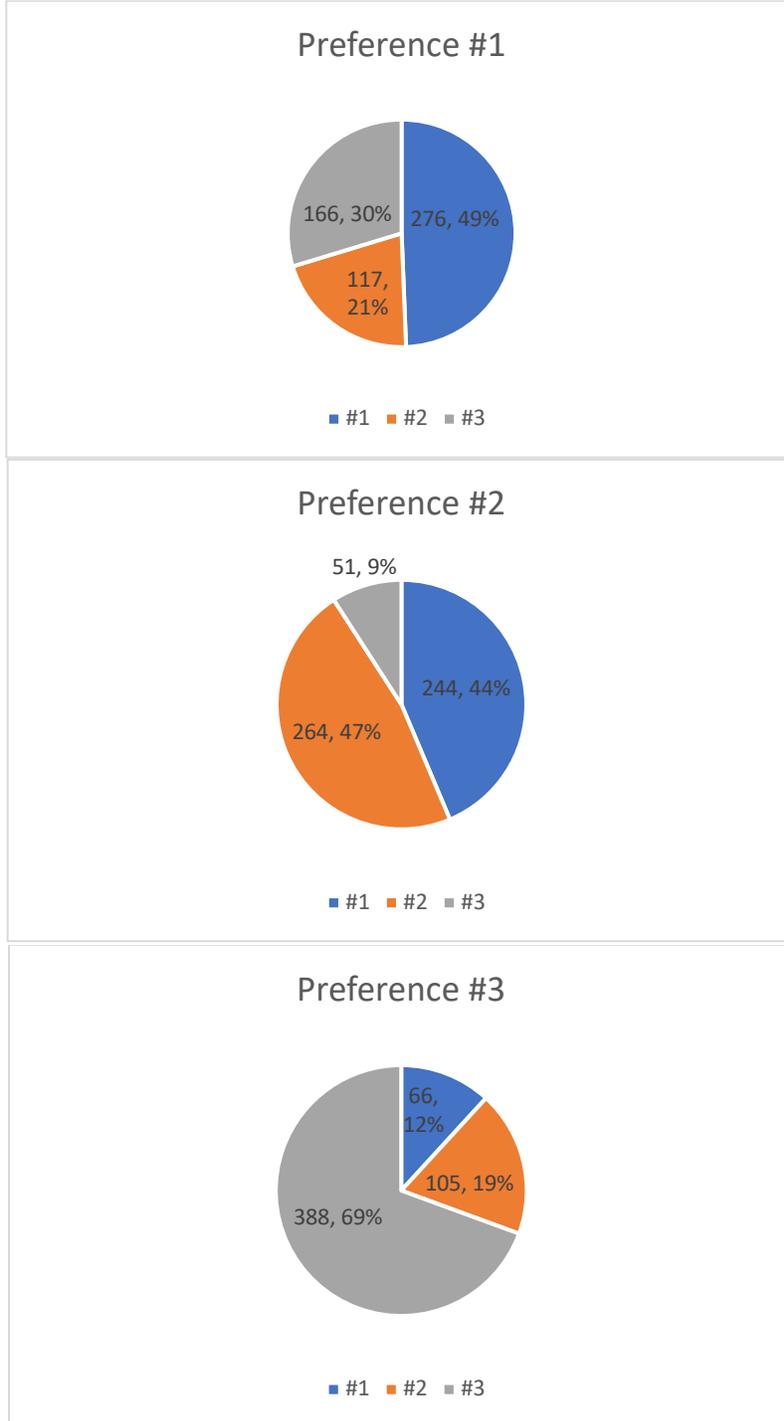


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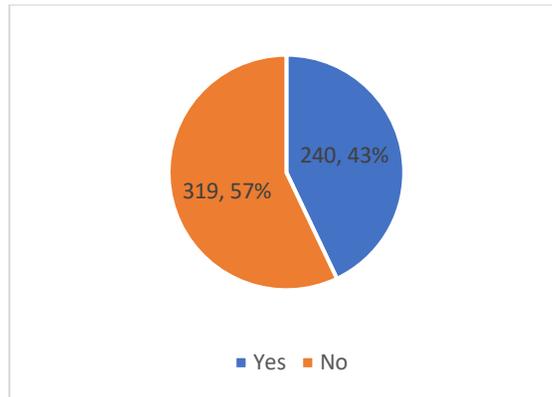
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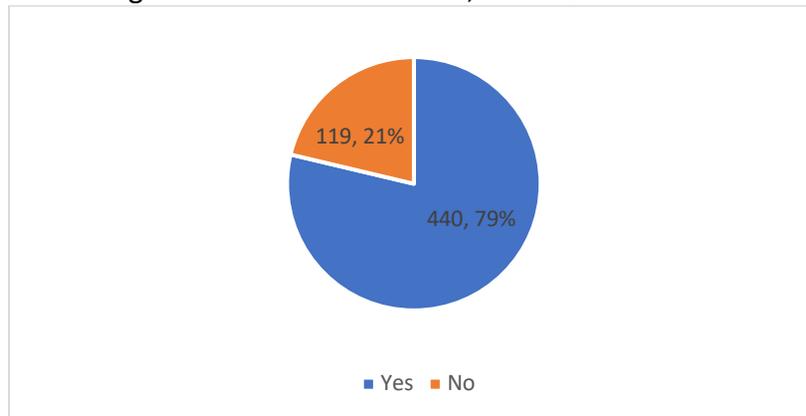
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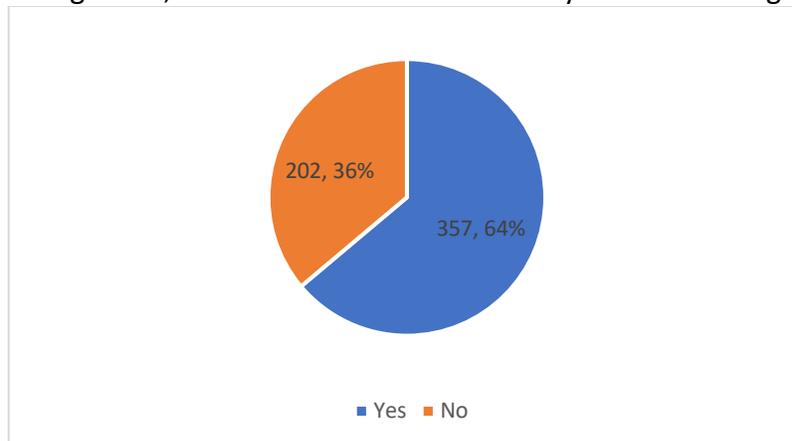
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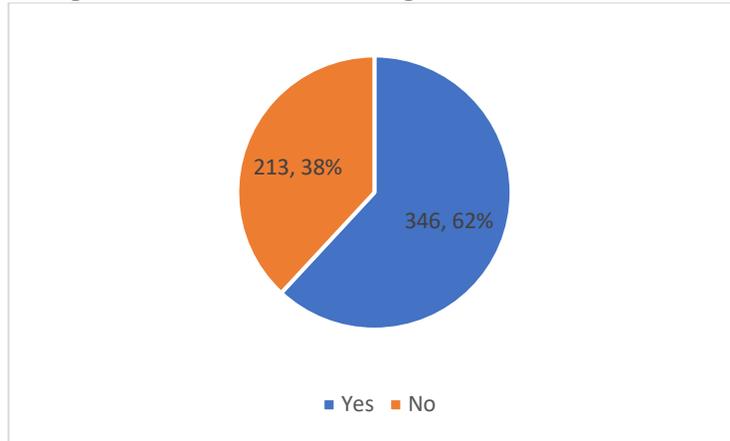
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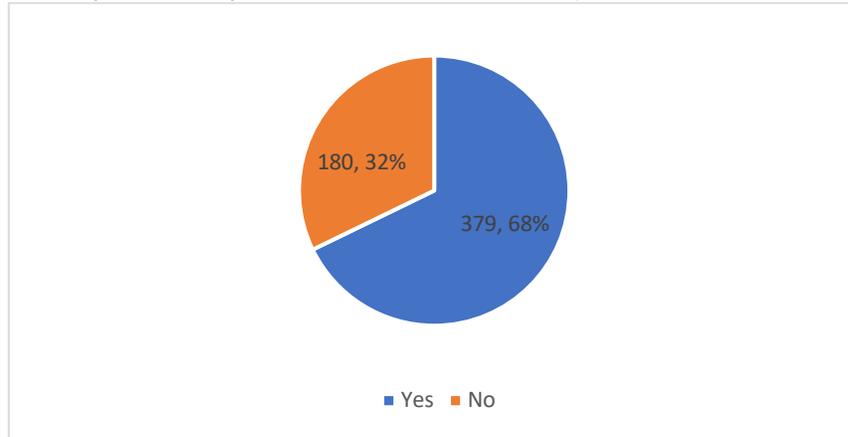
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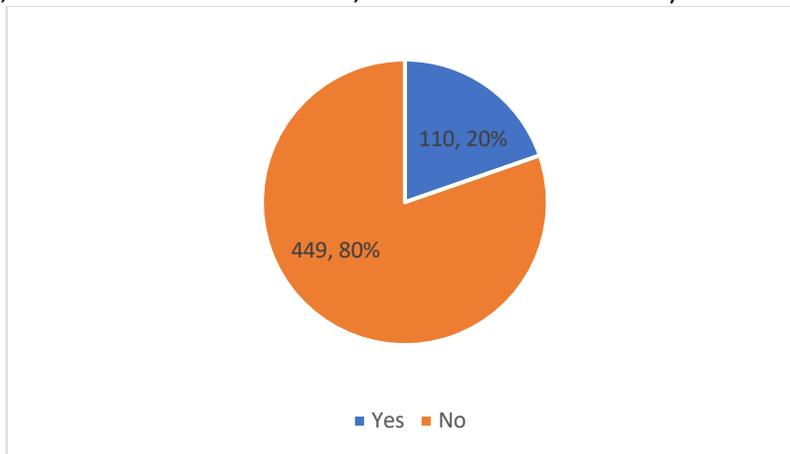
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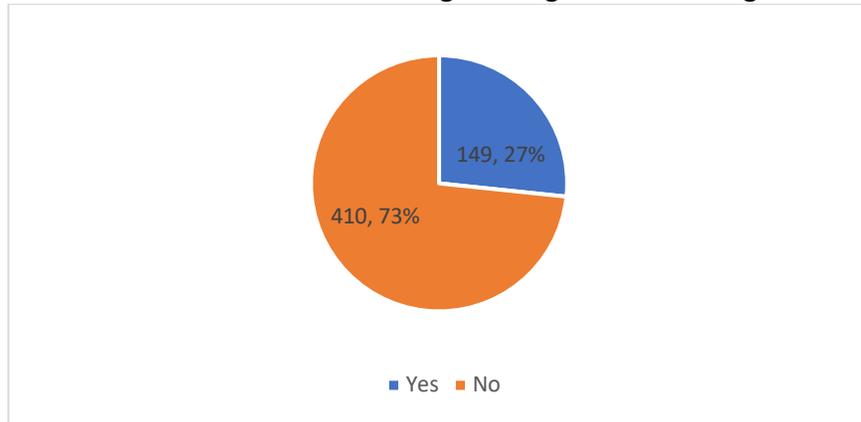
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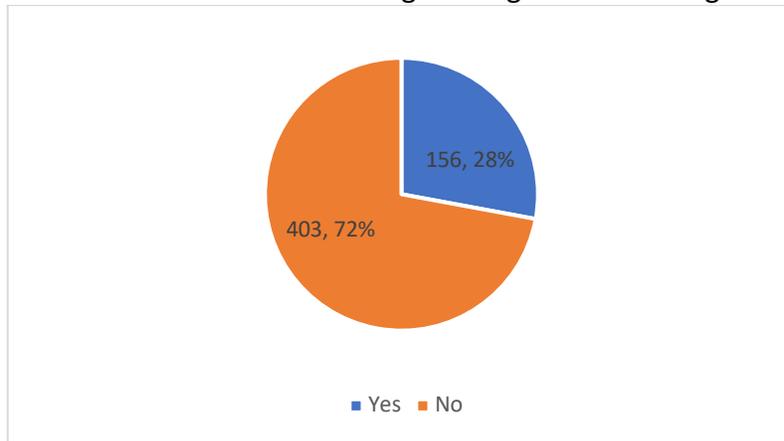
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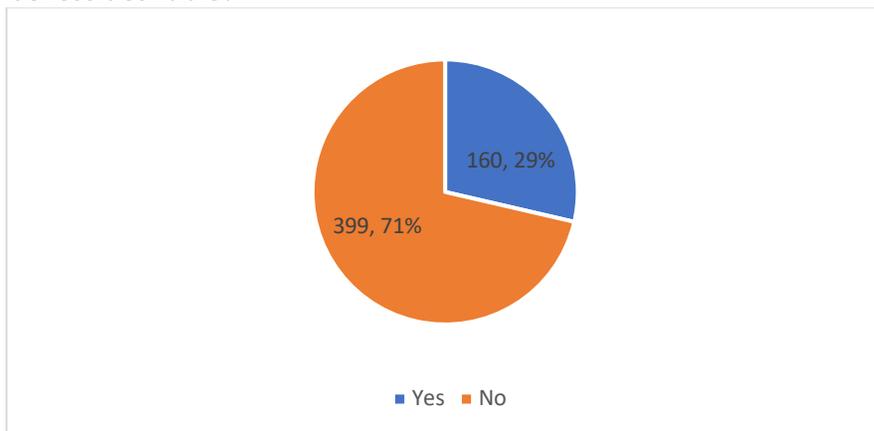
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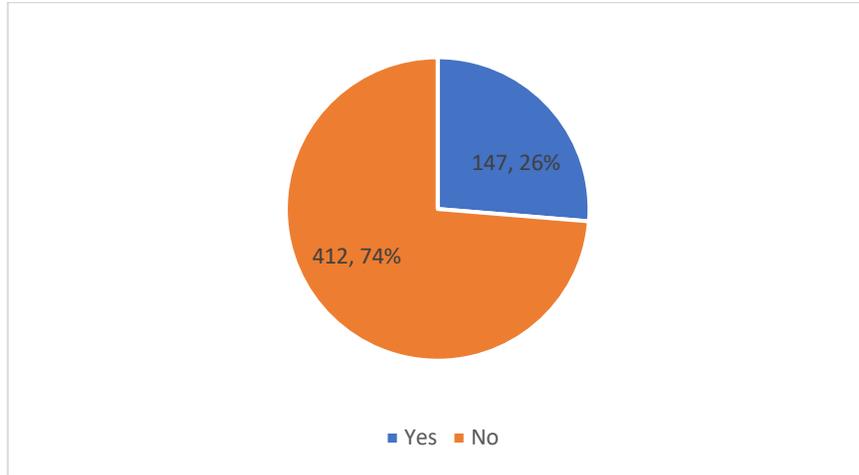
9. Do you believe current CSCD wake surfing boating rules are being enforced?



10. Do you believe, if wake boats and wake surfing are NOT allowed at CSCD, our lakes would be less desirable?



11. Since wake boats have been allowed at CSCD since 2015, have you experienced damage or danger to your person, shoreline, property, or boats due to boats that are manufactured to create an enhanced and/or larger more powerful wave?



COMMENTS

11b. If yes, please explain the damage/concern and cost to repair. Comments

#11a is unfair question. no one can definitively report the cause of damage or danger unless there is a controlled test. no value in these answers cause they are all biased

A boat using the wave feature crossed very close in front of our bow causing a giant wave to come over our bow soaking everyone sitting in front and a lot of water to rush over the bow and into and across the floor.

Sometimes the waves are large enough to wash up on our dock. Also as their waves bounce back from the shore so strong, they are further eroding our shore line and damaging the back bottom side of our boathouse.

A pontoon boat on a leisurely cruise should not have the deck swamped because of waves caused by wake surfers

A wave dented in the front of my pontoon boat

Almost swamped

Been in a boat house and have seen waves come up through the decking about 2 1/2 ft. high and soaked us and the furniture, also been on a pontoon boat and got blindsided with a wave and we all thought we were going to turn over and be thrown off of our seats

Been waked with water over the bow of our boat and nearly fell in our the boat as a result of the large wave. Injured my wrist attempting to catch myself.

Boat pitched into swimmers , pushed to shore fishing

Come look at my shoreline. Even with more rip rap. It has fallen in.

Constant loss of rocks, erosion to lake line

Created bigger waves which I hit and broke brackets on fish finder and trolling motor. \$280 for new brackets.

Damage to my dock from boats slamming against it. Erosion to shore line.

Danger to persons

dock damage from a tied up boat

Dock replaced

Erosion beneath my dock which required new framing supports.

Erosion of lake walls

erosion of shoreline and beach

Erosion of shoreline, people not obeying rules which makes me feel unsafe

Erosion to shoreline. Don't recall cost of adding rip rap

Erosion, murkier water

Even when only 1 or 2 wake boats are on the lake, the lake becomes so turbulent with waves of increased size that it makes boating unenjoyable and unsafe for other boaters. I have often returned to my dock when only a few wake boats were on the lake because they create so much excessive wave activity that boating can become dangerous and detrimental to my boat and passengers. The hull of my boat has smacked the water surface hard many times because of the increase in wake from the wake boats. It's uncomfortable and unenjoyable to the passengers in the other boats on the lake. If I see wake boats on the lake, I often return to my dock frustrated. Additionally, we see increased wave activity way back in our cove when wake boats are on the lake. Normal wake activity typically subsides before reaching our lot, but wake from wake boats causes a noticeable increase in the wave action back in the coves and along the shoreline.

Even with rip rap seems shoreline is washing away.

excessive wakes create a danger to other boaters

Fear of danger to my person when kayaking on the lake when Wake Boats are in use

Freeholders should be allowed to enjoy the lake within reasonable limits. Wake boats are currently popular and likely to increase in popularity. I'm nearly 70 years old and own property on the main lake where the waves come directly to my shoreline. Also, I have no plans to ride a wake board anytime soon! Nevertheless, I find it annoying that old farts like me spend too much of their time griping, controlling and complaining about the leisure practices of others, especially those younger. This particular subject, more than likely, has very little to do with potential shore erosion or risk to anyone on the water and more to do with a minority of people who don't have anything better to do than complain about such things. Rules were established around the use of wake boats a few years ago. Those rules seemed like a reasonable compromise without restricting the use of wake boats on the lake. We should enforce those rules the best we can and, in the mean time, live with a little more tolerance and grace."

front end of our pontoon swamped by wake boat wave.

Grandkids have been knocked into the dock by large waves...thankfully no injury incurred.

Had to rebuild and change angle of sea wall bc waves were coming over wall and eroding ground behind it

Had tuber get thrown off tube (8yr old) due to wake board boat. They will not go back into the water due to fear of boats drowning them (in their words)

Hit wake with fishing boat and knocked trolling motor off my boat.

How could anyone possibly prove they have damage due to wake boats? This question should be thrown out.

I am going to need to spend a lot of \$ bc of water going way up under boatlift Builder should have taken care of the problem when building but I guess it would have run way over the \$94,000 I paid him. I can't imagine what it's going to take to fix now.

I answered #6 as yes only if wake surfacing is allowed; but I prefer no Wake surfacing

I answered no, but I really have no way of assessing damage to my shoreline (which is mostly under my dock).

I don't know if the wake surfing rules are being followed or enforced but I can tell you that I follow the all of the rules. And although the new recommendation to surf in the middle is a dangerous and poorly-reasoned "recommendation" and not rule, I've followed it each time we've been out. The problem is that the other boats (pontoon and otherwise) pulling inflatables or not, don't respect anyone else's space on the lake, and rather than shut down their good times until traffic clears, they pass everyone in the middle on the left (wrong side) rather than waiting for safe passage on the right - which undermines the necessary directional counterclockwise movement on a narrow lake like Sweetwater. In our seasons as freeholders, I have not had a single incident where another "wake boat" created a dangerous situation, but I have been genuinely apprehensive about lots of situations created for my boat or those I've been towing by other runabouts and pontoons making bad decisions.

I feel very uncomfortable when boating and large waves due to wake boarding. I do not take my grandchildren tubing on weekends due to wake boarding.

I had to add a considerable amount of rip rap and pea gravel to compensate for the endless progression of waves. Some of these can be swells of 2-3 feet from wake boating alone (even without wind or other speed boats).

I have encountered very large wakes that have caused me to make evasive maneuvers and have caused myself and my riders to fall / drop in difficult locations on the lake. I have a very deep V hull and the wakes still cause my hull to bounce and slam much more often and much harder than it did when we first purchased the vessel in 2010.

I have had significant wash out to my shoreline - exposing roots and further erosion- also weakened dock stands

I have hit big waves from loaded down pontoon boats. Are we looking to get rid of those next?

I have personally been on Sweetwater and had a wake from a wake surfing boat come across the bow of my boat and swamped my boat with water.

I have seen small children at lakes edge get knocked down by wave. Kayak got tossed by wake surfing close to buoy. Waves over rip rap. Kids tosses off Lilly pad.

I noticed more erosion along the shore line of our property. 2 years ago we added rip rap on the shore line to help stop or slow down the erosion.

I understand the reasoning of protecting the shorelines by having the boats down the middle. However, it makes it very difficult on a busy weekend when a boat is going up the middle and trying to turn to go back up the middle. It is already chaotic. I feel the wake surfing is not the only issue with those boats as the wake they tend to put off just cruising around the lake is significant. I realize they have a no wake feature but clearly a lot are not using it. You can always tell from the wake rippling down the cove if one just went by. I have been told Grand Lake only allows it on the strip by their dam to protect shorelines everywhere else. There are a lot of things to consider and the boats certainly don't cause all the wake hour issues. I do think life would be better for a lot if we could revisit the wake hours on the weekend. I personally love the quiet hours in the am but can understand that skiing and even some wakeboarding (not surfing) on the lakes has become next to impossible unless you are here during the week. I tend to watch for fishing boats and there seem to be significantly less on weekend mornings. Plus they can still fish in the coves and really almost anywhere on the lake all day during the quieter weekdays. I understand the desire to have those hours but I don't think it is too much to ask that a skiing/wakeboarding only hour or two is added to Saturday and Sunday mornings because between tubing and surfing it is tough to do any other time (especially with the swerving people pulling tubes tend to do). The lake has certainly gotten much busier in the 13 years we have been here so adapting the old wake hours might be necessary to help alleviate some of the frustration.

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I've had to add several truckloads of rock to our shoreline since waves are now much bigger and more forceful to protect the shoreline. I also have been hit by these waves while working on my dock and have been knocked around by them. My pontoon boat has also sustained damage while docked and we have had to use bigger buoys to protect it. It has cost me several thousand dollars to protect the shore and repair the boat damage from these waves.

I've owned here since 2000. I had to completely gut and replace our shore line to the tune of \$35000. In my 24 years I have NEVER seen such waves - thick large wave action than in the recent years. My neighbor is loosing her "ground" behind her dock as her shoreline is sucked out from where it used to be - our entire shoreline had been sucked out like a powerful vacuum effect over the past several years and in the last 4 moreso.

If you are allowing surfing boats then no reason pontoons with 110 BP which DO NOT create the wake these boat create can not be allowed

If you have multiple boats that are doing this type of sport then it makes trying to get around them very dangerous due to the multiple wakes you create in a small area. This can cause damage to your boat and it is dangerous for your passengers.

Increased erosion;

It is nearly impossible to pull into my slip and raise the boat without it hitting my bank. My boat has damage. I worry about more erosion as well.

It makes it very difficult to swim/float from our dock

Just last week our pontoon boat was swamped by a wake boat. Our front end went under, we had over 3 inches of water when it came up. We were scared and our dogs were very scared.

Large wave actually washed over front of our pontoon boat causing several of our passengers concern.

Larger denser waves cause more erosion Physics 101

Making the lakes safer should be the top priority.

Many times waves created by these boat have caused water to enter my Ranger bass boat coming over the front and sides flooding the inside, no regard for how close they come to you while under trolling motor power.

Massive erosion repairs , has accelerated recently

Massive wave caused our pontoon to tip considerably and drinks were spilled and one person almost knocked out of their seat.

Massive waves 100% create difficulties skiing. They also create a lake where it is difficult to manage just driving your boat. With the number of boats out there it is already too wavy without adding in these wake boats .

Minor dock damage due to my pontoon boat slamming into my dock from extra large waves.

More of a concern than damage. We are the second house on the point of Eagle drive, facing the beach. We are in the fast zone with a "no wake" buoy in front of our dock. We get a large amount of waves and the wake board waves are extreme. They go over our main dock so anything we have on the dock gets wet, moved around or even gets pushed into the lake if we are not watching at that time. We have young grand-kids that play on that dock so it can be very intimidating for them at times. We try to float in the water and the larger waves continue to push you to the rocks that are there to prevent erosion. I'm constantly in the water during slow time throwing the rocks back up against the shoreline since the larger waves pull them down into the water. In my opinion, the buoy is still too close to us and lots of speed boats go by it really close and when you get a few right after each other, along with the wake boarders, the splash is up into our second level docks two steps up. We chose the location so we understand we are on the speed zone... but the extreme waves are at times can be very concerning. Please move the buoy out about 10 - 15 more feet. Other locations with less wave are out further than ours so it doesn't make any sense to us.

More of a danger on the lake.

More of a nuisance than significant damage but Increased wave action on the main lake has tumbled stacked riprap along our property. Unchecked this allows the waves direct impact to our retention wall. This is seemingly more frequent now than several years ago. Admittedly, that is a subjective response

More rapid erosion

My dock and boat are getting hit harder with wave activity making tied up boats and kayaks bang against the dock missing the bumpers. I am looking to instal more bumpers around my dock because of all the waves. Pulling into our dock is more difficult with the heavier waves. I saw my neighbor parking his boat on his lift and a wave picked up his boat and slammed it down on a pole on the side of the lift damaging his boat. Just horrible.

My property is far enough from the active boating areas that I have not experienced and to my property. However, one wake boat makes the waters on Cordry difficult to navigate; two really increases the risk of navigating at any speed much more than an idle. I won't put any one behind my boat to tube or ski when an enhanced wake boat is operating on the lake.

My rip rap has eroded and washed into the lake.

My seawall is breaking apart badly. It is old and there is no way to know if the damage is from rougher waves or just time.

My shore has eroded beyond the back of my dock, holes are at the shore. I had to remove 3 trees for fear that they would fall onto other structures. We can't swim off our property without drinking lake water because it goes over our heads sometimes.

My shoreline continues to erode. I had to add piers underneath by home to stabilize the foundation due to the eroding shoreline.

My shoreline is taking a hit.

My watercraft was almost swamped by a wake surfing boat.

N/A

n/a

N/A I live in cove

No damage to property since we live on a quiet cove. We have experienced fear of personal injury while on open water by being overwhelmed in an 18 foot pontoon. Large waves and erratic dangerous driving by others.

None

none

None

None

On a pontoon ride with family (younger grandchildren), we came out of a cove and was taken over by a huge, unexpected wall of water that went completely above our Bimini top. 3 inches of water was in our boat floor. It was a casual boat ride. We were in clothing, had cell phones and was not expecting this. Everything was drenched and items were literally floating in the floor of our boat. I remember looking up right before thinking "what the heck"? After we realized what happened.... I was not a Happy Boater....my thought, how can this be allowed?

On busy weekends the water is so rough I can't enjoy boating. It creates waves that come over the top of my docks, which have electricity and that is dangerous.

Our beach has washed away about a foot further in the past 2 years and have seen the wakes from these boats come up further on our beach then wakes made by other craft.

Our boat has taken large bow waves on several occasions.

Our dock suffers wake damage from normal boating due to boats creating inside no wake zone due to buoy placement. We are now facing repair bills in the thousands.

Our home is in the fast zone of Cordry and we have our shore well protected, but wake boats cause water to crash above the rip rap area. Even on the busiest days with many boats tubing, it doesn't create as bad of waves as the wake boats. I am concerned about long term erosion issues, especially if more wake boats are allowed.

Our home sits on the main part of the lake and on a weekly basis we see these boats that appear to not follow any of the guidelines hugging the buoys and creating unsafe wake and waves to swimmers, kayakers and other boaters in the lake. We see very little enforcement of any of our bi-laws and safety rules on a regular basis so more people feel empowered to break them.

Our pontoon was engulfed with a foot of water Father's Day weekend. We had two sleeping 3 year olds and a 15 year old dog almost swept off the front of our boat

Our property is just inside of the no wake zone. Some drivers do not cut the engine until they are actually inside of the buoys, thereby throwing their enhanced wave directly into our shoreline.

Our seawall has deteriorated more rapidly in recent years.

Our shore line is eroding much more than before 2015. The cracks in our sea wall have gotten MUCH worse. and on the weekends the water comes up over our sitting area by the dock. We are on the main body of the lake and sometimes the water is so rough, we can't safely swim in front of our house or even get our boats out safely. It has diminished our enjoyment of the lake. We love Sweetwater but the rough water and the loud noise of these boats are a big negative to us.

Purchased home in 2008 and had survey done. Brown County survey of property approx 3 years ago indicated we had lost approx 4' of shoreline due to erosion from wake. We had to rip rap the entire shoreline to stabilize.

Required \$30,000 for shoreline repair due to wave erosion.

Reside in no wake zone

Retaining wall damage

Rocks my tied to dock pontoon boat so much that the rope sheard. Doesn't rock as violently with other boats.

Safety contend for our granddaughter - the waves are more intense and she has on several occasions been scared to point she did not want to go in the water.

Shore Erosion

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Shore line wall erosion

Shore washing away, eating into our property.

SHORELINE AND LAKE PROPERTY HAS BEEN DAMAGED DUE TO WAVES FROM THE ENHANCED WAKE BOATS.

Shoreline damage

Shoreline damage and boat damage from hitting the dock bc of the large waves

Shoreline damage. Wave could cause a small boat to roll over.

Shoreline erosion

shoreline erosion control measures / more often than not the lake seems very rough and we oftentimes have to return home as it feels unsafe for our family

Shoreline erosion is visible

Shoreline erosion

Shoreline has eroded faster

shoreline protection is disrupted and has to be replaced regularly

Shoreline repair. \$8,500.00plus

Shoreline. When we have our grandchildren at the lake, the large waves throw them into our dock. It has become very unsafe.

SHORELINES AND WALLS RAPIDLY DETERIORATED THE PAST 3 YEARS ON MY LOTS AND NEIGHBORS DUE TO THE WAKES CREATED.

Since I do not live on the water, I have to use the boat ramps. Two weeks ago, I drove by Sweetwater lake, and it was too rough to even entertain the idea of using the boat ramp to put my boat in the water. So my girlfriend and I went to cordy lake. It was a mad rush to get my boat off of the trailer without the big waves coming in the back of the boat. I was waiting for my girlfriend to park the truck and pick her up at the dock, and the waves were so bad next to the damn in the no wake zone that I had to speed out of there to keep the waves from coming over the front of my boat. And while trying to take the boat out that evening, the waves were so bad that we were trying to pull into the slip so my girlfriend could get out and get the truck and trailer, a wave was so big. It hit the back of my boat, and knocked us into the side of the slip, which slammed the boat against the dock, and threw my girlfriend over the front of the boat. It was hilarious, but it was a serious issue. When I am Fishing there throughout the year, I can only fish until about 945 and then I have to pick up everything and hurry up to get the boat out of the water because it is so rough that I have to get the bunk boards off of my boat trailer trying to get the boat aligned.

Smacking boats off docks and throwing people overboard, no respect for fishermen

Small kids in large wakes
Constantly reinforcing shoreline

Some of the waves deep come into the cove and even over the edge of the dock. We have to raise our lifts because the waves are so big that our boats move on the lift, even when raised to normal levels. It's not the boat that's the problem. It's the lack of enforcement and rule-breaking by the owners. Pull the stickers for 12 months and it would likely stop. 2nd time boat is gone.

The increase of the waves are much bigger which hit our shore and slash up through our deck. This soaks our deck, deck furniture, and guests. It also sometimes trips our electric. Lastly, it is more difficult to swim because the increase size of the waves which is very dangerous.

The large waves those boats create cause them to come up and over our rock retention wall and wash it away.

The magnitude and power of a wakesurf wave came over the front of our pontoon and over the heads of adults causing us to abruptly stop on a busy lake. It took our view of our surroundings away for a few seconds.

The size of the wakes hitting the shore are substantial, especially on weekends. We have not lived at Sweetwater long enough to know personally what it was like prior to 2015, or what the longer term impact will be, but it doesn't take a trained eye to visually see the difference in wake force created when these boats pass vs a normal bow rider or pontoon. I think you will get different opinions from freeholders living in coves vs main body as well. The only way that Sweetwater can continue to allow these boats to operate is to guarantee to the residents that they (the conservancy) will pay for any erosion / dock damage moving forward.

The wake creates rough water with the wake swamping my pontoon several times

The wakes these boats make are totally damagerous and possibly damaging to other boats not necessarily designed to encounter the rough water. Swimming on the main "ski" area is like a "fishing bobber" and smaller kids are put in some peril. These boats should have never been allowed without having the Ballest equipment disabled. Heard a lot owner bragging to his guests how he was "breaking the rules " knowing he did not disable his equipment.

The waves become too high and it is too dangerous to water ski and tube.

The waves cause other boats, including pontoons, to be tossed about when trying to run parallel to the shoreline and flow of traffic. The only way to avoid being bounced about is to turn into the wave and that can cause otherwise unnecessary and sometimes unsafe maneuvering on crowded days.

There are big waves that come our way but I Don know if it's these activities or just all the boats that come by with a speed above idle. There are a lot!

There are some days I can't go out in my narrow beam ski boat. Forget water skiing on most weekend days.

They do not pay attention and I live at the side of a cove and people still come barreling down while I am swimming in the water in front of our place.

This questions is only going to give you biased answers. I do not believe freeholders can determine if shoreline or property damage was due specifically to a wake surfing boat vs waves from any other boat or a combination of waves due to many boats on the lake.

Tried passing a wake boat while they were producing huge wave. My pontoon nose dived into the wave. Surprised prop didn't come out of water. Filled boat with water and had water overflowing OVER front seats. Water to my knees as I was behind the wheel. Two people with minor foot/ankle contusions. Bent front door railing.

Unexpected large wake caused severe snapping of neck and discomfort when I hit it at 25mph.

Unsafe boating

wake boat wave was large and made it very dangerous for my boat. Tossed us around.

wake enhanced boat drivers sometimes cannot see where they are going because the front of the boat is very high, blocking their view

Wakes large enough they easily top our seawall causing erosion

Wakes so big at times fishing boats are taking on water over the top

Washed out under our dock

Water came in the bass boat and I needed to hold which did not help much it was like a sunomi

Water over bow on run about and pontoon boat to submarine

Wave coming into the boat and pushing us into shoreline areas.

Waves crashing over docks with small kids in the water... and can't enjoy a relaxing float... and waves batter back of boats on lifts causing unnecessary stress on cable systems

Waves from a wake boat, flooded my pontoon and crushed the front two corners. The wave completely covered my elderly father and others who were setting in the front right corner and damaged his hearing aids.

Waves from these boats breach our sea walls and come into our yard up to 10 feet and actually put out our fire pit Our kids won't play in the water because of the waves.

Waves have been coming up over the rip rap when they go by house. They are bringing more rip rap into water away from wall.

Waves have come over the deck of the boat washing everything on deck to the back of the boat and short term loss is control

Waves produced by these boats if close to buoys breach my sea wall and go into the yard. If boating and encounter the waves produced, you have to slow down for fear you'll break your boat or launch people your towing six feet into the air.

We are 1/2 way down Grey Wolf/Grizzly. We've noticed significantly larger waves getting our boats in and out of our boat slips on busy afternoons. Waves also can affect boats in the slips if they are not up higher than necessary.

We definitely have seen larger than normal swells making their way to the back of our cove which has banged up our paddle boards in the water and banged around our boat on the lift. We can't say definitively that it was a wake boat as we are far from the main lake, but for sure the waves were unusual and grew in size while traveling down the cove to us.

We had huge waves and had to reinforce our shoreline. I can't say if it is due to only wake activities or volume increase of boating

We had to pay for additional Shoreline Rip Rap and consistently find displaced rock. Large waves make it difficult to sit on boat deck without getting splashed. Swimming is difficult for small children with wake boats coming too close and creating large waves at shore.

We have been on our boat and had large waves overflowing us to the point of being scared. It has happened numerous times. Some people seem oblivious to rules. Visitors to the lake aren't always aware of the boating rules. Within the last 5 years (lake owners since the 60's) we've e seen tremendous erosion to our shoreline and docks, erosion of our cement . The erosion has increased significantly in the last 10 years of the almost 60 years we've been down there. Statistically it has to be because of something other than natural erosion. We are very sad our beautiful lake is being destroyed.

We have damage to our seawall, steps, and boathouse from years of powerful wake surf waves crashing along our shore (surfing while hugging the buoys approx 30' from our boathouse). Scientific research suggest 500' to a 1000' from shore or objects for responsible wake surfing. Only the boat industry bought and paid for study suggest 200' from shore is acceptable. Prior owners of our property, for 30 years, had no issue with waves washing out the backside of the seawall (that's been here since before water was in the lake) until wake boats were allowed. They raised the wall up to 16" and 8 1/2' back into the yard to fix the issue. In just a few years that was not enough due to the addition of more wake boats. Approx \$20,000 seawall repair, \$8,000 steps repaired (still an issue of chipping away), quote of \$6,500 for rip rap just under the boathouse, approx. another \$10,000 to rip rap the entire 120' of shoreline, still don't have a quote on cost to repair boathouse deck boards and post jacked up due to pressure from large waves causing post to shift and deck boards to heave. Note: our boathouse is mostly supported by land and 12" thick concrete walls 10' below the water level (from prior boat garage-again before water was in the lake) and our post are still affected by the impact of these waves. We get geysers of water up our decking, shaking the boathouse only when wake boats go by. No other boats on the lake cause this to happen. People have come to our meetings saying "it's the responsibility of the homeowners to maintain their shoreline". How much money are freeholders expected to spend every year to repair damage to our properties by wake boats that have not permanently disable their boats, like they agreed to on the CSCD affidavit before they got a sticker to put their wake boat on our lakes? When does the responsibility fall on those freeholders with wake boats that selfishly ignore the rules put in place to prevent damage to others property? Contrary to post on social media, there was no official study of erosion along our shores. An individual, that although he knows much about erosion, said he did not go to school and get a degree in that field and his website shows the focus of his business is roads not lakes. Yet, he was introduced as an "expert in the field" at a wake boat meeting. He did not obtain information from freeholders regarding how much they spent and what they had already done to repair shoreline damage or how many trees they lost along the shoreline before this individual drove around the lakes to make his non scientific observations rather opinions.

We have more damage but not sure if it is increase wake or weather factors. My retention wall is crumbling. Have not fixed.

We have owned our place for over 10 years. We never noticed any significant problems with wash out of our lake front until the last few years. The large wakes from the wake boats came over the rip/rap and beyond the plastic barrier creating washed out gulleys in our walking area. The waves went beyond the water barrier that had been there for years. The water, because it went beyond the plastic barrier, washed out soil underneath the barrier creating deep gulleys in the walking area. This required repair of the washed out gulleys, new barrier installation and more rip/rap costing \$14,000. We are on the main channel of Sweetwater and our lake front is exposed to this problem..

We just had to have our dock rebuilt due to wood rot partially from the increased waves. We are on the main part of the lake yet set back a couple hundred feet, and we actually had waves crest over the TOP of the dock last weekend! I'm already looking at having more rip-rap installed.

We passed by wake boat the wake was so large that the water came over our boat. We are in a cove and we have noticed excessive erosion in cove.

We sold our pontoon boat because of the rough water and the constant tipping because of the large waves we would not take our grandchildren out because of the dangers

We were hit with a larger than normal wake swell and had short term difficulty maneuvering our boat. The wake caught us by surprise.

We were on a 20 Foot pontoon boat with 3 adults, 3 children, and one dog when a wake boat cut in front of us and created such a big wake that the front of the pontoon went under water. The force was so hard that two of the children flew off of their seats and my wife had to grab them by their life jackets. Water started eventually started receding out and we fully resurfaced. After all the commotion, the wake boat was still going and didn't even stop to check on it. The welded piece that holds the front door of the pontoon in place was ripped from the deck and lost in the water. That's the force of the wake that hit us. The craziest part is that we didn't even realize that the wake boat was actually pulling someone behind it because the wake was so large and they couldn't be seen. Obviously these people didn't care about safety of others nor themselves.

We've had issues with children experiencing greater issues enjoying the water because of the increased wave and wake size.

While visiting friends on the main part of the lake, I couldn't let my grandson swim because the waves push him into retaining walls, way too dangerous.

12. General comments and/or suggestions regarding the above topics:

ENFORCE the existing rules. Lake patrol should regularly be pulling over these wake boats and checking balast. There may be other requirements that can be implemented too like a minimum speed when having skiers, wake boarders. the slow speeds associated are dangerous to other boats and are creating huge waves.

From what I understand our lakes are technically too small to support wake boats.
At the very least, we should ban future wake boats, strictly enforce the rules off not using the wake feature. And have severe penalties for breaking the rules.

I do not feel the current rules are being enforced. We see the boats using the feature all the time. Another concern is the zebra mussels being brought to our lake in the ballast tank they fill to enhance this wake feature. How do you know they are not transporting the zebra mussels in their tanks even if they emptied them?

Many states have considered or enacted rules banning wake surfing within a barrier limit to shore e.g. 200 ft from shore for MN. Our lake is too small for wakesurfing just like it is too small for personal watercraft. I recommend we ban the sport, not the boat, as the boat was an investment while the sport is a pleasure.

Get rid of them

I have been down for 3 years and never noticed a fish smell coming from our cove and also on the main body , I have been smelling it on and off for a few weeks, just wondering what these boats are doing to our fish habitats and the ecology of the lake , also notice more weeds floating in the cloves and at the beach.

Really didn't want to answer questions 1 fully and 6 as they are kind of trick questions in our opinion. Lakes are too small for these types of boats and activities. We need to think of the 1000s of registered freeholders on these lakes who boat, kayak, paddleboard and swim, not the minority. It has become unenjoyable on the lake especially on the weekends. Will not even go out on the weekends anymore. Too dangerous and the water is too turbulent to enjoy. Besides the fact that scientific studies have been done proving these boats cause extremely large wakes, as they were designed to do so, damage to docks, erosion of our shorelines and dams, lake floor damage (alge blooms), damage to our ecosystem and fishery, invasive species retained in uninspectable ballast and personal injury. We ban jet ski's for some of these very reason. Now we are allowing these boats to run, who are currently breaking the rules that have already been set, with no consequences. We are all about having fun on our lakes but our lakes are just to small. Please consider the majority of our freeholders not the minority.

Lakes to small for excessive waves

Ban the boats. We have home property damage and before someone gets killed. Also enforce the law for safety. Your looking the other way.

Jus ban the activity (wake surfing) problem solved

I'd prefer wake surfing to be allowed, just not at the consequences of others. I'd also like to see a 20-30 minute morning window for us water skiers but understand everyone can't have what they want. As a skier, I'm excited for calm waters from 10:00a - 10:03a on the weekends.

Using these boats in the center of the lake seems helpful.

We've owned our home for 2 years and have noticed an increase since we moved here.,

Our lakes are simply too narrow to safely accommodate the wave turbulence created by wake enhancing boats. The suggestion of having those boats stay in the middle of the lake or near the dams does not solve the issue at all because our lakes are just too narrow for this to make any difference at all. Our enjoyment of the lakes has been significantly diminished in the last several years because of these boats. I am in favor of completely banning these boats from our lakes. Our lakes are simply too

small to safely accommodate the wake generated by them and it is unfair to other boaters who don't create the same amount of disruption in the lake. My enjoyment of the lake would increase significantly if these boats were no longer permitted. Thank you for soliciting input on this issue.

I'm not entirely sure if rules are being enforced or not?

The lakes simply are not large enough for this to be a safe practice

Per page 7 of the CSCD Rule Book, Wake Boats and boats modified to create a large wake are prohibited watercraft. (See #4 in Prohibited Watercraft section)

The Rule Book is published on the CSCD website.

The prohibited watercraft rule should be enforced.

Difficult decision. I can see both sides.

Thank you for giving all freeholders a voice.

As I understand it, these boats could minimize their impact by trimming differently and increasing their speed. Many owners appear to have no interest in minimizing their impact . Therefore I feel like we need to have systems in place to change the behavior of the boats.

Jet skis were banned due to lakes not being large enough so why are we banning them but even considering wake boarding to be safe? The lakes have not increase in size however the amount of boats on the water and other water craft has increased. If you are gonna make this exception and allow you need to allow all water crafts on the water. Regardless of size or style including wake

If they allow wakeboard and other higher Hp boats then pontoons should have the antiquated hp limit on them removed from the lake rules.

I am 110% for full usage of wakeboard boats on the lakes. I have been on Sweetwater for 30 years. The biggest wake I've witnessed is NOT from a wakeboard boat. Wakeboard boats aren't hurting anything. Anyone who believes they are experiencing erosion should take personal responsibility & maintain their property. I think a shoreline committee should be formed & we should enforce lakefront property owners to keep up with riprap, which is proven the best. We should order in bulk & get a discounted rate on riprap for those who need it.

I think the speed limit needs to be lowered but then I'm really old. Lol

The boats on the lake in recent years have definitely become more dangerous. The lakes are TOO small for the speed and number of boats present. We don't need to wait for a tragedy to happen before we call a halt to the danger in our waters.

We have drawn the line on jet skis, three-person tubing, and other issues, yet seem afraid to tackle this one. There will continue to be "advances" in the coming months and years that will likewise need to be addressed.

I have never passed on boating activities because the lake is too rough due to wake boats. I have, however, passed because the lake is too rough because there are far too many pontoon boats and other runabouts pulling inflatables. If the angle/bias against wake surfing and "wake boats" is now shifting towards "safety", which is more dangerous?!?!

1) A boat driving 10-11 mph in a straight line obeying all of the lake/boat restriction rules pulling a single individual on a 15 foot rope directly behind the boat OR

2) boats driving 18-30 mph pulling multiple people on inflatables on multiples sides of the wake on 70 foot lines zig-zagging all over the lake disregarding the directional rules, whipping them in the narrow areas of the lake and having to collect multiple down towees in multiple locations?

When does common sense kick in?

My kids and their friends like to tube yet I would be be 150% in favor of banning tubing and "tubing boats" over surfing and surfing boats. Realistically, you can't make a rational argument against surfing on erosion evidence or studies and you absolutely can't make an argument against surfing on safety if/when you continue to allow what goes on every weekend with dozens of all types of boats pulling multiple inflatables all over the place on a narrow lake. Please contact me at XXXXXXXX if you would like more input on why wake boats are not ruining the lakes or making them more dangerous. Thank you for your work on our behalf as freeholders.

We have been full time residents for 31 years and the last few years We have not enjoyed boating (especially weekends) due to wake boarding and non compliance with to boating rules.

What is the point of restricting the size of pontoon boats or speed boats if we're going to allow boats designed to deliberately create wake. This makes absolutely no sense. These need to go. They are ruining the lake.

The published rule that I remember is very clear and states that a boat is to be operated in a manner that creates the least amount of wake possible. There are over 1000 freeholders (not certain of the actual number). Certainly less than 8% of those freeholders have these boats and use them to generate such large wakes. The lakes are way too narrow for the 'sport' and the large majority of the freeholders who also pay taxes get less enjoyment out of the lakes than they would without the 'sport'. With regards to reducing the value of the property, folks are not spending \$1,000,000 + just so they can wake surf. As I recall, the value of the homes did not change when the jet skis were banned in December of 1993. In actuality, the home values will not be impacted as a function of someone's ability to wake surf and the desirability for family and friends to come and enjoy the water with us will actually go up if wake surfing is banned. With regards to question #1, ban the activity not the boat. Make everyone comply with the rules of not creating unnecessary wake.

When I purchased our home on wonderful Lake Cordry in 2016 it was because the lakes were smaller and easier to enjoy with reasonable size boats. The size of boats and ballasts that are allowed has created white capping, waves larger than ocean tides at times - it's simply unrealistic to have those types of motors on such small lakes. Those types of boats are meant for lakes such As Monroe or other large acreage lakes. Especially since all you can do on our small lakes is go round and around in circles...creating huge waves.

Trust me - plenty of people will continue to buy property at Cordry-Sweetater if you ban these types of watercraft's. There are plenty of people who want to get in on these lake properties- in fact you may have more that want in if you don't ruin it with the wake boats.

Ballast are the issue and they aren't even mentioned. Seems to be just talking about "wake boat" which is not clarified. We have a new boat that has ballast physically disabled and no wake shaping fins. This survey is written with a huge bias, which I found confusing and a attack on our legit boat.

These lakes are too small for sport of wake surfing. There is just not enough room to dissipate the wakes generated by these boats during that activity. Rules are not followed and definitely not enforced. A freeholder has signed a legal affidavit that the wake enhancing devices are 'permanently disabled" but they are not and if caught you only get a ticket and it takes 3 to have any form of penalty. I absolutely hate going out on the lakes during the weekend during fast time. Way too many irresponsible operators and add in the large wakes from wake surfing it's just not worth it to be honest.

I do not boat anymore but are concerned about shore erosion for all homeowners. If we loose shore line then people will eventually have an opinion to restrict the waves.

We are on the west side of Sweetwater and our house sits on the northside of the cove. Before wake boats arrived, the incoming wakes were gentle and hit the southside of the cove and never affected our pontoon moored to our dock. The wake boats move so slowly that the wakes come in vertically and are now hitting the north side of the cove with force and knocking around anything in their path. Afternoons on the lake is not a pleasant experience because of all the wake boat activity and we stay off the lake during those times. Lake Sweetwater is too small for these types of boats. Thank you for the opportunity to make input.

Ban the boats. This lake needs to return to SAFETY FIRST - period. The fact of talk of a dangerous body of water with violators and so much watercraft on the weekends - THAT - is what hurts the property values. There needs to be a NEW FLAG COLOR for boats that are in duress as I have personally witnessed two boats almost crash with one in distress trying to signal for help to a passerby only to be flipped the bird and cursed at - REAL NEIGHBORLY LAKE HERE! I was able to get in touch with Nick Johan who immediately dispatched lake patrol to help them - a wake surfer went right by them and circled back causing two boats trying to help each other almost capsize at the LARGE wake from the boat (this was the person flipping the duress family off then having more fun causing chaos.

A question on here should be: Do you believe anything will be done to solve this issue - my answer would be NO as well I simply have zero faith in the leadership in the lakes. We are full timers and witness so much at the end of the long stretch of the lake - but does anyone care, care about our reconstruction - NO - I was told to shut up about it. Again - the integrity compassion and kindness seem to have left the lakes.

If you continue with these boat the I see no reason why we can not have pontoons with 110 hp on the lakes.

CDSC has created a large issue with allowing this type of boat being approved from the start. People who have these boats and signed the waiver and continue to fill the ballast should have their privileges suspended and if it happens a second time they should have to remove the boat from the lakes. It's sad that we have to do this because they can't follow the rules. What are you going to do with people

that buy aftermarket ballasts and install them if you continue to allow the wake boats to use them. I'm not sure what the best solution is but they have opened a can of worms on this

Our lakes are too small for any boat that tries to enhance its wake by mechanical or artificial means.

Our lake is too narrow to allow boats three deep. I have seen many occasions where the surfers are in the middle with tubers on both sides. This pushes the tuber very close if not into the no wake zone. I am concerned for the safety of all. Also, we could assess the wake boats a high fee to reinforce the banks for people in wake zone. I shouldn't have to pay for acceleration of erosion.

Please enforce no wake zone speeds. This is being ignored by freeholdets AND lake safety

Do your job protect the lake and dam, and not your friends

you need to have more enforcement of the rules about ballast be full if caught ban from the lake period.

We believe it's out of hand. My husband is the only one in our family able to take the boat in and out.

I think that if an activity causes harm to others property and affects the enjoyment of the lake the. It should be banned. Wasn't this a similar reason why jet skis were banned? Will this eve allowed back too if wake boats are co ti yes to be allowed? Will there be a cap on how many allowed? There's too many now. We have to wait until after 8pm to go out because of all the traffic and waves.

Unfortunately boating rules have been loosely enforced for so many years. (As I am typing this there is a wake boat and wake surfer out there with MASSIVE waves! And back end of boat dipped way low!) . Boat sizes are also loosely followed! So many boats that clearly should not have been allowed due to their size! We have been here 19 years and the last 2-3 years things have gotten so incredibly dangerous out there! People buy a boat but do have not lessons on how to drive it nor do they even know boating courtesy. Would love for boaters to have to take a course or be offered a course on how to drive a boat!

Thank you for looking into all these issues!

I like to see more enforcement of the rules pertaining to wake boats. Too often the lake safety person is allowing the boats to make excessive large waves when a person is surfing behind a boat which is worse than a wake board behind the boat. This wave is extremely dangerous to boats tied up to the

docks around the lake. My pontoon has caused some minor damage to my dock from hitting and banging into the wood.

Allowing the wake boarders to use the middle of the lake does not prevent the large waves from coming to our location. Studies have shown that the force of the wake board waves can extend up to 400 feet. Operating in the middle of the lake can't be 400 feet from our dock. If they are required to be in the larger, middle portion of the lake, that means they are all mostly at our end only so it compounds the problem for those of us at that end of the lake. I have witnessed boats with tubers weaving in and out and cutting it close to wake boarders in the middle. Tubers should be required to not weave in and out when they are approaching or passing a wake boarding boat. I'm not suggesting banning wake boarders altogether. I was told not to purchase a wake boarding boat since it could not be used with the ballast, flaps, tabs, etc. However, the number of wake boarding boats seemed to have increased the last couple years. At minimum, the rules should be enforced. If they break the rules on the books, then they lose the privileges. I don't have the answers... but maybe add certain times of the day for tubers, wake boarders, etc. AND, please relocate the buoy out farther since we see the brunt of the action and larger waves.

I digress, but I think a bigger problem is boats at dusk/night without running lights, just the white light on when under power, no lights on at all if stopped/anchored, pontoons running with docking lights on, etc.

I don't know if it's a rule or not, but I believe if the Yellow Light is lit, running lights should be required, and enforcement of it.

Maybe a boater's education test requirement like you did with the Zebra Mussels would be beneficial, especially with all of the recent clueless newbies who have recently purchased here.

The rules prohibit "Watercraft designed to create large wakes, or watercraft that have been modified to create a large wake." Additionally, there was a required affidavit that I can no longer locate that required owners to affirm that ballast devices were removed and capped and or wake enhancing devices permanently disabled. Are these requirements still valid? If so, it appears they are not enforced. Are there boats grandfathered prior to implementation of this restriction? Unless this rules/requirement was rescinded, this is a matter of rules enforcement. My observation is that the wake boat concern would not be an issue if enforced in accordance with the spirit of the existing language. Rewrite the rules or Enforce the requirement as written.

I think the lake is just too narrow for the wake boats.

Answered no to some above of the above questions because there is no reason for this boats to be here. We are not a big enough lake

The area inside the buoys feels too small for the number of boats we have on these lakes let alone boats that produce larger than normal wakes.

After listening to all the information provided from the committee and freeholders, I would ban the boats from the lakes. CSCD is just not a big enough body of water.

Our lakes are just not big enough for the wake surfing activity when there are numerous types of watercraft on the water at one time, usually a Saturday or Sunday.

Comments are numbered to correspond with the questions above:

3. Almost since the inception of the affidavit we have heard of freeholders "removing the fuse" to "permanently disable" their wake enhancing devices and it has been allowed to slide. In fact, that has been confirmed during Wake Committee meetings. If we keep the rules as they are we need to figure out how to enforce them. Issuing harsher penalties to freeholders who willfully disregard the rules in place seems like it might be a good deterrent to future flouting of this rule.

4. I feel the lakes have become more dangerous due to people not knowing how to safely operate a boat on our lakes and not knowing or understanding the rules. I don't think we can attribute it to wake boats or wake surfing only.

5. We have passed on going out on the lake and on water activities because the lake is too rough. It definitely seems rougher than it used to be. Again, I don't think we can say it is due to wake boats solely.

General Comment: Just make the rules enforceable and actually ENFORCE them. If the rule is that the "wake enhancing devices" need to be "permanently" disabled then verify that fact when the boat is stickered. The description of what qualifies as "permanent" seems pretty clear in the affidavit and does NOT include simply removing a fuse. It seems that the rule was put into place by the Conservancy Board for a reason. If its not possible to verify the rules are being followed then we either don't need the rule or we don't need the boats.

We live in cove , so we have not experienced the wake boats. I believe Cordry Lake is too small lake for this activity. But I understand you can't allow on one lake and not the other. one wake boat in center of approved area is a lot and if you get multiple wake boats only in the center, is an accident waiting to happen.If I owned a home near that area ,I would be very frustrated with the waves and not being able to go swimming from my dock without getting blown away from a wave.

We believe wakeboard, until hopefully disallowed, should require inspection to prove wave features are completely disabled and the lake officers should be empowered to make unscheduled inspections.

I wish the conservancy would simply allow the freeholders to best decide how to use the lakes and not over regulate everything down to the smallest detail. Allow people to use the lakes how they see fit.

lakes are too small

The current status is fine... don't make the place less desirable with even more rules.

Wake boating is a family friendly fun time, and I wish other people would be more tolerant of others enjoyment. Any desire to ban these boats is entirely selfish, and not inclusive of the entire community as at least 64 of our friends and neighbors think this is desirable in our community.

If they are allowed to stay on the lake and cannot follow the rules, they need to be banned from using the boats on the lake completely! Someone needs to be policing them and making sure that they are following the rules and that is not currently being done. Sweetwater Lake is a small family lake for small water activities not a larger lake for what is taking place. They are ruining the atmosphere of the small lake vibe and only more and more of these boats are going to show up. Something needs to be done.

I realize this is becoming a "culture war" item. But we banned jet skis because they were a nuisance on a lake this size. Wake boats are the same. And the people that defend them are like pilots on supersonic planes-they cannot hear the sonic booms they create. Everyone else suffers for the pleasure of a few. Just like jetskis. Don't give in on this. Ban them.

It's too late to ban these boats at this point with so many owners. But May be each lake is capped by a % # of Freeholders and an application process is put in place. ie: Wake boats are limited to 2% of the # of Freeholders on the lake and once that # is reached you can submit an application to have a Wake Boat and when a slot opens up you can confirm your spot and are approved for your WB or decline your slot and the slot is offered to the next applicant.

Larger and forceful waves create an unsafe environment on our small lake. Possible damage to the dams has not been considered. Current rules for wake boats and enhancements are not being followed or enforced. Combined with all the boating activity: tubing, bad drivers, giant wakes...we feel it is unsafe to do any boating activities on those days, limiting our access to the lake.

Please rethink bout placements at the south turn on Cordry lake,

Our lakes are too small to allow wakesurfing on Cordry in particular, and the suggestion of having them drive down the center of the lakes is very dangerous when the lakes are busy. If they follow the normal pattern close to the buoys, then they are far to close to shore causing erosion and safety issues for swimmers, kayakers, and paddle boarders.

Due to the negligence of the wakeboarding owners, we hope that the Board will ban all these boats. We know this is drastic and will make some people unhappy, but we sincerely believe that these boats are ruining our shorelines and we also fear that eventually someone is going to be hurt!

The wake enhancing boats create a huge wake that often splashes over the dock. The dock shakes violently. We can't enjoy boating in our pontoon, especially on the weekends due to the turbulence and wake created by the types of boats we now have on the lake (wake and deep haul boats). These boats porpoise and plow the water creating dangerous waves that have swamped our pontoon before. These lakes are too small for these types of activities.

These heavy wake boats create dangerous conditions and property damage. The problems will only worsen with their continued proliferation. Our lakes are simply too small to safely support this activity. It diminishes enjoyment of the lakes by non wake boat owners and harms our shoreline investments .

A more significant problem on Cordry due to smaller size. On weekends, large wakes from opposite direction make navigation far more difficult and dangerous due to 'chop'

Wake surfers are so close to the back of the boat they can sometimes be hard to see from other boats. I have seen boats pulling tubers get dangerously close and then realize someone is in the water behind the boat.

These boat and the sport should have never been allowed at our lakes. The lake are much too small. For every person who may leave double will move in knowing these boats and the sport is not allowed at our lakes.

Enforce the rules

If these folks want to enjoy wake boats they can go up the road to lake monroe. Our lakes are TOO SMALL and ecosystem too fragile to absorb what will obviously only become a greater concern as more freeholders buy these craft. Put a moratorium in place NOW

Actually not convinced the act of wake surfing is the cause as I do not see the volume of that activity but the design of the new boats even without filling their ballast tanks

You're doing a great job. Only see problems when there is heavy boat traffic and nobody's there to see/correct it. Not your fault!

WE HAVE LIVED ON SWEETWATER (MAIN BODY) FOR 20 YEARS AND SINCE 2015 HAVE WITNESSED AND EXPERIENCED DANGEROUS BOATING SITUATIONS. I HOPE THE CSCD BOARD REALLY REVIEWS THIS SURVERY AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN WAKE BOATS.

Ban wake surfing, our lakes are, too small in my opinion.

We would like to see the destructive, dangerous activity of wake surfing be banned from Sweetwater.

The wake boats, she would have to disconnect and take off everything that creates the week. Not this I've unplugged the fuse I permanently disconnected. It needs to be done. Not signing the form and purging yourself by lying on your official document. Those who signed a document that say they have discontinued Their wake enhancement lead to lose their lake privileges for one year, if cot with the hat on

Lake is too narrow for Wake boats that move slower and create a larger wake. Patrol boat needs to patrol north end of lake more as boats are going too fast in no wake area.

If you are going to continue to allow wakesurfing, there should be a designated time on the lake for wakeboarding only.

Banning wake boarding will have a positive effect

Lakes are too small for this. We have had to pass on lake/boating activities when these boats are out.

I think wake boats should be banned.

Thank you for pursuing this issue. I feel the lake has become very dangerous as a result of these boats.

ENTITLED KIDS ARE DOING WHAT AND WHEN THEY WANT WITHOUT SUPERVISION FROM PARENTS. THEY DO NOT CARE ABOUT THE LAND OR LAKES OR THE REPERCUSSIONS.

I would love to see wakeboard boats band. The people are disrespectful. Memorial day weekend I took my little boy fishing and by 1005 we could not get to the no wake zone fast enough on Sweetwater because the waves were so bad the trolling motor was coming out of the water on my boat. I own an aluminum fishing boat it is an 1860. It is very hard to enjoy the lake for more than three hours of daylight when I don't live on the water..

No wake boats

Wake boats are not the problem. It's the owner and lack of enforcement that is. I'm ok with wake boats as long as rules are followed. People create wakes up and down warbler/Robin cove and no one enforces that either. If we allow wake boats, let's bring back jet skis. They pose less harm. Additionally, Skier's have been asking for years for dedicated time in the morning before tubers and wake-boarders get out. We still haven't solved that problem.

What we see is 9 out of 10 people don't ever throw the rope back into the boat when surfing so why not just ski. Our lake is not wide enough for surfing. We can live with skiers and wake boarders but the suffering just be done on larger lakes.

The wakeboard waves are too hard on the shorelines for the size of the lake. If people have to sign an affidavit that should definitely be enforced.

I'm baffled this is a question or survey. There are countless studies to the dangers of wakesurfing and wakesurf boats. Wisconsin is far more educated on lakes than Indiana. Our lakes are under 300 acres, the difference over the last several years is astonishing. Wakesurf boats and people who have never driven a boat. Boat safety is more important than zebra muscles. People should be required to take boat safety test when they register their first boat. That includes all drivers in their family.

not opposed to wake boats but maybe a restricted time noon to two so I can avoid that time. I thought those boats were banned so I wasn't aware that there were special rules for wake boats

Just because board members have wake boats, doesn't make it acceptable for the majority of lot owners. The board appears to "look the other way" when it comes to play8ng on a level field. Don't agree with many things at our lakes via Board decisions. We have a Great Lake Community that is increasing in value every year. Wake boats will destroy our paradise.

I feel the lake is not large enough to accommodate wake boats/surfing.

While I know some enjoy the surfing/wave riding, I believe our lakes are too small for the amount of waves that are being generated.

More buoys please around the Haw cove area.

Let's start with stricter enforcement starting with ballast inspection

I am not for the whole business of wake boarding on our lakes. They are too small. I object to having to answer #1 at the 3rd spot. I HATE TO ANSWER THE 3RD SPOT ON # 1. NOT FAIR TO MAKE ME ANSWER AN ANSWER THAT I WOULD NOT DO. I HAD TO GO BACK TO PUT A # IN WHEN I LEFT IT BLANK.

Wave size seems to be more corelated to slow boat speed resulting in plowing then a specific boat type. Wake boarding is not mentioned in the survey or in most discussions, is the wake committee considering it the same as wake surfing? Wake boarding is typically done at a faster speed and with less waves then wake surfing and is much closer to skiing or tubing. Banning a whole category of boats is very extreme and would cause a lot of freeholder problems. Will you force people to remove

their boats? Grandfather them in, which is unfair to other freeholders, etc. The current rules seem reasonable, or if minor additional restrictions needed to be added that could be acceptable.

Only allow wake boarding over 400 feet from the shorelines

I'm more concerned about the safety than the wash out, I feel someone will
Get hurt

Might be a safe sport for participants but causes more dangerous conditions for all other boaters. Most wake boats are not aware of their effects on other boats after passing.

The wake boarders I see don't necessarily follow the lake rules regarding direction or cutting in front of other boaters. The shower doerre also causes a bottleneck between pontoons, skiers, tubers and those just out for a boat ride

Keep current rules for boats, but outlaw wake surfing which requires enhanced wakes to make the sport feasible.

Stop allowing any more boats and allow security to board boats, stricter enforcement and stronger penalties

Anyone using equipment on wake boats not allowed has committed Perjury and should lose all lake Privileges. In my opinion, property Values could be decreased if the lake is deemed as a dangerous body of water

Difficult to find specific rules for Wake boats. I looked at Lake rules, but did not see specific mentions of rules solely for Wake boats. Would have been helpful for the survey to show this at top of survey.

My opinion:

1. Wake boats are fine. Wake boarding is fine. Filling ballast to create a wake for wake surfing is not.
2. Based on research we have read and talking to lake neighbors on the main lake, filling ballasts is harmful to the lake shorelines, damaging to docks, affects water clarity by stirring up long settled sediments and can affect lake wildlife. (Lake scouring)
3. Most properties have not built up shorelines to withstand the kind of elevated high energy waves created by wake surfing. The cost for all to accommodate the wishes of the few seems unreasonable.
4. Property values continue to rise because of the unique assets our lakes provide as compared to other lakes in our state. (water clarity, cleanliness, zebra-mussel free) Why risk compromising what makes us unique. There are lakes nearby that are big enough for wake surfing.
5. Research I have read has shown that many states have put restrictions on ballast-filled lake surfing due to damaging affects on lakes of our size.
6. Wake boats are not the problem. Enforcing the rules as it relates to filling ballasts is a must to protect property. Lake Patrol can not be everywhere at once. Perhaps put up cameras to monitor lake activity. In the past, loss of boating privileges for extreme infractions of the rules have had an impact.

Thank you for addressing this issue with a committee and especially for requesting freeholder feedback

We have serious concerns about the environmental damage caused by wake boats as evidenced by studies in Wisconsin and Minnesota. This damage occurs mid lake as well as shoreline.

We believe the state law that is being proposed for lakes under 300 acres banning wake boats/surfing(?) should be followed. We feel with increased activity and party atmosphere of the lake that stronger rules need to be in place and increased penalties. Ignorance of the law is no excuse. There has been increased loud music way past midnight with no penalties. It is just common sense that there are people with children, health issues etc that need sleep. People in general have had the attitude that it's just this once that I'm bending the rules. Multiple that by hundreds and it's a constant presence of rule breakers and undesirable conditions for the common good. Thank you for listening to the concerns of the community.

I was told, at more than one meeting from a prior board member, "That I was the one with a self serving agenda because we did not want damage to our property from large wake boat waves." Let that sink in. I would think we all would hope for no property damage to our neighbors due to large waves, whether it be their person, boats, property or shoreline. I was happy for those further back in the coves when dredging was going on, even though it did not benefit me personally. Just as other freeholders, further in the coves and off shore, have expressed concern for the dams and those on the main body that get the brunt force of these wake boat waves. A 2022 peer-reviewed study of waves from the University of Minnesota's St. Anthony Falls Lab (SAFL) found "...wakesurf boats produce maximum wave heights that were 2 to 3 times larger, total wave energies that were 6 to 9 times larger, and maximum wave powers that were 6 to 12 times larger than non-wakesurf boats." The SAFL study states that "...operational distances greater than 500 feet are required for the wake waves generated by a wakesurf boat to attenuate to similar wake wave characteristics as the non-wakesurf boat reference." Our lakes are simply too small for for these boats designed to create larger waves and certainly wake surfing or plowing. The demo at the beach was to show there is little difference from the wake boats waves on our lakes to other boats to discredit this scientific study. The demo failed to duplicate what we all see on our lakes of 10-12 people in the boat to add ballast, wedges and wake shapers being used (that are supposed to be permanently disabled and yet are being used) and the increased size and power of waves created when the wake boats spin around to get a downed surfer. (All things they said they would include in the demo prior to the committee approving the activity.) You simply are not having an honest conversation about the impact of wakeboat waves when you are only talking about the difference in inches of these waves and ignoring all the science regarding the much greater power and impact these waves have on the other boats in the lake, swimmers, kayakers, structures, shoreline and dams. Wake boats were allowed in 2015 with very strict criteria to be met before getting a sticker. The severe consequences that were discussed by the Safety Committee and the Board at the time (that led to the agreement to allow the boats) were never implemented in a new rule book. Now, nine years later, many to most of the wakeboats on our lakes never permanently disabled the wake enhancing devices on their boats (if the responses we got at the wake boat meetings are any indication.) Little threat of getting a ticket for using these devices (2 tickets in 9 years) and the fact that if they do get caught using the devices is only one of three tickets like any other infraction, has led to the abuse of this privilege to have wake boats on our lakes. Those abusing this privilege are doing so at the expense of all other freeholders in either expense to repair damaged property or simply not enjoying the lake on the weekends with their family because the waves from these boats no longer make it enjoyable for others to boat on our lakes. There seems to be consensus from some that now that these wake boats are here, we have to grandfather them in like the jet skis were. The difference is, many of these boats never had the wake enhancing devices permanently disabled like they agreed to on the affidavit. I would suggest that only wake boats that are inspected and permanently disabled are allowed to stay on our lakes (with agreed random inspections in the future) - not a blanket grandfathering in of all wake boats. This would reward those that broke our rules to put their boats on our lakes to begin with. I also recommend we not allow any new boats that are designed to create a large wake going forward. The new technology in the design of the hull, the placement of the motor and other design "improvements" cause these boats to create a larger wake even if they are not using wake enhancing devices.

FYI- my answer to question #1 is simply ban wake boats. I do not in anyway agree to the other two options. Question #6 I only agree that wake surfing should be done in the middle of the lakes but not 400' from shore as the science shows 500' to 1000' is responsible (making our lakes too small for wake surfing at all.)

I don't believe allowing wake boats is a good idea. It is creating lake front wash out problems for those of us on the main channel. Restricting usage to the center of the lake does not seem to be a good idea either. The waves will still continue and not be significantly dissipated in size by the slight increase in distance. Also, the slow-moving boats will be a safety concern for those of us going in the circular pattern. Slow-moving boats are usually near the sides adjacent to the buoys. In addition, the proposed

rules will be difficult to enforce and not objective in nature. Those who have houses in the coves probably don't care but those of us in the main channel are not happy with the wake boats.

The main subject here is the overall available surfing area. Cordry/Sweetwater lakes are just too small for the number of wake boats registered. With that being said there is no fair way to decide who or who would not get stickers with a number restriction. So therefore they should not be allowed. We tried it and it did not work. Just like jet skis. NO MORE allowed on.

Please remove these boats so that everyone enjoy the lakes we love

The lake is too small and gets too crowded during peak hours to have wake boats operate safely on the lakes. I have been on the lake and seen wakes spill over on docks moving items on the dock and splashing up on boats stored on lifts. It would be my best guess that the larger than normal wakes are causing unnecessary erosion on the lake banks especially if the wakes can spill over the docks.

I do not feel questions 6 and 7 are good questions since I do not believe our lake is large enough for wake boats. Questions 6 is not enforceable if violations occur. Approximately or exactly 400' from the shore or dam is not measurable or enforceable.

I've heard from multiple freeholders that they've encountered bigger wake and waves this year and had similar experiences as to what I mentioned than ever before. And these are people who have been down here for 20+ years.

I do not think boats that can be altered to carry more weight/water/ballast should be allowed. If unaltered boats are driven at speed that allows wake surfing with the use of a rope, that should be ok as they are not creating an enhanced wake.

In addition, I don't believe sending the wake surfing down the middle of the lake is safe. They inherently drive at a lower speed and create a hazard by being in the area most often used by boats for passing to avoid passing on the right.

Question 1) people aren't sticking to the current rules now and you're not enforcing them.

Question 3) you need your records updated so that all of the affidavits are signed and filled in correctly. They shouldn't be excepted without review that they are completely filled in and SIGNED.

Question 6) you need a third option. This lake is too small for wake boats, you have surveys to support this and you are looking the other way. Who's paying for the new damn because you are turning a deaf ear on the real studies/surveys you have seen and read.

"I do not know" should have been a response option. I do not know if current wake boat rules are being enforced or followed. I do not know if wake boats have made the lakes more dangerous. And we do not have a wake boat.

9 years ago you could sit at the beach waters edge and not feel like you were at the ocean. It has become worse about 5 years ago ,the waves are very big now. It's a small lake why would people want to do wake surfing in such a small area ? Monroe and Geist aren't that far away.

A so-called wake boat, used properly, produces no more wave and wake than a 20 ft non-wake boat operated at partial throttle and plowing through the water at 45 degrees. Both produce high waves. Do we ban the latter? Face it, on this issue, the horse is already out of the barn. Best to regulate than to ban.

All boats create wakes, pontoons, fishing boats and even lake patrol boats. We live on a lake!!

allow waterskiers ONLY 30 minutes before current greenlight time and 30 minutes after current green light time.

An idea is to cap the # wake surfing boats. Perhaps at 65 for SW and 32 for Cordry. If someone on SW wants to be on the waiting list they can bump a space when one of those 65 boats is sold or not-registered.

Or, have no limit and charge \$500/yr for a sticker and pay for a Sheriff Deputy or reserve officer. Fewer people will buy them with that financial burden. But If u are a die hard surfer it's nothing.

As a family, we have passed on water activities due to it being too busy/rough primarily from boats pulling tubes. I believe it would be helpful to have certain times of "wake hours" dedicated to certain activities. For example, wake surfing is allowed only from 10-noon on the weekends or something along those lines.

As a smaller lake it should be a more relaxing atmosphere. I am also worried that there is a higher chance that wake boats will be used on other lakes increasing exposure to zebra mussels

As has been mentioned numerous times since this topic has become a point of discussion, There are multiple issues being conflated here. A "wake boat" does not necessarily mean large wakes, and wake surfing does not necessarily need a "wake boat". There's clearly a push to ban a certain type of boat when in reality it seems that it's more so an activity that people have a problem with.

As long as wake boat rules are followed have no problem. Our property is on the main lake where we get lots of wake.

as the lake has become more popular, there are more new boaters who appear to be unaware of the boating rules. The result has been a more dangerous experience for all boaters. Perhaps having the patrol enforce and explain the violations might increase awareness and promote better driving habits. Tough job but we need to keep the lake safe for all

Awfully written questions... It seems quite biased.

Ban

Ban new wakeboats altogether. Existing boats may be grandfathered but subject to inspection for compliance prior to new stickers being issued, similar to what was done with the waverunners and jetskis. Any boat found actively using wake-enhancing equipment should be immediately removed from the lake or, if no trailer, returned to dock. keys surrendered to CSCD, and removed from the lake within five business days. CSCD boat sticker removed by CSCD at the time of infraction, and the freeholder's lake privileges revoked for one year.

BAN THE WAKE BOATS

Banning the boats seems extreme

Besides the damage and shoreline problems they also go so slow it makes it dangerous to have to go around them.

Biggest concern should be to protect others using lake and the integrity of the Dam

Boats pulling tubbers appear to create the same size wave as a boat pulling a wake surfer
Boat patrol stated that tubing is more dangerous than wake surfing

Check the boats who are wake surfing or wakeboarding to see if they are following the rules. You can pull our boat over and double check it whenever you would like. As far as safety pontoon boats pulling tubers seems much dangerous than wake surfers. Pontoons take the biggest turn radius to get back to their tubers when they fall.

Chill, peace

Common sense approach... Wake boarders & Surfers STAY TOWARDS MIDDLE or get ticketed.

Consider providing two windows of time per day when wake surfing is permitted. Make the windows 2 hours in length (i.e. 11.00 AM - 1.00 PM and 5.00 PM - 7.00 PM). This provides two large windows of time when everyone knows the lake will be rough. The wake surfing can happen in the rough waters and other water sports can proceed as well if skiers and tubers wish. However, the tubers and skiers will know that outside those two windows of time, the huge wake waves will not be present. For context, I do not have a boat that is capable of supporting wake surfing and the large wakes are difficult to deal with. However, I can see that at some time, I might want to be able to enjoy wake surfing and this provides the ability to do that and at the same time, plenty of time where the large wakes will not be present.

Context for topics like these would be appreciated in the future and advanced notice. The first question exhibits bias.

Cordry is a smaller lake. I can't speak for Sweetwater, but the waves coming back in our cove and to our property after a wake boat goes past are so much higher and rougher. Cordry, at least, is just too small for wake boats. We receive plenty of smaller waves from speedboats and pontoons. I am uncertain what, if any, erosion or damage is being caused by the stronger waves, but I can't rule it out. I can't see under the docks or behind the rocks. I do know that we have had a support pipe break last year under our dock, but don't know the cause. We have owned here for 5 years.

Dangerous on the weekends to even take your boat out let alone tube or do any water activities

Don't know what the current rules at but we have not had any problems with wake boarding

Drivers for tubers should DRIVE IN A STRAIGHT LINE. . Zigzag driving trying to throw the Tubers off seems very dangerous to other Boaters and has been for some Tubers. . Open the Lakes at 8:00 AM to allow less congestion of Wake Surfers, Skiers, Tubers and Fishermen . . As former 3 Event (Slalom, Trick and Jump) Competitors, we encourage all forms of Water Activities with Safety for All . .

Enforce current rules.

Enforce rules

Enforce the current rules

Everyone should be required to sign and follow the CSCD rules WITHOUT exception. ALL wake boat owners. Permanently disabling wake enhancing devices even at the cost of loss of wake boat functionality or value. By definition wake boats themselves are a wake enhancing device.

Freeholders should be allowed to enjoy the lake within reasonable limits. Wake boats are currently popular and likely to increase in popularity. I'm nearly 70 years old and own property on the main lake where the waves come directly to my shoreline. Also, I have no plans to ride a wake board anytime soon! Nevertheless, I find it annoying that old farts like me spend too much of their time griping, controlling and complaining about the leisure practices of others, especially those younger. This particular subject, more than likely, has very little to do with potential shore erosion or risk to anyone on the water and more to do with a minority of people who don't have anything better to do than complain about such things. Rules were established around the use of wake boats a few years ago. Those rules seemed like a reasonable compromise without restricting the use of wake boats on the lake. We should enforce those rules the best we can and, in the mean time, live with a little more tolerance and grace.

From what I understand after learning more about wake surfing, it would seem that our lakes are just not wide enough to allow the larger waves to dissipate to a level that does not cause harm to shorelines, etc. There is plenty of fun to still be had on the lakes without the need for wake surfing, thus protecting valuable shoreline property.

Getting rid of wake boats or adding additional restrictions is not the answer. It will kill property values and make Sweetwater a much less desirable lake. We will likely sell our place and move to a lake with less restrictions.

Grandfather current boats if they were approved by CSC previous rules. Ban boats from future approval.

Happy to participate in a survey. However, I am a social scientist who utilizes surveys on a regular basis to conduct my research. This survey is biased in both how the questions are phrased, and the phenome it tries to understand. Survey questions are not isolated to understanding single concept, charged words are utilized which create bias in how the questions are answered. Therefore, I think any conclusions drawn from this survey are at best suspect. My overall impression, is that wakesurf boats when utilized according to the current standards and regulations of the conservancy, are no more disruptive than to activities and shore then a heavily loaded runabout.

Honestly, I'm more enraged by those who boat in No Wake zones at faster than idle speed. They cause more disruption in coves than wake boats. Most do so in total disregard of others. I don't know if it's a lack of understanding of the rules, ignorance on what No Wake means or the fact there is simply no enforcement by CSCD.

I am not concerned about damage from Wake Surfing boats or where they boat. But I am interested in limiting the hours that wake surfing, wake boarding or tubing can take place so that traditional skiing is possible. If not limiting the hours, then I'd be in favor of granting an extra hour in the morning for traditional skiing only. Currently if you are a traditional skier you have roughly 5-10 mins to do so before the water is too rough from these other activities. This definitely reduces the value of our lakes

to outsiders who have learned this is possibly the worst lake in Indiana for traditional skiers because they aren't allowed to get out early to avoid rough water like all other lakes.

I am sick and tired of freeholders purchasing property here knowing full well what the rules are, and then trying to change them. These lakes are just not large enough to accommodate this activity. For us, it is only about the safety of all other boaters, and everyone else recreating on the water, including people floating/swimming in the no wake zones closer to shore.

Sell your property here, likely at a tidy profit, and buy a place on a lake where this is allowed. It is our understanding that jet skis were outlawed for obvious safety concerns. It seems to us this is the very same issue.

Wakesurfers stir up the entire lake for their fun/benefit at the expense/detriment of the majority.

I appreciate everything you guys do. My main concern is keep the water clean and people safe and I don't believe wakeboards in danger either of these concerns.

I believe lakes are more dangerous because of the lack of knowledge and experience freeholders have when boating. I think all boat drivers should pass a knowledge test and obtain a permit to drive a boat, and all CSCD and Indiana boating laws should be followed

I could be incorrect but I thought at a meeting or post by the wake board committee that per at state statute our lakes were too small for a wake boat to be used as they were intended. If this is the case why all the debate? I have no issue with the current rule on wake boats. Anything the committee/board can do to make our lakes safer I would agree with. Why is there not a safety course that a freeholder/driver of a boat must take before allowed on our lakes? Maybe we should have a safety course for wake boats as well. We also need to have the rules of being on the lake enforced no matter who you are.

I do not believe wake surfing adds any safety issues at all because it is done at a low speed and in a straight line. It's one of the safest water sports we could have on the lake from that perspective. Much safer than full speed tubing (count me guilty here, my son loves to tube as fast as possible) skiing and wakeboarding which are done at high speed and often with a high large amount of swerving and changing direction. The most at risk I have ever felt on our lake are the busy weekends where we have large amounts of boats and people traveling at high speed in close proximity to each other. Most of the time many of those boats are pontoon boats towing kids on tubes at max speed for that boat. The wake boats surfing slowly down the center of lake pose little threat. While they do produce large wakes, so does a loaded down pontoon at 20 mph and we have dozens on the lake pretty much at all times.

I don't have a wake surfing boat nor do I have a boat that puts off a large wake. My family has never had a desire to take part in any of these activities. I did not answer ever question b/c I don't have the answers and I don't feel these are yes and no questions.

I would like to see people continue to wake surf and own these types of boats. However, I would like to see these types of activities only happen during certain hours of the day.

I don't have anything against these boats. Wake boarding is fine. Wake surfing and ballast should be banned. If they are allowed, Cordry is much too small for this activity.

I don't know if our lakes are more dangerous due to wake boats or the increase of the population here. But on the weekends we don't go out because of the roughness of the lake. Some of the boats have a high wake that causes the rough waters.

I don't see wake surfing as such an evil thing. While we don't have a speedboat, we have experienced wake surfing on another lake. Speeds are much slower than for skiers or tubers and there is no need to weave back and forth as people do who are driving tubers. In my mind that makes wake surfing safer than some other allowed activities.

I don't understand all the adaptations of boats for wake surfing. I do believe it is a small lake and can be crowded. Another thought is to extend boating hours.

I don't understand why wake boats don't have a designated time. It's nearly impossible to ski on weekends due to the waves created by the wake boats. Additionally consideration should be given for a designated water ski time.

I feel anyone that is violating these rules concerning wake surfing needs to have this particular boat suspended indefinitely from our lakes with first ticket issued. Anyone who would be operating one of these vessels should also attend an educational training seminar provided by CSCD before they are issued their next stickers and pass test at the end. Once completed they are issued a card such as a beach pass and must provide proof of receiving if asked while operating vessel. If this issue is important to CSCD then it much be handled as such. I personally will never have any interest in owning such boat but those that wish should have the option.

I feel large pontoons going fast create a larger wake than a wake boat going slow.

I feel our lake is too small for wake surfing and does make for rough waters.

I feel somewhat uninformed on the topic. I wish there were a "not sure" option allowed on some questions. I do feel that some boats go too fast for safe and enjoyable lake usage, and too many people disregard rules and safe driving.

I feel that the wake surfing rules are probably adequate. I also believe that they are not abided by and are not enforced. That is the reason for my harsh answer that those wake surfing boats should be banned.

I feel that tubing is just as tumultuous; therefore, we often avoid skiing and wakeboarding due to increased activity.

I feel the wake boats are going to and have been causing damage to not only individual properties but to the Dam and spillways.

I feel the wake boats create undo wear and tear on the shoreline and property on the lake

I feel wake boats and wake surfing are a deterrent not only to those who are paying to enjoy the lake but, also the lake environment itself.

I have experience building, collecting and analyzing surveys for thousands of people. What I have been taught from experts in the industry is to keep the questions free from biases, short and simple and have a test group before sending out to larger audience.

In my unbiased opinion, this survey should be disregarded and a new survey should be created. The reason for this is every question has a bias and needs to be read with caution since one word can change the question and responses.

I'm happy to assist with creating a well written survey that follows basic guidelines and keeps the questions on topic. This one should be completely disregarded.

I have had waves so big they have come over the front of my bow on my boat while fishing

I have nothing against wake board boats. This lake is just too small. When you have wake boats running in both directions on a counter clockwise path it creates turbulent waves that can actually be dangerous to smaller boats, tubers and skiers as well as shorelines

I haven't observed enough violations to be confident on questions 8 & 9 and I'm not sure I fully understand number 1 so let me explain my position. I would prefer not to ban activity that allows folks to enjoy the lakes in the way they chose, however our lakes are small for wake sports and therefore probably need to restrict/ limit wake activity in ways that make sense. Limited hours beyond green light alone maybe?

I jeep hearing talk about erosion, which is a concern, but like start the conversation about water pollution. our lakes should be electric motors only.

I live in a short cove near the main body/ski zone of Cordry. It seems like pontoon boats (I own one) have just as much long distance wake as the wake boats do. I also do not like the idea of banning wake boats to limited areas of the lakes. They are not big enough to have that much traffic in a congested area. That does not seem safe to me at all.

I live on Corday lake and I think our lake is to small for that kind boat.

I personally don't agree with question 6 as a yes/no answer. There should be a 3rd option of "don't believe wake surfing should be allowed at all". It's a bit misleading as a yes/no.

I really don't see it as an issue on Cordry as I don't see much of it at all when we are boating on the weekends. Also, I have a wake boat and have maybe used it to wake surf less than 5 times in 3 years. We use our boat to wakeboard and tube mainly.

I still believe there is a benefit to allowing ski time and wake board/surfing time. I don't think we need 10!hours of tubing time on the lake. In fact I feel the tubing is more dangerous as I recently had an experience where I was close to the buoys and had a tuber come up close to me on both the right and left side to pass me close to shore - it was unbelievably dangerous if one of my passengers had not noted the boat coming up on my right along the buoys. There is a lot of misconception on wake boats and I feel that there needs to be an education- no one can see a ballist being emptied unless they are under the boat - I know there are rule breakers and they should get punished with more than a warning since they are signing a document- I support the current rule and only see the wave issue on weekends.

I think boats pulling tubes are 10x more dangerous. Wake boarding should be allowed. Wake surfing with large wakes not. Suggesting boats pull anyone behind them down the middle of the lake is ludicrous.

I think it is only human nature to utilize the abilities of the boat purchased even if stated it won't be. It is not always the "owner" who is using the boat.

I think limiting tubing time would be very helpful. Throws off more wake in my opinion.

I think the sheer number of boats on the lake contributes to congestion and potential safety issues on the lake. Pulling tubes and weaving back and forth is far more dangerous than a boat going 15 mph with a large wake. I also believe not allowing wake boats on the lake would dramatically decrease interest for the lakes and hurt the property values. Perhaps, the best thing to do for the future of the lakes is bring in city sewer. This would increase property value and encourage new building. Bring in an investor to buy houses and combine lots and build new larger homes, but only allow 1 speed boat per dwelling. Ultimately there will be less boats on the lake.

I think there could be other thoughts or restrictions about surfing. Perhaps particular hours or a particular lane with wave enhancements

I think there will be a long term negative impact to the value of homes on the lake if wakeboarding boats are banned. Docks in constant contact with water create more damage than waves. The writing of this survey shows bias and would not be considered valid if it was in a scientific community.

I think they endanger the shore.

I was unable to answer some questions as I have never personally experienced what was being asked. However the survey requires a yes/no answer.
In general I believe that the lakes are too small for wake boats.
I would think that they cause damage to the shorelines. I also feel that their wakes cause an unreasonable hazard for smaller boats.

I worry about the danger it creates to other water sports and general boating on our size lakes. I also worry about the shore erosion that it can cause, which has been proven at lakes for years that had no restrictions, and are now having to enforce restrictions after learning their lesson. I don't mind the boat style with our current restrictions. These boats by design create a larger wake already with out the activated extra features.

I would prefer not to be required to answer questions that I clearly don't know the answer to : are the rules being enforced? How would i know?

Please don't cherry pick one group. It's all boats. I have never witnessed a wake surfing boat create more wake than any other boat. We just about tip over in our pontoon from older boats pulling tubers. There are many boaters who haven't read the rules and/or do not abide by them. Do they all get pulled over? Of course not. The question about wake surfers needing to stay in the middle, how about tubers and skiers and wakeboarders who are being towed while the driver hugs the buoys? It's the same for all, not just wake surfers.

ALL freeholders and boat drivers in the family MUST pass a boating safety exam/Cordry Sweetwater boating rules and get 100%. If we have to do it for zebra mussels, then boating safety should be just as important!!!

Secondly, when a boat is in distress, they need a special flag. On July 4, Rusty thought our 2004 yellow Mastercraft was just switching skiers, when it had suddenly stopped while my boating safety certified daughter was captain. When we went out to help them, in the big part across from the beach, we were being knocked all around from the rollers. One blue and white tubing boat was way too close. I had my orange flag up and gestured with a flat hand to please give us some distance. (My husband is 4.5 months out from knee replacement and we were so worried for his safety.)The woman mocked me and my gesture and the boat driver was headed north, but turned around and circled us to make the rollers worse. We've been here 19 years and have never seen such despicable behavior. So for me, it's not the boats, the wake surfers, skiers, wake boarders, even the tubers. It's the person behind the wheel who has no training, and doesn't care.

We also need a way to reach boat patrol when we need them. Being broken down and no way to protect your skier is very distressing.

I'm not a fan because our lakes are so small, but if they can do it without impeding other boat traffic, endangering others, or damaging the shorelines, then no issue

If continued to occur and someone is seriously hurt-injured, wow I can't imagine the size of the lawsuit! Just sayin,

If rules are not followed, issue 2 tickets for the first offense. Then if it happens again, they're off the lake for the season.

If safety patrol suspects a wake boat has the ballasts filled, they should have the right to pull over the boat and physically inspect it. If the ballasts are filled, removed the boat immediately and ban that boat for 2 years before it is allowed back on the lake. If it happens a second time, the boat is permanently banned. Start enforcing our rules with the consequences outlined.

If the boats don't hurt the shoreline when boating near buey it is better to have them out of middle. If they must go to middle it will cause very bad congestion for tubers, skiers, etc . If they must go in middle then I support hour restrictions, busy times will become dangerous

If the current rules state that ballast not be filled, then we don't believe rules are being followed. We have personally not had damage to our boat or been endangered, but our neighbors have twice when following a wake boat. Our lake is not big enough to accommodate this.

If they are damaging anything at ALL, Get rid of them.

If wake surfing is further limited I believe property values will be negatively impacted. Two families we know decided to purchase lake homes on other lakes due to CSCD's wake surfing restrictions.

If we have rules, please enforce them

If you don't allow wake boats down here the property values would plummet.

If you sign a document saying No wake surfing then there should be NO wake surfing. If you want to wake surf go buy on another lake.

In my opinion I do not believe that wakesurfing is harmful to our lake community. I've read many articles on surfing as it relates to shoreline erosion and find them conflicting in their conclusions particularly when surfing is done away from the shoreline. The majority of erosion is from natural wave action. I think many people have rip rock on their shorelines as a way of migrating erosion. More importantly, this has become a mainstream sports activity in recent years, and eliminating it would upset many people and lead directly to decreased appeal of the Cordry /Sweetwater community. I think the current rules of not using ballasts/wedges and surfing in the middle of the lake is a proper compromise. These boats are extremely expensive (2-3x the cost of normal runabouts) and I suspect many people got them knowing they would be able to enjoy them on the lake.

In our opinion, lake values will decrease significantly if a wake ban is passed.

It's unfortunate that are lakes are too small & narrow to facilitate the large amplitude waves created by this activity. It seems that given the much slower speed for wake surfing by itself it would be a safer activity than maybe skiing. Disallowing the activity would be the most sensible way control the conformance. Maybe the best outcome for existing related boat would be that they would be used in a sensible manner regarding minimizing wave height.

Just enforce the rules that exist today

Just want to point out that we have a boat size & motor size already for a reason...so they will create a smaller wake & hopefully not erode the shoreline over time. And why have rules if they are not going to be followed & enforced. That's one reason why we bought here.

Lake is too narrow for large wakes that impede enjoyment of other boaters

LAKE IS TOO SMALL

Lakes are too small to wake surf.

Lakes are very small and boa traffic is high. I would like a boating class to be mandatory this may eliminate some of these issues

Like the elimination of Jet Ski's.... These lakes are not large enough/wide enough to accommodate this during peak boating times Saturday and Sunday. Too many boats, too little room. Maybe a compromise is to allow this, but only during weekdays when the traffic is significantly less. Of course this will require monitoring of boats to ensure they aren't creating larger wakes on weekends.

Lot owners should be required to have rip rap, sea walls, or other shoreline protection to prevent erosion.

There are other non-wake board boats on the lake that create the same or larger wakes due to their weigh (e.g., cobalt 190, bay liner 195 and vr5, etc.).

Maybe the Board should consider no more wake boats, grandfathering current wake boats (like the jet skis) to ensure everyone's safety, erosion, etc. But at a minimum all wake boat owners should comply with the rules that they signed to adhere to AND the rules need to be consistently enforced by our lake patrol. Penalties should be increased beyond a warning to include loss of boating privileges for repeat offenders.

maybe there can be a time period for this activity.

More boats moving slower thru the high speed zone on an already crowded lake can cause more accidents.

More danger from boats pulling tubers; not properly trained drivers; zig zag in wake boarders wakes. Don't see many surfers following wake board boats; mostly wake boarders. Wake board boats pulling surfers are the ones with higher generated wakes.

My boat will end up damaged. We have got done unbelievable waves that feel like my boat is smashing in half when it lands.

My home is far away from the wake zone. My friend's fishing boat was overtaken by water from a wake wave. Our lakes are too small for this. Same reason why we don't have jet skis any more. Our dams are very vulnerable to these large wakes and we already need \$3M in repairs done. These are only speeding up the damages.

My opinions on whether the rules are being followed, or enforced, are "pure conjecture", as I have not been boating for several years.

Not sure how anyone can enforce the rules but I don;t think a total ban is the answer either

Only rule that is reasonable is requesting the boats take a line closer to the middle of the lake. Wake boats go in a straight line 10-11 miles per hour and is the safest boat tow sport. Surfers rarely surf during busy hours as you need clean water like slalom skiing. my guess is people with rip rap and stationary docks don't have an issue.

Open up a new time for water skiers only. 9:30-10:00 in the morning and 8:00 - 8:30. This would allow skiers a calmer lake and safer environment . It would still allow wake surfers but likely thin out some of the crowds/traffic if skiers could utilize these new dedicated hours.

Our family has never been deterred to participate in boating activities due to specifically wake board boats (referencing question 5). However we have been deterred due to the overall activity on the lake, too many boats in general. Speed boats make large wakes. I have witnessed Rinkers, Chaparrals, Bayliners making large wakes just as big as a MasterCraft or Malibu. It's a function of size, weight and speed.

I own a Mastercraft and the beauty of this boat is its versatility. I can trim out the boat to make virtually no wake for slalom skiers or keep the trim down and treat it like any other boat. It would be interesting to know the number of speed boats on the lake in comparison to previous years. I'm sure there is a correlation that will prove the case of increasing speed boat activity among the lakes

Good luck to everyone involved!

Chris

Our lake is too narrow to allow wave boats. The center of the lake should be where the high speed tubers should be not up against a shoreline. If wave boats are out in the center and tubers are on the outside that leaves a very narrow lane for people to go through when there is a slower boat, or a downed tuber or skier. This creates an unsafe situation. The lake is not wide enough to allow for three lanes of traffic in each direction.

Our lake is too small, these boats along with tri-toons and jet skis should be banned moving forward;
grandfather current owners

Our lakes are much too small for Wakeboats! These wakeboats need to be on much larger lakes.....If people moved here to use wakeboats, they chose the wrong area!

Our lakes are not large enough for this activity. They are damaging the shoreline and interfere with other water activities. We almost never take out our boat because of the huge waves.

Our lakes are not large enough to accommodate wake surfing activities. Same reason Jet Skis were banned.

Our lakes are too crowded and too narrow for this type of activity, weekends can get way too busy and unsafe for family tubing activities. I've not taken a tube out on a weekend in June & July for the past 6-7 years it's just not enjoyable.

Our lakes are too small for boats that create a large wake to be allowed

Our lakes are too small for wake boarding

Our lakes are too small to allow wake surfing boats on them.

People just need to follow the rules in place.

Please be clear to all the wake boarding and wake surfing is not the same thing!

Please enforce the current rules and do not add new rules. Property values will decrease if new restrictions on activity are implemented. Reckless boat drivers pulling two tubes are much more dangerous than wake surfing.

Please have gotten much more dangerous over the past several years that we don't allow our family to be on the lake during busy times and weekends.

Plenty of water activities to do besides creating a huge wave to surf. Lake has been very rough the last couple years

Pontoon boats are more dangerous as the drivers can't see over the bow and do not have a rear view mirror when pulling tubes. Concerning wake boats, enforce the weight limits or dial back the max weight. I/O put out just as big of a wake with the engine in the back.

Preference to limit wake boats to middle of lake to avoid damage and also potentially limit the hours that wake boats operate to limit impact to other users of the lake

Property values will be diminished if you don't allow wake boats...it is hugely popular and will decrease pool of potential buyers if not allowed. Force them to the center line of the lake and allow the waves to disburse adequately before reaching shoreline. Their wakes are now worse than tuber swerving all over the lake and creating huge chop. It's been that way for years before wake boats were on the lake...

Question #1) Is not properly written. No option for yes or no answers. I don't believe ranking the questions 1,2 or 3 works if I want to say NO to banning the boats. Not everyone uses their wake boat for surfing.

Question #5) I think the lakes get to busy because of the number of people pulling tubes back and forth in the lakes.

Question #11) Many Freeholders need to first protect their shoreline by using Rip Rap. Freeholders should have a have a plan to protect their shoreline.

Question 5. Passed on lake activists due to general business but not specifically due to wake boats

Question 6 is poorly written. Over last the 3 years numerous (over a dozen) freeholders have appeared before the ECOLOGY Commission to complain, vehemently, about the damage to their property and disruption to their boating activities (swamped boats and dislodged passengers from their seats) due to the impact of wake boats operating on our lakes

Quit micromanaging people. Let them have fun. Those double tubes are crazy.

RE #5, we frequently pass on water activities because we feel the lake is too dangerous due to the number of people who have no idea how to safely operate a boat.

Seems like a very biased survey against wake boats

Seems like only a few people have a problem with this and it seems very selfish.

Skiers also use these boats so why make different rules just for wakeboarding? If you want to keep them farther out in the lake, I would suggest just moving the bouys out. Gives idlers and non motorized things more room to cruise around in.

Sold our boat; became to dangerous

Some of the questions were hard to answer yes or no. I don't know if wake boarding rules are being followed or enforced. The speed at which you wake board is relatively slow so it doesn't seem dangerous from a boating standpoint. I would probably say that skiing, tubing and wake boarding all the same time is what can cause a busy and congested lake at times. Boats do seem to be getting bigger and the lakes are just not that big. I do believe the lake has gotten busier and a bit more dangers but I wouldn't blame it on the wake boats but more boats in general.

Some of these questions seem a touch leading, in that they prompt a desired answer towards eliminating wake surf boats. I think the responses you will receive from this survey will be biased towards eliminating wake boats when that isn't necessarily the majority opinion. Many home owners feel that boats pulling tubers that sway from side to side are in fact much more dangerous to other boaters and possibly shoreline erosion. They take up a large amount of space and you never know if they will pass you on the left or the right, it is much more chaotic and dangerous. The wake boats do provide a larger wake, but if they are regulated to the middle of the lake then they do not cause significant shoreline damage (especially since Sweetwater is such a deep lake). I think having set rules and regulations on all types of boats will help to decrease shoreline damage and increase boat safety. I have attached some good data.

<https://www.scirp.org/journal/paperinformation.aspx?paperid=116094#:~:text=In%20many%20areas%20around%20the,up%20of%20wind%20driven%20waves.>

Some wake boat owners are following the new rules but some are not. We live on the main water and many times do not go out due to how extremely busy and choppy it is and do not feel safe, especially pulling a tube.

Sorry I called wake surfers douchebags in my first survey response.

Stop changing rules that are in place! I moved to the lakes knowing current rules. If you wish to change them to suite a small percentage of lake owners they can buy our properties!

Stop the erosion of our property. It's only a matter of time before someone or something is seriously hurt.

Surfing is safe and the future. If we did anything to hinder this we create a much less desirable lake. And that brings major ramifications to everyone. Moving surfing to the center of the lake is a simple solution and compromise. Anything more significant than that needs to be a whole lake, multi year decision. The right compromise is moving surfing to the center of the lake. A notable difference has been seen this year as more boats are in the center.

Surveys are nice to offer, but the manner of which these questions are worded seem to simply solicit more opinions from freeholders, which we have already seen an abundance of. I do not own a wake boat and have little stake in this debate; however, (out of principal) I do feel this committee should not be redesigning the rules, our lake patrol should be enforcing the current ones already agreed upon.

Sweetwater is too small

Sweetwater lake is too small of a lake to support wake surfing. It will destroy the shoreline and also makes it very challenging for anyone else to enjoy the lake at the same time.

Thank you for doing this survey. This survey presumes that people know what the current rules are....

The above questions seem to be slanted - like the committee representation. I don't own a wake boat, and my family does not wake surf. Rather than attributed to one activity, the rough water is due to the wakes from all boats. The water would also be calmer if pontoon boats were banned. (...There are far more than 64 pontoon boats on the lake.) While this is a ridiculous suggestion, it shows how the wake boats are being unfairly targeted.

The activity of wake surfing should be banned on CSCD lakes. If wake boats meet our rules they came continued to be used for general boating activities. No new wake boats should be given stickers.

The geography of this body of water is known and unchanging. The age of our damn is known and changing. This activity and future similar activities have no business on a lake this size with the amount and type of watercraft currently allowed. Also, my property values will NEVER be negatively impacted by the absence of these craft/activities.

The issue is when wake boards are going up the middle they are traveling slower...the people hugging the buoys are traveling slower, this leaves the skiers and tubers to navigate around and it is EXTREMELY unsafe to do this with towables. The lake be becomes unusable for everyone at that point

the issue with the wake boats, especially on the weekends, is that the lake is too rough for casual pontoon use, the power of those boats and teh waves they create are just too big for such a small lake.

The lake is more dangerous because of lack of knowledge on how to drive a boat and following rules. Not the wake boats.

I was all in favor for increasing boat size to 20 ft as it is very difficult to find a 19 ft speed these days.

With that, it seems to be getting out of control but that probably is just me getting older 😊

Thank you for researching and figuring out what is best for the lakes!

The lake is too small for wake boat that's creating a wake surf.

The lakes are not big enough to accommodate wake boats. Also, anyone wanting to slalom ski is out of luck on those waves.

The lakes are so busy on weekends and with the wake boats the water is so rough that often we do not go out on the lake during the day

The lakes are too small and narrow for this activity,

The lakes are too small for surfing.

The lakes are too small for these kinds of boats.

The lakes are too small for this type of boating..

The lakes are too small for wake boats

The lakes are too small to allow these huge wakes to dissipate. I love wake surfing but would never do it on sweetwater because of this reason. My family has basically quit boating when wake boats are out for this reason.

The lakes are too small to have wake boats on them

The pontoons have made the lake more dangerous due to the fact that they drive slow in the middle/fast boating area.

The primary issue I see with wake surfing is that it's a high wake, low speed activity that occurs during high speed hours.

The recommendation to use the middle of the lake is causing issues with other activities such as tubing, sometimes there is no space/room to pass and very likely an accident to happen in the near future. A very bad idea on a narrow lake, high risk of accident.

The shoreline already has serious erosion issues. Total skiable acres for cordry is about 100 acres, it is a small lake

The survey questions were difficult to answer. I don't believe that wake boats are the biggest safety issue on the lakes. Boats that are driven erratically while pulling tubers is the biggest and most common safety issue that we have observed. Unfortunately, wake boats need to stay a minimum distance from the shore and both lakes are too small and crowded on the weekends for wake boats to safely use the center of the lakes. Most wake boat owners follow the rules, but there are some who don't. It's difficult to see tubers down in the water when the waves are big. It's also difficult to predict the path of other boats as they zig zag down the lake in multiple lanes and pass other boats. If wake boats are allowed to use the center of the lakes, I'm afraid that someone will eventually get hurt.

The waves on the lakes, especially on the weekends, are too high, these type of boats only make it worse. We usually don't go out on the lake on the weekends due to the excessive waves caused by boats.

The waves that these boats cause make it so incredibly rough that it is less enjoyable for us to cruise around in our pontoon boat. We get splashed and water comes aboard. The waves that roll in make it more dangerous for small children (under 4) to play on our mat in our cove. The lake definitely has become less fun and less safe since these boats were permitted.

there are MUCH bigger issues on the lake than wake surfing. those boats are generally moving very slow and on a steady course. almost every weekend in the 5 years we've owned at CSCD there are speedboats and even pontoons endangering others on the lake, and these *true* safety violations go largely unenforced. I have had repeated incidents where our family & visitors have been at risk and we left the fast water specifically due to safety concerns. Wake surfing has never been part of our concerns. FWIW, we do not own a wake surfing boat.

There probably needs to be a "Not Sure" option for #8, 9, 10 & 11. My property gets a lot of wake already with just the usual boating activity. I don't want anything else that generates even more wake.

There should be hours of the day on Saturday and Sunday just for water Skiing like 7-10 am. Also set aside wake surf hours

These boats are no more of a hazard than any of the other boats on the lakes. Everything changes, we need to continue to evolve as a lake community as well. The biggest problem is that we have increased development and utilization. This survey is biased and unprofessional. Question 11a is embarrassing.

My biggest concern is an inadequate number of buoys and the slow pace at which they are replaced when broken or lost.

These boats, especially at full ballast simply don't belong on a lake of this size. Thanks

These type of boats create a much larger wake than any other type. This past 2 years especially its near impossible to take kids tubing because of how rough the water is.

They are a disruptive nuisance. Even with limiting the area of operation, they still create waves which expand to the shoreline which causes erosion and damage to property.

They are dangerous. The drivers act like they own the lake and could care less when they fly passed you and cause your boat to rock. They are careless and damage the shore line and ruin peoples relaxing time on the lake. Especially with their loud speakers blasting their music. They need to be banned period.

This is probably the most unprofessional and biased survey ever created but I am not shocked since the invention of this committee is largely borne of some weird wake boat conspiracy theory. We follow every rule on the lake and had our MasterCraft inspected to ensure we had properly disabled any wake enhancing technology. I've yet to hear of the boat patrol stopping boats to inspect for wake violations but if that's what will satisfy the mob then do it. What patrol did share with us is using the middle of the lake to surf is dangerous and irresponsible. If you want help constructing a survey of questions that are consistent with a professional survey I can share some companies who do just that and also await anyone with a scientific background in erosion and or wave studies to appear and dispute this type of non-factual nonsense. It's bad enough that this uneducated - never validated mentality is thriving on Facebook but now you're legitimizing it in Committee and through local governance.

This isn't the only lake in southern Indiana. Monroe and Lemon are better for that type of boat. Sweetwater is too small for such a boat.

This questionnaire is biased on how you ask the questions. For example, question 5. Yes I have passed on going out because it's too busy. Users may not read it correctly and mark that as yes.

This takes the joy out of being here

To clarify a cpl of my answers...#4 i think the lake has become more dangerous because of the sheer # of boats on the lake, not specifically "wake" boats. #5 once again, the # of boats, not specifically wake boats, have prevented me from skiing/tubing/boating/ etc. Although, I think the activity of "wake surfing" has the potential to create a nuisance/ dangerous situation, not specifically because of the large, slow moving wake, but because of the constant falling and stopping. They make it very difficult to pass and can potentially create a constant traffic jam... All that being said, it looks like the kids are mostly following the rules and having a good time, and everyone needs to chill out and let them enjoy the lake too.

Tubing is much more dangerous than wake surfing. The difference in wake is minimal and the volume of tuber wake appears to be much greater.

Very concerned about damage (erosion) to shoreline and dam.
Also, want the lake to be safe and enjoyable by families with kids of all ages

Wake boat rules should be rewritten to be less ambiguous with sharper teeth.

Wake boats a wake surfing due severe damage to the shoreline. Does not make to allow a boat like this on small waters.

Wake boats are not dangerous and are not the primary reason for environmental damage. A loaded houseboat creates same type of waves and wake with a tuber. Homeowners should realize that they need to take ownership of their property and know that water edges require maintenance on a frequent basis.

Wake boats are not the problem. I see 1 maybe 2 every weekend being used for wake surfing. Your problem is pontoons that cruise so far away from the buoys that boats tubing, wakeboarding or wake surfing are forced to go around them on the buoy side. Keep the pontoon guy that is out for a cruise in the middle of the lake over towards the buoys and the faster boats toward the middle. It will reduce the wake coming to shore. Please spend time and resources on getting weeds off the dam or looking into parking slips for boats to park and attend beach activities, not on 10 people staring at a yardstick for 3 hours while different boats drive in circles during non busy hours.

Wake boats do no more harm than pontoons or other speed boats.

Wake boats should be allowed with full use, with restricted hours, or no restrictions at all. Get with the times.

Wake enhancing devices are still in working order on many of the wake boats. I thought they were to be inspected and PERMANENTLY disabled with an inspection to ensure that was the case. Wake boats should require annual inspections to make sure the wake enhancement devices have been removed from the boats, not just a wire clipped or a fuse removed, but the entire device removed so it cannot be easily turned back on after inspection...

Wake surfing is fun and increases the value of our homes. Many similar size lakes allow wake surfing (Heritage lake, for example). The rule banning ballasts and other wake enhancing devices is archaic and unfounded. Please allow wakesurfing without restrictions!

Wake surfing is much safer than tubing. It is a sport for the masses. The lapping waves make me feel like I am on a lake, and not a pool. It is very undesirable to limit more, and I think the lakes should promote surfing.

Wake surfing is not a issue as long as commonsense rules are followed. No wake zones need to be strictly enforced!!!

Wake surfing is not the problem. The lake is constantly choppy on weekends not because of surfing but because 100 boats circle the lake with tubers. Wake surfing is a safe activity, unless you put them in the middle of the lake. That is the most dangerous place to go slow. You are going to destroy the value of our property by continuing to single out the sport that people like to do. How many slalom skiers do you see anymore? Not many. People want to wake surf and board. It is safe and is not going to destroy the lake.

Wake surfing is the most popular activity on lakes today. Surfing is safe and can be managed like other activities with the rules of the lake. Surfing in the middle of the lake resolves all issues with other boats or any concerns to the side of the lake. A ban would have a major impact on the lakes reputation, property valuation and create liability to the decision and process of decision. The boats should be asked to surf in the middle of the lake and this should be enforced this way.

Wake surfing seems to be the SAFEST activity on the lake currently due to the slower speed. We have stopped boating several weekends because of the danger of other boaters who do not know how to drive, do not know how to pass or slow down. Our kids have almost been run over twice by huge pontoons that clearly have intoxicated drivers or just don't care. We frequently see boats going very slow next to bouys that create a much larger wake than wake surfers.

Wakeboarding is definitely an enjoyable sport but neither of the lakes are of the proper size or configuration to make this sport safe for people or property. In addition, the lakes do not lend themselves to thoroughly enjoying wakeboarding as it was intended.

Wakeboats create no more of hazard or damage than any other type of boat currently allowed on the lakes. It isn't uncommon to see pontoons and fishing boats speeding and creating large wakes in the idle zones and they are basically given a pass. Shoreline erosion and/or damage in the idle zones from speeding pontoons is more of an issue than wakeboarding on the main body of the lakes, because most lot owners on the main body have shoreline stabilization in place unlike the lots in the idle zones. The wakeboats are more visible and therefore attract more attention. The lakes have always been accommodating to all types of activities and it is very shortsighted to target one certain activity for additional and unwarranted restrictions. Speed boats, pontoons and fishing (especially tournaments) all have detrimental effects on the lakes and none are targeted, because they are the majority of users. For clarification I am not a wakeboarder, I primarily use the lakes for fishing, but feel that it's only fair that the lakes remain open for all users.

Wakes don't cause shore erosion when proper mitigation is in place, the wakes aren't significantly larger than can be made with other activities and boats, certainly wakeboarding also has the potential to create large wakes. Regarding safety, the size of the wakes isn't the problem, the sheer idiocy of some of the boat drivers is the most significant safety issue on the lake and the only reason that I have for not going out on the water when the lake is busy.

Wakesurfing is a popular sport that is low impact, safe, and at a slower controlled speed. This helps with safe operation on the water. I have concerns about people wakesurfing behind Outboards and I/O boats.

Wakeboarding is the same as water skiing. What you are trying to determine is if wake surfing is the issue. In terms of safety - wake surfing the boats go SO SLOW - it's actually better and easier to drop a surfer, return to get them, etc. as well as the speed is not hindering other boats and people's safety. In terms of shoreline erosion - I'm not an expert so can't comment. However, we do not live in a cove so get quite a bit of waves during weekend days from boat activities. When the tubes are flying - we get quite a bit more waves than when wakesurfing happens. All are very manageable - no issues with tubing either. By and large no issues with any of these sports. But! Do like we don't allow wave runners and jet skis. That could be a safety issue for people.

Was in the idle zone a few weeks back a boat came close throwing such a big wave my pontoon did a noise dive under the wave I had to back off to a stop then proceeded

We all like the appreciation in value of our lake property. This is because there has been more demand than supply. If these lakes are viewed as too restrictive then demand will decrease. It is not apparent to me that the bigger waves actually do any more damage than regular boats.

We are not located on the main lake, so possible damage is minimized. We have a RED light for high water where 'any wake' may cause damage. If wake boating rules are relaxed will the need for a RED light condition also be relaxed?

We bought our property in 2015 with the intent of wake surfing. Would be an enormous dissatisfier if rules change. Additionally, it is much safer for the person participating than wake boarding or skiing (or tubing for that matter), as surfing typically occurs at speeds of 9-11 mph as compared to speeds exceeding 20+ mph. You could argue the huge pontoons (24 ft or longer carrying 10-14 individuals) on the water create as much wake as surf boats do as far as displacement of water and damage to the shoreline. The water is there to be used and enjoyed. Instead of eliminating the activity, maybe restrict during certain holidays when water use is at a maximum. Just my thoughts. Thanks for the opportunity to comment.

We can only speak from our narrow experiences in our area. I've only been out on the lake once this year. I don't believe from our dock I've seen violations.

We have not owned a home in Sweetwater long enough to have first hand knowledge regarding questions 3, 4, 5, 8 or 9. Because there wasn't an option for "don't know," I answered giving the wake boat owners the benefit of the doubt. Please remove my responses to those questions if possible so you will have more informed responses.

We have only been here for a year and a half. I do not know the difference in a wake boat and a normal boat wake. There are a lot of pontoon boat that put out big wakes.

We have owned on Cordry since 2006 and I can count on 2 hands how many times I've seen anyone actually wake surfing and we are an active lake family with 4 young boys. This seems unnecessarily targeted. Rules are broken constantly with poor, incorrect boating, extremely overloaded boats both pontoon and traditional runabouts. There are some many things you could target that I see so much more often than the very very occasional person wake surfing. Full disclosure, we own a Mastercraft wakeboard boat but have never actually wake surfed behind it, ever! We ski, tube and cruise just like every other boat. We bought the boat because it fit the seating style we liked and it was within all the requirements and limits of the conservancy just like every other boat. Main body lake homes have always complained of crashing waves and erosion. It was pontoon boats and "large" engine boats 10 years ago and this is just the latest target to fight over. Shore reinforced walls and rip rap have been used for all our years by folks on main body and it is simply part of deciding to own on that part of the lake. Let's discuss more dangerous things that happen on the lake that can cause serious bodily injury to lake boaters versus spending time on the 15 times a year a wake surfer is on the water for a few minutes. It's majoring in the minors focus wise.

We have seen wake boats dumping ballasts in cove between Grey Wolf and Grizzly on more than one occasion. Other states have banned wake surfing, our lakes are too narrow for this activity. Aggressively enforce the rules already in place to not allow the ballasts to be disabled and make the penalty for those that operate the boats against the rules more severe. I have lived on this lake for 35 years. We had similar serious concerns with wave runners and the dangers created years ago. Safety of people and property should always be first.

We purchased a home on Sweetwater because of the restrictions that are currently in place. From my experience living on other Indiana lakes, those restrictions make these lakes safer and cleaner as compared to others. It would be a shame to lose or lessen those restrictions and have these beautiful lakes become just like a majority of all the others. Allow the surf boats under the current restrictions and do not allow wake enhancing devices or ballast. These lakes are too small for wake enhancing and ballast. Ballasts can also be a prime culprit in contaminating the lake. If any changes, maybe the surf down the middle of the lake addendum.

We should do the same type of questions for the boat fisherman folks that are propagandizing this BS.

We sold our boat because when you try to tube others are not paying attention and get to close. We were not willing to risk our lives for others not paying attention.

We support the current rules being strictly enforced and perhaps more than a ticket.

We too small a lake to wake surf

When lakes are too busy to use for enjoyment - it is due to bad drivers, tubers, and overall busyness of boats being driven, that result in wake. A boat at cruising speed creates a much larger wake than a wake surfer who are traveling at slow speeds. This has never seemed like a problem to us. All boat activity creates wake, it's not one activity specifically.

When there is a high number of water craft (all types) on the lake during the busy weekends the largest waves develop. This is not solely due to "boats that are manufactured to create an enhanced and/or larger more powerful wave", it is due to the total number of water craft on the water at any given time.

Pontoon boats with high powered motors carrying multiple passengers create a very large wave. Will limits on other watercraft be considered next? They also cause erosion.

Where are actual rules posted ??

While I understand this is about wake surfing, I'd like to also suggest ski only hours on weekends from 9-10 am. That would not include waste surfing.

Who allowed the rules to be changed in 2015 and what are the 2015 rules?

Why are these boats allowed when wave runners were banned in the early 90's?? Both lakes are too small for this to continue.

Why live on a lake if you can not do water activities such as wake boarding/skiing

Why not charge a \$500 environmental impact fee for stickers for wake boats. Use that money for erosion control projects.

Why were those boats allowed in the first place? Why weren't the rules enforced when they got their stickers to begin with? I believe the ones currently on the lakes should be grandfathered in....but no more allowed.

Also...another issue...is people new to the lake should be instructed on boating rules; not just be told to read them. It's obvious when boats are going the wrong direction, they have not read the rules. It creates a very dangerous situation, particularly at night.

Will Tubers be next!

You can't ban a boat that's already been approved...but you can prohibit certain activities...like wake surfing! Not a fan...lake way to small..!