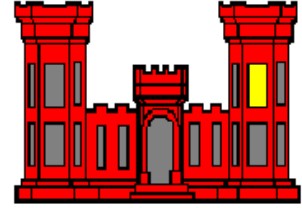




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Kootenai County Board of Commissioners
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Gentlemen,

1. The purpose of this letter is to strongly encourage you to preserve Bayview's current no wake zone.
2. Altering or abolishing the no wake zone will create significant safety challenges and necessitate increased policing by the Kootenai County Sherriff Department's Marine Unit to ensure public safety. Numerous witnesses within Scenic Bay experienced firsthand on Sunday, 5 July, a glimpse of what will occur should the current no wake zone be decreased or abolished. An out of town, out of control power boater ignored the current no wake ordinance, flying past numerous paddle boats, kayaks, and dinghies; and creating general mayhem within Scenic Bay. Multiple VHF radio calls to the County Sheriff for assistance went unanswered, and cell phone coverage in this area is spotty at best. Regardless, no enforcement action would have been possible unless a Sheriff's Department Marine Unit was stationed on hand, given the expanse of the Sherriff Department's area of responsibility on Lake Pend Oreille. The cost of that level of law enforcement effort far exceeds the cost of maintaining the current no wake zone -- to say nothing of the damage costs to life and property.
3. Preserving Scenic Bay's existing no wake zone will provide additional revenue to Farragut State Park through the purchase of day use permits. Boaters who resent the time required to traverse the existing no wake zone can launch and recover their water craft from the State Park's Eagle Boat Launch, verses launching from Bayview's boat ramp.
4. For the past 10 years our family has sailed Lake Pend Oreille extensively from our sail boat moored at the Bitter End Marina. Two years ago we became Kootenai County land owners and tax payers, and intend to move to Bayview when our son graduates from high school. Our family has become accomplished sailors on Lake Pend Oreille, beginning with an eight foot sailing dingy in the confines of Scenic Bay, and graduating to 30 plus foot sailing craft on the main lake.

5. The current Scenic Bay no wake zone provides the following:
 - A. A safe, secure area for all to enjoy this national treasure.
 - B. Safe and secure moorage for all types of water craft and float homes.
 - C. A self policing, organized way for all water craft to enter and exit the bay, as well as entering and exiting Bayview's marinas.
6. Do not hesitate to contact me directly at the above addresses or telephone number.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Reichert". The signature is stylized with a large, circular flourish at the beginning and a long, sweeping underline.

Bill Reichert