

Minutes from December 1, 2021, Lakes JAC meeting

- Discussed repairs to be made to Lake Ann sinkhole and spillway. CEI engineers to begin repairs on sinkhole and we'll move to the spillway issue beginning next year
- Committee discussed findings of the Lakes sub-committee on Tiree cove recommendations and results as follows:
 - Change no-wake zones on all wake lakes from 100' to 200'. Sub-committee recommendation – no change. Doing so would reduce on plane area of BV lakes by approximately 20% and concentrate boat traffic to an even smaller area.
 - Change Tiree Channel to no wake. Sub-committee recommendation – no change. Tiree is consistent with other wake/no wake in terms of width/depth etc.
 - Change other channels on BV lakes to wake or no wake zones. Sub-committee recommendation – no change. Other coves are consistent in terms of width/depth etc.
- The sub-committee did make additional recommendations to improve safety and enforcement:
 - Rick Echols or other staff member to meet with marina and Boat Service employees next spring to provide additional training on boating and safety regulations which need to be communicated to all boat renters
 - Lake map cards on wake lakes showing wake, no wake, and ski areas to be given to all boat renters to further define the rules
 - Recommend all rental boats post "No Wake 100' from shore and no skiing or tubing 200' from shore" sticker on the rental boat dashboards
 - Rangers on busy holiday weekends have presence on all wake lakes from 10:00 am until dark
 - Recommend Rangers spend extra time in Tiree cove to insure safe boating particularly on busy holiday weekends
 - Flags already placed on the first no wake buoy (coming from main lake area) to clarify a change from wake to no wake.
 - A motion was made to approve the sub-committee recommendations and the motion passed unanimously
- A contract was signed with Rezatec to monitor dam safety on all Bella Vista POA lakes
- The Loch Lomond drawdown is on track. Lake will be allowed to re-fill on approximately Mar 10, 2022.
- POA board approved 2 new fish rearing ponds located at the base of the Loch Lomond Dam. In addition, the board also approved a Windsor fishing dock and re-pavement of the Lake Rayburn dam.
- Hybrid bass were recently stocked – 500 in Loch Lomond, 100 in Windsor, and 50 in Lake Ann.
- Guest Terry McConnell expressed concerns about VRBO type rentals in Bella Vista and associated issues such as loud parties late at night and a lack of understanding of boating rules and regulations.