

Dear Members of the legislature,

Please support LD 693!

This is a common sense law to address the large wakes that Wake Boats cause. Peer reviewed studies have shown these wakes require a minimum of 500 feet to dissipate. Even at that distance the effects to shoreline erosion, personal property and loon nests are significant.

I live on Echo Lake (Mt Vernon) and can personally speak to the impact. With two summer camps (Camp Laurel and Vega) that deploy Wake Boats I have personally experienced the impact. Through the Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) with the assistance of the 30 Mile River Watershed Association I have ripped rapped my shoreline multiple times. These actions help but are only a temporary buttress. And this only protects the shoreline where this action is taken.

Please support LD 693 to keep up with this new technology.

Thank you!

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