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Good morning,
In case the Committee runs out of time, below is the testimony I intend to make at Thursday's meeting :
Thanks, Chip Stone

To: LCAR
Re: Wakesport rules

May 14, 2026

I am Chip Stone of East Montpelier. I swim, ski, paddle and sail... Experience shows that without these rules wake sports and the safe enjoyment of Vermont's traditional uses are incompatible. I strongly encourage their implementation.

These rules include appropriate and reasonable wakesport setbacks and zones to reduce algae growth, protect shorelines and of equal importance, traditional users. In my view a more perfect rule would include these elements and limit wake sports to Bomoseen, Champlain, Memphramagog and the CT River lakes, our largest bodies of water, which would effectively protect our other inland lakes.

Several years ago I was capsized on the Waterbury Rez by a wakeboat. It was a few hundred feet away and caught me by surprise. Wakeboats grow larger every year. They now can exceed 6 tons and generate up to 6' waves (which incidentally can travel long distances and lose very little energy on open deep water until they encounter shallows). They are the only water activity that, when close, makes traditional uses unsafe.

A large number of Vermonter from across the state have worked hard on this issue for 4plus years. Many local lake organizations and selectboards have petitioned ANR to allow bans (none of which has been approved) . This is a good, albeit modest, first step and I encourage its prompt approval so it can be implemented for this boating season.
Thank you.

Chip Stone (Stone.chip@gmail.com) May 14, 2026

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