

The Bayview Community Council has 90 plus members and it has come to our attention that the Parks and Waterways Advisory Board is considering reducing Bayview's no-wake zone.

This decision would adversely affect a very large population in this area and other residents of Idaho that moor their boats at Bayview.

This also will adversely affect the float home association and yacht club members, not to mention many other individuals and organizations in the Bayview area. Canoes, kayaks and paddleboats are used in the bay by both adults and children because the waterways are calm.

Moving/modifying the no-wake zone would cut down on their recreational pursuits and create dangerous hazards for them to contend with.

There will be increased noise caused by excessive speeds of the boats in the bay since this bay is located in a canyon and the noise will echo on both sides, creating a disturbance to all residents and visitors. The individuals mentioned above are the ones that will be affected most by this decision, therefore their opinions and desires should be paramount in making a decision on the no-wake zone here in Bayview.

The Parks and Waterways Advisory Board must take into consideration the very likelihood of damage that may be caused to the float homes, their docks and the numerous structures that house/moor boats. All of these structures are at risk of damage if the no-wake zone is modified. There undoubtedly will be shoreline erosion damage with the additional wave action should the no-wake zone be modified.

Additionally, and most importantly, is the safety factor. With removal/modification of the no-wake zone, individuals who use the bay, docks, float homes and boat slips will be at additional risk with increased speed as well as wave action caused by speeding boats.

Changing the no-wake zone is a liability issue for the county if a child should be injured, or worse, due to this action.

You mention the costs of replacement and maintenance of the buoys. We do not see an advantage in modifying the no-wake zone to the cost that will be incurred from leaving the zone the way it is now, or changing the zone. I know it is hard for someone in charge to leave something alone even if it serves the best interests of the majority of the people that will be affected, but sometimes no action is the best action.

If you still feel that a change should be made, then by all means you should have a town meeting here in Bayview for all concerned citizens that want to attend and voice their concerns.

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