

From: Bruce & Judy
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Subject: No Wake Letter

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Dear Mr. Tondee,

We have been boaters on Lake Pend Oreille for close to 25 years and are full time residents of Bayview. Being former managers of one of the marinas and seeing what goes on in the bay raises a red flag for tampering with the no-wake zone. The big issue here is safety, safety, safety.

You see kayaks, canoes, paddle boats, eight foot sailing dinghies, small rowboats, inflatable boats and swimmers in Scenic Bay at any time, and they deserve to be protected by having the bay remain a no-wake zone.

From the no-wake buoys in Scenic Bay you have 30+ miles of wide open lake to Sandpoint and beyond to make all the wake you want. It doesn't take 20 to 30 minutes to motor from the launch to the no-wake buoys. It just makes common sense to be willing to sacrifice a few minutes to keep this area safe for the small craft and swimmers when you have all the rest of the lake to run around on.

There are speed limits around city parks and schools for safety reasons. This is only common sense too. How much more is it common sense to have a limit here in the bay?

AFTER ALL, IN THE BAY EVERYBODY IS PLAYING IN THE STREET!

We are definitely against altering the no-wake zone. It has kept the bay a safe place for everybody for many years. Keeping it as it is, is the right thing to do.

Sincerely,

Bruce & Judy Robinson