

Todd Tondee, Kootenai County Commissioner  
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Dear Mr. Tondee,

The past few years have seen a rapid degradation of safe water recreation in Kootenai County, especially in Coeur d'Alene Lake and the Spokane River. The cause has been irresponsible boat and personal watercraft operators whose only interest is speed, thrills and noisy showing-off. The number of these individuals is small but the detrimental effect on water safety is large and needs to be controlled without delay.

It seems, however, that you not only see no problem with these areas but are working to create another unsafe area in Scenic Bay, one of the few areas to have control measures in place.

You supposedly represent a sizeable number of people who enjoy this area: boaters, fishermen, personal watercraft users, kayakers, and swimmers. Yet what you are working toward would please a few and ruin the area for all the others.

So my questions are: Who are you truly representing? Why are you not working to make the whole county safe instead of creating a new problem? I look forward to hearing from you.

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