
To: Charlene Dindo
Subject: [External]

[External]

I am asking for either a total ban or a 1000' from shore limit on wake surfing boats. I am a kayaker, and canoer and have had the unpleasant and scary situation of my watercraft being significantly rocked by motor boat wakes on Wrightsville Reservoir, and Waterbury Reservoir. These two reservoirs provide a great deal of enjoyment and easy access to the people of Montpelier/Middlesex/Waterbury area. Please register my position on this legislation.

Thank you,

Nancy Stone
3 Gaylord Drive
Montpelier, VT
nstone11@gmail.com

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Charlene Dindo

From: Andrew Evans <andrew.evans29@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 7:01 PM
To: Charlene Dindo
Subject: [External] Wake Boats

[External]

Hi Charlene and LCAR,

I heard the state is suggesting a 500 foot operating limit from shores of lakes and ponds in Vermont. The threat to shoreline wildlife (including nesting loons), shore erosion, disturbance to canoes, kayaks, and paddle boards, swimmers, and those seeking to enjoy the quiet immersion into wild settings, will be immense.

Wake boats create a chain of waves that can cause unnatural disturbances hundreds of feet to either side. Why would you not impose at least 1000 feet operating limits from shore? Are you really seeking to mollify the wake boat industry? I enjoy the wildlife, swimming, and canoeing on many of Vermont's ponds and lakes. Please preserve the wondrous experience for Vermonter's like me.

Andrew Evans,
Montpelier, Vermont

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Charlene Dindo

From: Christiane Herskowitz <bodyconnectionschr@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 7:13 PM
To: Charlene Dindo
Subject: [External] Reject ANR proposal wake boats

[External]

Charlene,

I am asking the LCAR to please reject the proposal from ANR in regards to wake boats on our Vermont lakes. 500 feet is not enough, it needs to be at least 1000 ft from shoreline to protect smaller lakes, their inhabitants line loons, otters . . .and the shoreline.

Thanking for hearing and listening to Vermont's voices

Warmly

Christiane

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Charlene Dindo

From: Gregory Caicco <gcaicco@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 7:14 PM
To: Charlene Dindo; Conor Casey; Kate McCann
Subject: [External] Please reject the ANR Wake Boat Proposal

[External]

Dear LCAR and my Legislators,

I ask that LCAR reject the wake boat proposal from the ANR and request a rule that would afford true protection of normal lake use. I am against wake boats, and their use should be severely limited.

Please take this issue seriously for the sake of our children, safety of all, and the environment.

Thank you,

Gregory Caicco
4 Hubbard Park Dr.
Montpelier, VT
05602

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Charlene Dindo

From: Forest Willman <forestwillman@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 7:20 PM
To: Charlene Dindo
Subject: [External] Please ban wake boats and wakeboarding

[External]

To whom it may concern

My name is Forest Willman, long time Vermonter and avid Vermont lake and pond enjoyer.

One of the reasons I am so in love with Vermont is the relative untouched natural beauty of the land and bodies of water here.

This is a place, in a world that is so vastly and dramatically moving in the path of self destruction, that can lead as an example of how we may move forward with equilibrium, in balance with the land and water that surround us and give us life.

One of the ways Vermont can retain its authenticity is to ban all use of wake boats and subsequent wake boards on all Vermont bodies of water.

The massive waves created by these boats disrupt other people who have long since sought out these bodies of water for peace and serenity, endanger the safety of other lake users, and wildly disrupt aquatic wildlife, such as loon nesting sites.

In addition to all of these, the allowance of such activities sets a precedent that Vermont can become a hub for such destructive activities that are plaguing the rest of our country.

Please, I beg of you, for the safety of myself, other Vermonters, and the natural world that so desperately needs our bodies of water to survive, ban all use of wake boats and wake boarding on Vermont bodies of water.

Thank you for your time

Sincerely

Forest Willman

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Charlene Dindo

From: Elliot Danforth <ejdanforth@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 7:21 PM
To: Charlene Dindo
Subject: [External] Wake Boats

[External]

Hi there,

I wanted to write a quick note to voice my support of the proposal by the ANR for a reasonable regulation of wake surfing boats on Vermont lakes. Wake surfing is simply a new form of recreation. In my opinion, many of the opinions that they should be banned outright are simply reactionary, giving no real consideration to the fact that there are folks who choose to recreate differently than they do. The wakes these boats throw up are little different from ski boats, and the boats themselves tend to travel much slower.

Thank you for your consideration.

Elliot Danforth
20 Hubbard Park Dr, Montpelier, VT 05602

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Charlene Dindo

From: Michael Tasi <skimiket@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 7:30 PM
To: Charlene Dindo
Subject: [External] Wake Boats

[External]

I have been enjoying the Waterbury Reservoir for over 40 years. Coexistence with all of the interest groups has never been a problem. Until recently, because of the aforementioned "wake boats"! The wakes that these boats produce are harrowing! Wake surfing has got to be one of the most selfish activities you can do on a small body of water! It absolutely makes all other uses on the lake impossible and dangerous!

I'm pretty sure the only reason these "barely floating barges" were initially allowed on our lakes, was because our legislators and the DMV had no idea or knowledge of what wake surfing was. My guess is that these boats were perceived by the DMV as just a larger waterski boat. This could not be farther from reality.

Waterski boats are engineered to produce almost no wakes contrary to these wake surf boats that produce tsunami size wakes!!! These boats have tanks built into the hull to take in thousands of pounds of water!!! Just to produce these monstrous waves. In conclusion, it's a no brainer to ban these wake surf boats on our local lakes. Maybe and just maybe allow them on Lake Champlain.

Sincerely,

Mike T

Sent from my iPhone

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Charlene Dindo

From: Alice Silverman <alicehersheysilverman@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 7:56 PM
To: Charlene Dindo
Subject: [External] reject the ANR proposal submitted by ANR to regulate the use of wake surfing boats

[External]

I am writing to ask the LCAR to reject the proposal from ANR regarding the use of wake boats. Please establish a rule that would not negatively impact or preclude the majority of users of Waterbury Reservoir, Marshfield Reservoir and Joes pond as well as other lakes around the state.

The negative impacts of wake boating include:

Damage to shorelines from wave induced erosion

Danger to shoreline wildlife and birds, including loon nesting

Disruption of floof of the lake

Disruption of quiet solitude from loud over-amped sound systems on these boats

Disturbance of user expectations at remote campsites.

Even one wake-surf board can dominate a lake causing degradation of normal recreational experiences which include fishing, swimming, boating, fish and wildlife habitat, wildlife observation, enjoyment of aesthetic values, quiet solitude of the water body .

Thank you

Alice Silverman

North St

Montpelier VT

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Charlene Dindo

From: Lori Bowman <loribowman1@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 8:59 PM
To: Charlene Dindo
Subject: [External] Wake boats

[External]

Please reject the proposal from ANR and request a rule that would afford true protection of normal lake use! I like to kayak and swim. Wake Boat surfing is too disruptive.

Thank you

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Charlene Dindo

From: Anne Connell <altc11@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 9:09 PM
To: Charlene Dindo
Subject: [External] Wake boats

[External]

Please require 1000' from shore minimum. Ideally wake boats would be banned in all but the largest deepest lakes. If SOV caves in to wake boating, then what isn't for sale in this state?

I urge Vermont to say no to this destructive pastime.

Sincerely

A Connell

Montpelier

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Charlene Dindo

From: Donna Smyers <dosmyers@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 9:18 PM
To: Charlene Dindo
Cc: Ann Cummings; Andrew Perchlik; Anne Watson; Marc B. Mihaly
Subject: [External] Wake Boat Rules

[External]

Please present this letter to the LCAR meeting about Wake Boat Rules.

Please reject the 500 foot rule for wake boats in Vermont.

Recreation and thrills for a few energy hogging environmentally destructive tourists or residents should never override the duty of the state to preserve our waterways.

ANR seems to cave to industry at every turn. Please listen to the voices of the many Vermonters whose recreation and property may be destroyed by wake boats. There are absolutely no positive features to wake boats for >99% of us.

I strongly prefer that the rules ban wake boats altogether, but as a compromise, allow them only in Lake Champlain and Memphremagog at more than 1000 feet from shore. This is a very easy step toward not destroying and polluting our lakes more than we already have.

Donna Smyers
Calais

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Charlene Dindo

From: Peter Schmeeckle <oldcastlerecords@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 10:43 PM
To: Charlene Dindo
Subject: [External] Waterbury Reservoir

[External]

Greetings,

I am a Stowe resident and paddleboarder, I love the tranquil and peaceful atmosphere on the Waterbury Reservoir and urge the state to limit the growth of motor boats on the water. Please help keep this body of water the peaceful place that it is. It is a sanctuary.

Thanks for hearing my voice,

Peter Schmeeckle

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Charlene Dindo

From: Marc B. Mihaly
Sent: Thursday, January 25, 2024 6:59 AM
To: Donna Smyers; Charlene Dindo
Cc: Ann Cummings; Andrew Perchlik; Anne Watson
Subject: Re: [External] Wake Boat Rules

Hi Donna, good to hear from you.

It turns out that the head of ELCAR sits next to me on my committee, that is appropriations. I will print out and give him your letter!

Take care, Marc

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From: Donna Smyers <dosmyers@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 9:18:24 PM
To: Charlene Dindo <CHARLENE@leg.state.vt.us>
Cc: Ann Cummings <ACUMMINGS@leg.state.vt.us>; Andrew Perchlik <APerchlik@leg.state.vt.us>; Anne Watson <AWatson@leg.state.vt.us>; Marc B. Mihaly <MMihaly@leg.state.vt.us>
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From: bryan g <crclchk@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 25, 2024 7:50 AM
To: Charlene Dindo
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I am in favor of banning wake boating on our small lakes and ponds. A 1000 foot buffer from people or shore sounds reasonable where the lake is big enough. With the exorbitant cost of these boats and the potential for destruction of our environment it seems fair that the owners can travel to lake champlain/lake winnipesaukee for their recreation.

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I am totally for regulating wake boats so they are only on large lakes like Champlain or Memphromagog. Our family kayaks and paddle boards and I would say the majority of boaters I see on local lakes and ponds are like us, with way fewer big boats at any one time. The wakes these boats would generate are extremely dangerous for anyone on the water in a muscle power craft! PLEASE keep them on the big lakes, Don't ruin the water for everyone else! Keep the regulation at 1000 feet.

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