

September 17, 2009

RE: Changing the Current No-Wake Zone at Scenic Bay

To our Commissioners Todd Tondee, Rick Currie and Rich Piazza:

Dear Gentlemen:

Boyd and I recently became boat owners this past spring to a 24' fishing vessel that we moored at Bayview. Previous to this, we had owned a jet ski, and the times that we boated into Bayview we would grumble at the long no-wake zone.

However, as we have spent many days at Bayview this summer, we have come to realize the blessing that the long no-wake zone offers not only us, but those who kayak, swim the bay, the sailboats, and the float homes. With a lessened no-wake zone, we boaters have less time to react to potentially hazardous situations. We choose to moor and boat at Bayview/Lake Pend'Orielle exclusively because the times we have launched our boat to Lake Coeur d'Alene we have faced all the situations that the shortened no-wake zone will create at Scenic Bay: the inconsiderate boaters who create wakes not caring who or what their wake is causing damage to. There is also the factor of accidents waiting to happen. We are all familiar with the fatalities that occurred at Lake Coeur d'Alene, Hayden and on the Spokane River this summer; I would hate for that to be the story at Bayview.

As your friend, each of you know Boyd and I personally, I would appreciate it if you will re-consider any decision to remove or change the no-wake zone from it's present use. Spend the \$6-8,000 that is needed to install new buoys at the no-wake line; and make sure they have lights in them! I'm sure if you polled all the concerned citizens that are in favor of keeping the no-wake where it is, they would commit their tax dollars for the buoys.

Respectfully,

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