

Charlene Dindo

From: Molly Huff <mhuffgroovy1961@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 22, 2024 4:03 PM
To: Charlene Dindo
Subject: [External] Wake boats

[External]

Hello

I am writing to voice my concern and disappointment that some are trying to allow Wake Boats on the smaller lakes and ponds in Vt.

I swim, kayak and paddle board on Fairfield Pond and the thought of these boats possibly being allowed is concerning and disturbing. Not only would this be so unsafe for swimmers and non motorized boats but the damage it will inflict on the pond is very concerning. Fairfield Pond is known for a breeding pond for the Loons. Such destruction these boats would create.

What I don't understand is why is this being proposed for all Vt lakes and ponds? Vt has a pretty big lake called Lake Champlain, why not have these boats go in a designated area.

I personally don't understand why the state is even considering this when right now is the time we need to preserve and protect what we have and not destroy these body of water with fast and loud boats.

I truly hope the state of VT will do the right thing and preserve these precious lakes and ponds and NOT allow these types of boats on these smaller body of water.

Molly Huff
Fairfield Vt

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From: Sarah Flack <sarahflackconsulting@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 22, 2024 5:06 PM
To: Charlene Dindo
Subject: [External] please don't allow the use of wake boats

[External]

I am writing to state my opposition to allowing the use of wake boats in vermonts small lakes and ponds.

Many of the small lakes and ponds I paddle my kayak or canoe in are quiet lovely places to enjoy bird watching, fishing and nature. They are also critical habitat for shore line nesting birds such as loons. The use of Wake boats will destroy loon nests and negatively impact other wild life. They are also noisy and decrease our ability to find quiet ponds and small lakes where we can swim, fish and paddle our small boats.

Thank you
Sarah Flack
Fairfield VT

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From: Tamme Haskell <haskell.tamme@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, January 22, 2024 5:30 PM
To: Charlene Dindo
Subject: [External] Absurd rules being considered

[External]

Wake boating so close to SHORE! Are you honestly considering this absurd proposal?
It makes ABSOLUTELY NO SENSE AT ALL.

This makes for an extremely dangerous situation. Who will be patrolling? Many more park service people will need to help patrol. Wait until weekend TRAFFIC invades, too.

It's not as if Waterbury Reservoir is a huge lake. Who are the people pushing for this? I bet they have "backers", with undue interests.

Vote NO!

Tamme Haskell, Warren, VT
Sent from my iPad

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From: Terry Trail <terrynaas@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 22, 2024 5:34 PM
To: Charlene Dindo
Cc: raleigh310@gmail.com
Subject: [External] Comments against wake boating in Waterbury Reservoir

[External]

Hello,

I received your email address from FPF and would like to say that I am not in support of wake boats at all in the reservoir, and therefore against the 500 ft limit from shoreline.

I use the Waterbury Reservoir several times per week in the summer with a paddle board, kayak, power boat, and distance swimming with a buoy. The wakes created by these boats are extremely disruptive and dangerous to anyone in the water or on the shoreline - knocking people off of watercraft, making it difficult to see swimmers, and tossing watercraft around that are beached up on shore. Additionally, the noise from the speakers blasting across the entire body of water truly ruins the experience of being in nature.

I appreciate you considering these comments in the hearing next week.

Thank you,

Terry Trail

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From: Nita <nita.hwf@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 22, 2024 5:34 PM
To: Charlene Dindo
Subject: [External] wake surfing boats

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Please keep wake surfing boats off our smaller bodies of water; certainly they should not be operated closer than 1000 ft from the shoreline. These boats will disturb the experience of folks at beaches, folks that live on the lake, kayakers, canoeists, paddleboarders, swimmers, and aquatic and bird life. Let's use our heads and not cater to the wishes of a few, to the detriment of so many.

Nita Hultstrom
Waterbury

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From: suzie kiendl <suzie_kiendl@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, January 22, 2024 5:38 PM
To: Charlene Dindo
Subject: [External] NO Wake boards on Waterbury Reservoir

[External]

We have a camp on a small lake in Maine.

The limited motorboats are fine, but Many do not follow the rules, and go TOO fast in the narrows disrupting the natural habitate for loons, & wildlife.

The young children snorkeling , swim & playing are not aware of the boats, and the boaters & riders are often NOT aware of the children playing.

Best to leave as is or limit the motors even more...

Suzie Kiendl RDH
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From: Nancy Wilson <brockden@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, January 22, 2024 5:55 PM
To: Charlene Dindo
Subject: [External] Waterbury Reservoir

[External]

I live in Fayston, and I love the Waterbury Reservoir
The 500 foot limit is not enough
Please make it 1000 feet so everyone Feels comfortable and is safe

Nancy Wilson. From my mobile

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From: Warren <talk2us2day@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, January 22, 2024 5:57 PM
To: Charlene Dindo
Subject: [External] Waterbury Reservoir

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No Wake boats please. Consider the loons. No Kayak rentals would help congestion and their lack of boating rules/laws.

Thanks

Warren Davey

Waterbury Center

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From: Sharon Dube <sharondube@madriver.com>
Sent: Monday, January 22, 2024 6:02 PM
To: Charlene Dindo
Subject: [External] Wake surf boats

[External]

I am a long time kayaker of the Waterbury reservoir and I feel strongly that the wake surfing that is being done there is not to the benefit of the environment nor to the benefit of the rest of the visitors going to enjoy the natural settings and peacefulness provided by the lake. This is an activity that should be relegated to much bigger bodies of water. Please implement rulings that either severely limit or ban this activity from the Waterbury Reservoir.

Thank you,
Sharon Dube

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Charlene Dindo

From: Candice White <cwhite@madriver.com>
Sent: Monday, January 22, 2024 6:03 PM
To: Charlene Dindo
Cc: Kari Dolan
Subject: [External] use of wake surfing boats at Waterbury Reservoir

[External]

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my strong disagreement for allowing wake surf boats to operate in Waterbury Reservoir. I have been a resident of Waitsfield for over twenty years, and value the beauty and serenity of Waterbury Reservoir. It is a terrific recreation spot for all of us—for swimmers, paddlers, kayakers, and even water skiers. However, wake surf boats bring a very different and very violent impact to lakes and reservoirs in that the waves they create are enormous, destroying the experience for all of the types of recreationallists I just mentioned. These boats generate huge waves that will topple a waterskier, a kayak, or canoe, and overwhelm a swimmer. Additionally, the waves hit the shoreline with an intensity that disrupts wildlife nests and causes erosion. Waterbury Reservoir is very narrow in parts, and these vehicles would be terribly disruptive. A 500-foot off-shoreline requirement is not sufficient to protect the reservoir. I have experience with how these vehicles have negatively impacted other lakes, including Lake George in the Adirondacks, and it is to be avoided.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Candice White
342 Village Woods
Waitsfield, Vermont

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From: snorkle@madriver.com <snorkel@gmavt.net>
Sent: Monday, January 22, 2024 6:22 PM
To: Charlene Dindo
Subject: [External] LCAR regulations for wake-surf boats

[External]

Please regulate these boats. It seems clear that wake-surf boats will infringe on traditional uses of lakes like Waterbury Reservoir. Their greater power profile, and aggressive wake will make using human powered crafts much more difficult. Will a 500 ft. buffer be sufficient? Please don't give this beautiful resource away. Macy Moulton

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