

September 17, 2009

Kootenai County Commissioners
451 Government Way
Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814

Subject: No Wake Zone, Scenic Bay, Bayview

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to voice my support of the continuation of the No Wake Zone in Bayview Scenic Bay. As a resident of Kootenai County for over twenty years, my family grew up enjoying the advantages of Lake Pend Orielle. We were frequent campers at Farragut State Park and used our ski boat to tour, water ski and tube in the area. The no wake zone in Scenic Bay was never an inconvenience to our pleasure. Scenic Bay offered us opportunities for re-fuelling our boat, restaurants were available plus shops for additional supplies. Our enjoyment of this special area resulted in our purchasing a float home in 2005. These homes are unique and are limited in where they can be safely accommodated. During the summer, I am a full time resident at the float house. Kayaking, paddle boats and rowing are rapidly expanding pursuit for people of every age and is quite affordable compared to power craft. When I am kayaking, I feel safest within the no wake zone. There are a number of people that enjoy swimming across the bay. High speed boating would increase that chances of serious injury or even death.

Boaters coming to Scenic Bay have a choice if they want to avoid the no wake zone by utilizing the Eagle Boat launch in Farragut State Park. There isn't any other community in the state of Idaho that has so many float homes in one bay. This is a unique community that deserves appreciation and the continuation of the No Wake Zone. Please don't take away what keeps our bay safe and sane.

I cannot be at the hearing on September 21st, but please take note that we support the No Wake Zone.

Janice Trout and John Land
Float Home #8
Harborview Marina