

On Sep 5, 2009, at 9:22 PM, David Tomberg wrote:

Dear Commissioner Tondee,

I feel that any idea to remove the no wake zone in Bayview is wrong minded and completely oblivious to the conditions that exist in the bay. First, the predominant boats in Bayview are sailboats-probably 300 or more. At times they crowd the bay but at their stately pace present no danger to each other. The motor boats entering and leaving the bay pay heed to the sailboats and we are equally courteous to them. It is a civilized atmosphere.

Second, there is frequent canoe, rowboat, and kayak traffic. The other evening coming into the bay I was suddenly aware of three kayaks with their low profile. They felt safe in the bay even in the diminishing light. We have a No Wake Zone.

Third, as I understand the original proposal which was approved by the commissioners was in part based on the safety and security of the sailboats whose masts were clanging together in the marinas. The number of sailboats now is far greater than it was then. Any boat is responsible for damage done by its wake.

Forth, the number of high speed jet boats has increased over time. I read about this and hear about damage, injury and occasionally death in the news. By dispersing the traffic into the larger part of the lake, much of the noise and danger would diminish. A friend of mine who also lives on the lake talked to a guy who owns an open ocean racing boat. He told my friend that it is capable of 180 mph but he rarely runs it that fast. He said that it took him less than 20 minutes to get from Sandpoint to Bayview-a distance of 40 miles. We need control and moderation and safety for all at our end of the lake. Who complains? The fishermen who keep their boats at the marina near mine don't. The vast majority of fast boat owners come from outside this area for the day or weekend. The people who use this lake day in and day out and keep their boats here benefit from the No Wake Zone. It is probably one of the things that attract people to this area. As a resident of Bayview, it is most important to me that we keep the quite and safety that we have. We have lived here for 36 years.

Sincerely,

David Tomberg