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Subject: KEEP THE NO-WAKE ZONE AT BAYVIEW INTACT!

Commissioners Tondee, Currie and Piazza--

As your constituents and taxpaying citizens on two properties in Kootenai County, we write this letter to **STRONGLY OPPOSE** any action to reduce the No Wake Zone in Scenic Bay on Lake Pend Oreille at Bayview. We are astounded and dumfounded that you would even consider such a regressive, potentially harmful move! We live on the east side of Coeur d'Alene, and recently purchased a float home at Harborview Marina in Bayview. One of the main reasons we decided to buy this vacation property close to home was because of it's tranquility, uniqueness, and history. Over 20 years ago, many Bayview residents worked diligently for the initiation of the no wake zone. It protects the full-time citizens, children, vacationers, pets, property AND the spawning Kokanee! What's not to like about this?? Because someone with a power boat or jet ski can't take the 13 minutes it requires to travel at 5 miles per hour out to the end of the zone---you want to sacrifice this preponderance of benefits?? Why not simply direct them to the public boat launch at Farragut Park a mile away? The numerous floating homes in this community are one of its most charming and identifiable characteristics, requiring particular care to preserve the safety of their connections to water, sewer and docks. The impatience of a few is NOT a compelling reason to reduce the no wake zone--especially when weighed against the potential for catastrophe on so many levels if power boats and PWC's are allowed to speed in an area traditionally full of kayaks, canoes, swimmers (adults, children, animals), paddle boats---and folks simply enjoying the peaceful pleasure of sitting on their docks and admiring the beauty of this special place. Please apply that rare commodity--common sense---and don't try to fix what isn't broken!!

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