

Proposed Candlewood Lake Vessel Length Limit Regulation
(Amending RCSA Section 15-121-B15a)

HEARING OFFICER'S REPORT
Public Comment Summary and Exhibit Index

Exhibit 1-82 (for) and 83-96 (against)
Public Hearing 4 January 2012
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Exhibit	Commenter	Pull Quote	Type	Date
1	Bruce Hoag	We live on the lake and have first-hand experience with the disruptive effect of large boats generating ocean like waves. They toss my fishing boat around like a cork.	email	19-Jan-12
2	Barbara Hoag	The wakes from these boats create huge waves which are destructive to boat docks as well as the lakeshore..It is my hope that this bill will go forward to keep Candlewood Lake a beautiful and safe place for boating recreation.	email	20-Jan-12
3	Raymond Kelly	Please keep the boats on Lake Candlewood under 26 ft. in length	mail	17-Jan-12
4	Frank Fernandez	While Candlewood Lake is large by CT standards, it is in fact too small to safely support the operation of boats larger than 26 feet. The excessive wakes they produce are dangerous to other boaters and are destructive to the shoreline and lakefront facilities.	mail	16-Jan-12
5	Jim McAlister	(represents several orgs)...In my view--and that of numerous others concerned over the increasing trend towards larger vessels and the displacement and wakes (and owner attitudes) that can result--this action is both appropriate and indeed necessary.	mail	17-Jan-12
6	Kurt Gerstmann	I fully support the prohibition against big boats on Candlewood lake. They are totally unnecessary and are dangerous.	email	20-Jan-12
7	Laura Paradiso	Please pass the initiative to ban these monster boats!	email	19-Jan-12
8	Dennis Paradiso			
9	Scott Randall	In my view, a lake the size of Candlewood has no business playing host to these larger boats. As they tend to be full displacement hulls in many cases, they create large wakes that add to the shoreline damage... For the cabin or even pontoon style boats of this size, they tend to encourage overnighting with observed human waste disposal activities that represent an amazing lack of concern for the health of swimmers.	email	19-Jan-12
10	John Donahue	Large boats have almost swamped my 18 ft. bowrider on many occasions.	email	19-Jan-12
11	John Glynn	[I've] witnessed an incredible transition of what used to be small recreational boats transform into huge overnight boats that create giant size wakes.	email	19-Jan-12
12	E. Schofield	The boats are getting bigger every year! It is ruining the Lake of our childhood & it is getting polluted.	email	18-Jan-12

13	Richard J. Creaturo Jr	The lake is a beautiful and special place, but its enjoyment factor reduces for me each year with too many boats and too many large boats	email	17-Jan-12
14	Scott Simpson	I am totally in favor of that limitation ! ...I have been boating on the lake for the past 10 years and have been swamped on two occasions by exceeding large wakes.	email	15-Jan-12
15	Allen Hinden	I firmly believe that a boat length restriction is a proper and needed form of regulation. The mix of boat types which use the lake, coupled with choke points in many areas, coupled with heavy traffic, especially on weekends, makes large boats particularly hazardous to others. The wakes generated by a growing number of such vessels can only be harmful to shorelines, docks and risky for smaller vessels, particularly self propelled and sail.	email and verbal, track 4 @ 0:29, track 7 @ 1:05	5-Jan-12
16	Larry Marsicano	[by way of background] In the year 2000 the lake authority did a study...the number two concern was increasing size of boats [tim note: overcrowding was no. 1]	Verbal, track 3 @ 2:50	4-Jan-12
17	Peter Porrazzo	You should do something and this is a start	Verbal, track 4 @ 3:00 and 8:30, track 8 @ 0:50	4-Jan-12
18	Howie Berger	You've got to start somewhere.	Verbal, track 6 @ 4:30	4-Jan-12
19	Linda Berger	NA	none	4-Jan-12
20	Jill Finch	There is no need for large boats on an already over crowded inland lake.	email	21-Jan-12
21	Louise Kaminer	Please help us keep this lake safe by limiting the size of boats used to less than 26 feet.	email	21-Jan-12
22	Linda Heller	We agree with the proposal to prohibit boats on Candlewood lake that are more than 26 feet in length.	email	21-Jan-12
23	Stephen Heller			
24	Melinda Miller	With all this, there has been a corresponding increase in safety risks and a decline in enjoyment. In fact, I often dread boating on the lake on weekends and holidays. The larger vessels and the displacement and wakes they create are all part of the decline in recreational enjoyment. While the proposed length restriction will not address all lake user and resident concerns and conflicts, I believe it is a positive and very significant step forward in preserving essential lake and boating values.	email	22-Jan-12
25	Bob Nestel	The larger vessels, their displacement, and resulting wakes contribute to a decline in recreational enjoyment. While the proposed length restriction will not address all conflicts, I believe it is a positive and significant step forward in preserving essential lake and boating values.	email	22-Jan-12
26	Sue Nestel			

27	Tony Freitas	The Increasing boat congestion, coupled with the configuration of the lake, make this an overdue regulation. Grandfathering the existing boats on the lake and local marinas that currently have larger boats in stock, this is a proposal that very fair to current owners and providers.	email	22-Jan-12
28	Sherri Freitas			
29	Robert Jenkins	Police Officer with the Suffolk County Police Department NY, currently assigned to the Marine Bureau, over the years I have observed the increase in boat numbers, in weekend boat traffic, and in boat speed, noise and size...I've personally seen people nearly swamped in several different types of small boats (rowboats, small ski boats, etc.) by the excessive wakes from these large boats. These same excessive wakes fuel shoreline erosion and cause harm to moored, anchored, and docked boats. They also create unsafe conditions for other boats, large and small. Some of these large boats can present environmental risks as they can accommodate larger crowds and may not have adequate sanitary facilities aboard for extended use.	email	22-Jan-12
30	Carol Crothers	Large, deep draft boats are a safety hazard to small boaters on the lake. And they create severe erosion problems, especially on our many islands and natural areas. I think your proposal to grandfather in existing boats is more than fair to those who already own boats.	email	22-Jan-12
31	Dr. Brian Applebee	As a current direct waterfront owner I have had numerous personal experiences with very large boats travelling very fast by my dock and causing me to desperately hang onto something so I don't get thrown off.	email	23-Jan-12
32	Lynda Willingham	I believe there should be a rule banning boats 26 feet and larger on Candlewood Lake.	fax	23-Jan-12
33	Eugene Willingham			
34	Craig Wright	The proposed boat size limitation will help preserve shoreline integrity, safety and recreational enjoyment on Candlewood Lake. We strongly support the DEEP proposal and urge that it be adopted.	email	23-Jan-12
35	Doug Barrios			
36	Stanley Friedman			
37	Carole Friedman			
38	Ann Gustavson	As it is, I do not let them out of the speed restricted areas in their kayaks because of the huge waves and traffic on the weekends. Regulating the boat size is a good step in the right direction to increase safety.	email	23-Jan-12
39	Nick Robertson	As a home owner on candlewood lake I have come to realize that erosion his is a serious problem. The larger boats create very large wakes obviously contributing greatly to the erosion problem.	email	23-Jan-12
40	Karl Hoffmann	As a summer resident of the Candlewood shoreline (but not of Hollywyle Cove) for over 80 years I have seen the effects of large boats become more and more annoying.	email	23-Jan-12

41	Donald Blough	I strongly support the proposed regulation. The lake has become very crowded on summer weekends, and large boats are a particular hazard.	email	23-Jan-12
42	Walter A. Eppler	I think a length restriction would be good. Personally I think the large boats are worsening the algae problem by stirring up the water and causing waves near the shore where the algae usually grows.	email	23-Jan-12
43	Kenneth Perry	...we are for a limit on candlewood lake of boat size and stand behind this legislation	email	24-Jan-12
44	Stephanie Rescigno	To just briefly express my concerns about boat traffic, noise, speed safety, lack of plumbing on the boats, wake of large boats, would help protect our shoreline from erosion, protect sea walls, boats rocking on our docks, overcrowding are just a few of my concerns.	email	24-Jan-12
45	Anne Alvarez	The lake is just not large enough to accommodate these long boats. Many of them have such power that speeding is almost a given. These boats can be frightening when they fly by and I am in a kayak, or when there are children on inner tubes or water skis. They create huge wakes which can erode the shoreline, or damage homeowners docks or other properties.	email	24-Jan-12
46	Scott Bolesta	I strongly support the proposed boat size limit of 26'. I admit that I've all but given up on fishing Candlewood because the wake and traffic is dangerous for 17' boats... For the safety of our residents, please restrict the size of boats to 26' on Candlewood (and on Lillinonah!).	email	24-Jan-12
47	Bob Neidhardt	I believe boat length should be no larger than 26 feet on Candlewood. Every year more boats are on the lake and larger boats pose a threat to the smaller runabouts and sailboats.	email	24-Jan-12
48	Lynn Jenkins	I am writing to add my strong support for the proposed 26' boat length limitation on Candlewood Lake... And since the proposed regulation grandfathered existing vessels already on the lake and protects local marinas that currently have larger boats in stock, I feel it is more than fair to current owners and providers.	email	24-Jan-12
49	Linda Donahue	Candlewood Lake used to be a quiet, serene gem in Connecticut but it has become a lake full of large, noisy boats. It's an accident waiting to happen. Please limit the size of the boats on Candlewood lake.	email	25-Jan-12
50	Mark Kunkel	...I would like to express my strong support of the proposal to limit boat length to 26 feet. large boats on the lake are dangerous and unnecessary. Their wakes are a major hazard to smaller boats and to property.	email	25-Jan-12
51	Bill Donahue	A size limit has to be enforced before a bad accident happens. The CLA and DEP do the best they can but they are out ranked by the boat size and weekend traffic...I hope something is put on paper before an accident happens.	email	25-Jan-12

52	Brian Mellstrom	Big boats inevitably bring speed, noise and wakes that diminish the enjoyment of our lake for everyone else.	email	25-Jan-12
53	Holly Mellstrom	We are Candlewood Isle residents since 1995. We strongly support a boat size limit.		
54	Kenneth Erdmann	I am in favor of the proposed Candlewood Lake 26 foot vessel size limit.	email	25-Jan-12
55	Terry Metz	Not only have the boats gotten increasing larger, it has become much more crowded. With this increase in the size of the boats, the wakes on a weekend sometimes keeps my family off the lake completely. We have experienced wakes that have come over the bow and soaked us in our 19 foot bow rider.	email	25-Jan-12
56	Ronald B. Noren	I strongly support a limitation on boat size. Over the recent years, there seems to be an increasing number of large boats, many with cabins, that are appropriate for Long Island sound but not for an inland lake with many narrow channels and small craft. These boats create large wakes that are damaging to docked boats and seawalls as well as the enjoyment of boating with a boat that is reasonably sized for the lake.	email	26-Jan-12
57	Sandra Vonniessen-Applebee	My young children and I are avid kayakers, we are extremely cautious and somewhat fearful at times on the lake when these large boats are out. The wake size alone is significant even when you are close to shore.	email	26-Jan-12
58	Jeffrey Berman	I live on Candlewood Lake and support the new proposed boat length regulations	email	26-Jan-12
59	Jamie Lynch	I would like to add my support to the proposed rule that would set a maximum length of just less than 26' for vessels on Candlewood lake. This proposed rule takes a significant step toward addressing the issues of concern to the users of Candlewood Lake. Namely those issues are: safety, excessive noise levels, water quality, and shoreline damage.	email	26-Jan-12
60	Steve Reichenbach	Today row boats, hobie cats, and other small craft have left the lake. When a thirty foot cabin cruiser goes by with its four foot high wake it is no longer safe for the smaller boats. When these wakes hit the shore they damage the waterfront and play havoc with docks and sea walls.	email	26-Jan-12
61	Steven H Levenherz	I am strongly in favor of a 26' max boat length restriction on boats entering Candlewood Lake	email	26-Jan-12
62	Maureen Shoule	We are definitely in agreement that boats should be no longer than 26'.	email	26-Jan-12
63	Byron Carlson	I strongly support the under 26 feet boat size on Candlewood!!!	email	26-Jan-12
64	James Stead	I am in favor of a boat size limit of 26', however I strongly urge you to also consider an engine size restriction.	email	26-Jan-12

65	Thomas Perkins	I would like to add my support for a limit on boat length on Candlewood Lake...I don't feel I can enjoy the lake anymore the way I used to due to both the excessive number of watercraft and to the excessive wakes caused by the larger boats.	email	26-Jan-12
66	Alexandra Scalera	I am writing to show my whole hearted support for regulating the length of boats on Candlewood Lake...I have a 20' motor boat and am terrified to take it out on the lake during holidays and weekends. I almost sunk when one of these monsters crossed in front of my bow at top speed so he could get in front of me. The wake was so huge that my bow went under and I had to desperately fight to keep her afloat.	email	26-Jan-12
67	Erol Gund	Please limit the size, number and motor size/noise of boats on Candlewood Lake. This will prolong the health and pleasure of the lake.	email	26-Jan-12
68	Lynn DeLuke	I fully support limiting the length of boats on Candlewood Lake to 26 feet. This is a family friendly lake and the large boats are just too big making it dangerous for other boaters.	email	26-Jan-12
69	Suzanne Berrie	I fully support limiting the length of boats on Candlewood Lake to 26 feet.	email	26-Jan-12
70	Caren Silva	I fully support limiting the length of boats on Candlewood Lake to 26 feet.	email	27-Jan-12
71	Edward Silva		email	27-Jan-12
72	Chet Valiante	I fully support limiting the length of boats on Candlewood Lake to 26 feet.	email	27-Jan-12
73	Kris Fazzone	Boat size should be limited to smaller boats. I have lived on Candlewood lake for 36 years and feel that boats larger than 25 feet in length are completely unnecessary from a practical and safety aspect.	email	27-Jan-12
74	Karen Taylor	I have observed the increase in boat numbers, in weekend boat traffic, and in boat speed, noise and size. With all this, there has been a corresponding increase in safety risks and a decline in enjoyment.	email	27-Jan-12
75	Katherine Consiglio	I am writing to add my strong support for the proposed 26' boat length limitation on Candlewood Lake. Given the lake's size and increasingly congested boating conditions, this is an overdue regulation.	email	27-Jan-12
76	Gerry Kraszewski	Our cove and our end of the lake is inundated with super large boats with huge wakes which are causing lake communities so many problems.	email	27-Jan-12
77	Ryan Brigham	The large boats exacerbate every single negative boating byproduct just by their sheer size alone. I believe limiting boat sizes on the lake is for the greater good of the community as well as preserving lake for generations to come.	email	27-Jan-12
78	Paul Kraszewski	Please count me as an advocate to limit the size of boats 26' or larger on Candlewood Lake. Boats that size are a hazard to recreation on Candlewood Lake.	email	27-Jan-12

79	John Lavagnino	I have been a boater for all that time. The lake is a unique bucolic environment whose form and function does not lend itself to large boats. Certainly 26 feet is more than generous as a limitation.	email	27-Jan-12
80	John Cotumaccio	I support a limitation on size of boats on the lake for both ecological, noise and safety reasons.	email	27-Jan-12
81	Donna J Schumacher	I fully support limiting the length of boats on Candlewood Lake to 26 feet	email	27-Jan-12
82	Ken Stilson	Outlaw the large craft-they pose a safety hazard and are a real nuisance to most other users.	email	27-Jan-12

Against

83	Dave Marsillio	I am an advocate of the boat sticker program as I mentioned on Wednesday. The boat size is an issue, but as was said, how can you pick a size. There is no science to help.	email and verbal, track 3 @ 7:49	6-Jan-12
84	Skip Clapp	I think some type of regulation is necessary...I've owned pontoon boats for many years now and among them a 24' and a 22'. I do know however that larger families have pontoons that are in excess of 26', i.e. 28 and 30 footers. I don't think you can classify these in the same category as some cruisers that are 30 + feet and travel at much greater speeds. Was any thought given to this type of exemption.	email	23-Dec-11
85	Cliff Ricci	Boat length is not the answer. A 30 foot pontoon boat will not create the wake of a 25 foot cabin cruiser. [It should be based on other criteria (displacement, horsepower, etc...)]	Verbal, track 2 @ 2:00, and Written	4-Jan-12
86	Mitchel O'Hara	oral: I'm finding in my own marina, one of the biggest problems I have... [is with a bass tournaments] I've got these people whipping around our bay...they drive like maniacs [wants us to exercise more access control] written: With no launch fees in place at the various state boat ramps and no boating license required from out of state residents, the usage has no restrictions. This can certainly lead to overcrowding on the weekends. In addition, the large number of fishing tournaments allowed and the number of boats this contributes surely must have a greater effect than the less than 2% of the boats using Candlewood that are over 26'.	Verbal, track 7 @ 3:45, track 8 @ 5:55, see also mail dated January 26, 2012	4-Jan-12
87	Robert V. H. Weinberg	I am apposed in principle to the unnecessary and wasteful implementation of regulations that I believe will serve no useful purpose; ie length restrictions will not reduce waves made by speeding boats nor will it reduce the risk of collision or other accidents on the lake. However it will restrict the use of sailing vessels (that have the least amount of impact on the environment) because most sailboats usable by a family of five on the lake would exceed 26 feet. The length restriction on sailboats if necessary at all should be increased to 35 feet.	email	22-Dec-12

88	Stephen Paduano	I don't believe that there is any boat that is 26 feet and larger currently on the lake that can make a wake bigger than an 18 foot wakeboard boat...So if the act is being rproposed to reduce large wakes it would be discriminatory to just ban boats 26 feet and larger.	Verbal, track 2 @ 5:49, and Written	4-Jan-12
89	Jim Marquis	The size and length of the boat is not the issue, it really is the displacement of the boat and how you operate the boat. I believe that if a person is at the transitional stage without a purpose...they should be given a summons and a warning.	Verbal, track 5 @ 0:30	4-Jan-12
90	Linda Marquis	It seems like its discriminatory particularly to the people who own property and are living on the lake...	Verbal, track 7 @ 6:20	4-Jan-12
91	Karl Kattrein	It's not the size of the boat, it's how you operate it.	Verbal, track 4 @ 5:30, track 8 @ 5:20	4-Jan-12
92	Mike Chengeri	NA	None	4-Jan-12
93	Robert Weinsta	NA	None	4-Jan-12
94	Michele M. Marquis	NA	None	4-Jan-12
95	Ralph Gallagher	There's a bunch of things that's just incorrect about this. I believe that boats should be limited to some size but I do not believe it should be 26 feet, perhaps pick a number like 30...It's the wakeboard boats making the wakes...To say that the boats over 26 foot are a problem and the bass boats aren't is just hiding your head in the sand.	Verbal, track 5 @ 4:08, track 8 @ 3:40, track 9 @ 2:00	4-Jan-12
96	Jean Hartnett	Once again the wrong issue is being addressed. It is the number of boats, not the size that is the issue.	email	24-Jan-12

Delgado, Timothy

From: Bruce Hoag [bchoag@charter.net]
Sent: Friday, January 20, 2012 9:32 AM
To: Delgado, Timothy
Subject: Large Boat on Candlewood Lake

Dear Mr. Delgado,

I am adamantly in favor of regulations limiting the size of boats on Candlewood Lake. We live on the lake and have first-hand experience with the disruptive effect of large boats generating ocean like waves. They toss my fishing boat around like a cork. They also make docks rock like an amusement ride and erode the shoreline. Lastly, some of the larger boats, blast down the lake at well over 45 MPH while making a deafening roar.

Respectively submitted,

Bruce Hoag
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Sherman, CT 06784
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Delgado, Timothy

From: Bruce Hoag [bchoag@charter.net]
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2012 8:58 PM
To: Delgado, Timothy
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Delgado, Timothy

From: blhoag [blhoag@charter.net]
Sent: Friday, January 20, 2012 10:23 AM
To: Delgado, Timothy
Subject: Large boats on Candlewood Lake

As a full time lakeside resident, I am always distressed when we see and **hear** a LARGE boat driving on the lake.

There are many what we call cigarette or cigar boats that are deafeningly loud. We can always hear them before seeing them.

This lake is meant for recreation and fishing, but **not racing**. Many of these boats are out to see how fast they can go and that in itself is **extremely dangerous** for boaters, skiers, swimmers, etc.

The wakes from these boats create **huge waves** which are destructive to boat docks as well as the lakeshore.

It is my **fear** that if we allow more of these types of boats on the lake (which is already overcrowded on the weekends), the **lake will become inhospitable** to the families that want to come out and enjoy the beauty, tranquility, the coolness of the water on a hot summer day and all the water activities which the lake provides.

Of course also on my mind is the fear of zebra mussels getting into the lake and to prevent this, we still need more monitoring from the state.

It is my hope that this bill will go forward to keep Candlewood Lake a beautiful and safe place for boating recreation.

Barbara Hoag
17 Deer Run Trail
Sherman CT 06784

JD

Jan. 17, 2012

Dear Gov. DeGaleo,

Please keep the boats on Lake Candlewood under 26 ft. in length. The boats are getting larger and larger and the bigger they are the greater the danger of septic dumping and noise pollution.

I have been involved in the lake all my life and my family has had lakefront property since it was flooded in 1929. Please protect it.

Sincerely,
Ray Kelley

K Raymond Kelley
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Sherman, CT 06784-2043

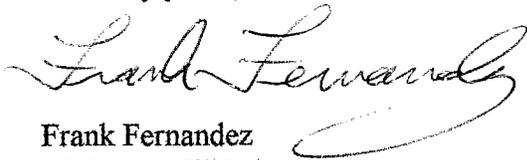
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Dear sir,

I'm contacting you to add my name to the hopefully many who are endorsing a ban on the operation of large boats on Candlewood Lake. I have lived directly on the Lake for 15 years and during this time I have noticed MANY more large boats in operation. While Candlewood Lake is large by CT standards, it is in fact too small to safely support the operation of boats larger than 26 feet. The excessive wakes they produce are dangerous to other boaters and are destructive to the shoreline and lakefront facilities.

I support the proposal to ban boats larger than 26 feet from operating on Candlewood Lake. Boats this large belong on Long Island Sound, not on lakes as small as Candlewood. Such a ban seems both fair and practical. Enactment of such a ban would definitely be in the long term best interest of the Candlewood Lake and the many people who enjoy it.

Sincerely yours,



Frank Fernandez
57 Bogus Hill Rd.
New Fairfield, CT



EXHIBIT 4

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Candlewood Watershed Initiative

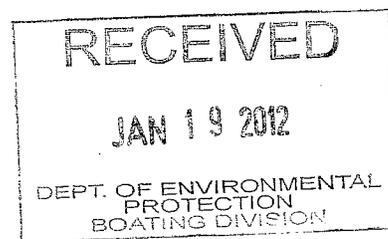
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To: Mr. Timothy Delgado
 CT DEEP – Bureau of Outdoor Recreation

Fm: Jim McAlister
 20-Year Candlewood Lake Resident and Boater &
 Chair, Candlewood Watershed Initiative (CWI)

Re: Proposed Rule to Limit Boat Length on Candlewood Lake

Dt: January 17, 2012



I am writing to affirm my strong support for the proposed new limitation on boat length on Candlewood Lake. I am aware that a good deal of research, time, effort and discussion have gone into this proposed rule -- indeed I believe it is long overdue. A limit of 26' seems appropriate and logical given the Lake's configuration and increasingly congested boating conditions, particularly on weekends.

In light of my 20 years as a Lake-view resident and boater on the Lake, I have observed firsthand the changes that have occurred, notably the increase in boat numbers, in weekend traffic, in speed, in noise, in size, and accordingly in safety risks and declining enjoyment. Indeed, I avoid boating on the Lake from noon to 5 pm on weekends and holidays -- a sad commentary given the size of Candlewood and its relative remoteness.

In my view -- and that of numerous others concerned over the increasing trend towards larger vessels and the displacement and wakes (and owner attitudes) that can result -- this action is both appropriate and indeed necessary. While the proposed rule will not (indeed cannot) address all Lake user and resident concerns and conflicts, *I believe it is a positive and very significant step forward in preserving essential Lake and boating values. It will help to protect the Lake itself, and to preserve the immense pleasure it can bring to users (or not).*

Specifically I see these fundamental advantages. The new rule helps to address safety issues and reduces what some might describe as ego-driven 'size competition.' It aids in protecting our shoreline from erosion due to excessive wakes. It serves to protect our moored and docked boats from undue rocking, possible bashing, and line strain. Importantly, it helps to reduce the size and steering threats of the ensuing wakes. And, it helps to address overcrowding, particularly given the Lake's many long, skinny 'fingers' and relatively narrow passageways.

Additionally, the rule is framed with sensitivity and fairness -- it grandfathers existing vessels already on the Lake and protects local marinas that currently have larger boats in stock. Both of these aspects are important considerations so as not to create inequities among current owners and providers.

On the flip side, there are significant downsides to permitting larger craft to use the Lake. Indeed, given the Lake's waterprint, I see no justification for allowing boats of excessive size and power to navigate its waters. *There is no inherent need for large-scale boats – the distances are not great, the seas seldom threatening, and the extra freeboard is simply not required -- and they can introduce negative influences that are contrary to enjoyment by both residents and boaters, while presenting their own safety hazards to others and their property.* While such influences and risks are not limited to these larger boats, they can certainly be a major, outsized contributor to them.

The sheer size and accompanying engine power of such boats can overpower. The noise can be both annoying and distracting, even to shoreline residents. Added length can pose marina hazards for other skippers attempting to dock. The wakes can cause harm to moored, anchored, and docked boats and can create unsafe conditions for waterborne vessels, large and small. They can serve as party platforms, be rafted together, and become extended, even all-night venues to the detriment of residents on shore. They can present environmental risks as they can accommodate larger crowds and may not have adequate sanitary facilities aboard for extended use.

Additionally, I sense that the larger one's boat the greater the natural inclination of the skipper to feel and take command of the surrounding waters – and in the exercise of command to be less than sensitive to the speed, wake, noise and displacement dangers it can create for others. This feeling of being in charge and 'above it all' – and the resulting behavior it can cause – may pose and represent the greatest risk of these larger craft.

Sensible controls on vessel size in Candlewood's waters are valuable, indeed essential, in helping to preserve boating safety and enjoyment and in protecting Candlewood Lake -- a very unique and special resource and one that we cannot allow to be abused.

My thanks to you and others on the DEEP staff for investing the time and interest in grappling with this issue. A positive outcome through rule adoption will help protect Candlewood Lake's future and further the safety and pleasure of residents and recreational users alike.



Jim McAlister
Lake Resident, Boater & Advocate
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To: Delgado, Timothy
Cc: Scott Randall
Subject: big boats on candlewood lake

I fully support the prohibition against big boats on Candlewood lake. They are totally unnecessary and are dangerous. Kurt Gerstmann, Sherman CT

Delgado, Timothy

From: dennis paradiso [d.paradiso@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2012 8:28 PM
To: Delgado, Timothy
Subject: Candlewood Lake Initiative

Dear Mr. Delgado:

We understand there is an initiative to ban boats larger than 26 feet on Candlewood Lake. We would like to voice our support for this initiative. We are aware that existing vessels of this size will be grandfathered in. But, to continue to allow more boats of this size would be a travesty of pollution and noise to our peaceful lake. Please pass the initiative to ban these monster boats! Thank you.

Laura & Dennis Paradiso

Delgado, Timothy

From: Scott Randall [scottrandall@optonline.net]
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2012 6:07 PM
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Subject: Candlewood Boat Length input

Good evening,

I want to express my strong support for the proposed regulation limiting boat length on Candlewood to 26 feet.

Candlewood is unique in hosting a large number of boats from Lake residents, in-State and out of state users. The lake already suffers from over use by many measures. In addition, the shoreline continues to suffer from erosion due to damage from boat wakes. As active boaters, swimmers and lakefront residents, we can directly attest to the stress that Candlewood is under.

In my view, a lake the size of Candlewood has no business playing host to these larger boats. As they tend to be full displacement hulls in many cases, they create large wakes that add to the shoreline damage. In addition, with many of these larger boats being capable of higher speeds (especially the larger "cigarette" style boats) they often ignore both day and night time speed limits while also often exceeding noise limits- all of which are extremely hard to enforce. For the cabin or even pontoon style boats of this size, they tend to encourage overnighing with observed human waste disposal activities that represent an amazing lack of concern for the health of swimmers.

In informal discussions with friends, neighbors and other users of Candlewood, I can assure you that the vast majority of users support this regulation. Unfortunately, as is true for most regulations which are assumed to be no-brainers and not needing active support, many of the majority will not take the time to make their views known. Any opposition to this regulation represents a very small but possibly vocal minority. I trust that the DEEP will be guided by the wishes of the majority (even if less vocal) as well as common sense and pass this regulation in a timely fashion.

Sincerely,

Scott Randall
CLE Board Member
13 Worden Point Road
Sherman CT 06784
860-355-4071

Delgado, Timothy

From: John Donohue [jd8875@aim.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2012 12:54 PM
To: Delgado, Timothy
Subject: Candlewood Lake large boat size limit

Dear Mr. Delgado,

I am strongly in favor of limits on boat size on Candlewood Lake. Large boats have almost swamped my 18 ft. bowrider on many occasions. Cabin cruisers or other large boats do not belong on an inland lake like Candlewood.

Please limit boat size. I would be in favor of limiting to even smaller than 26 feet, but at least this is a start.

Thank you for being responsive to the needs and concerns of the many Connecticut residents affected.

Regards,
John Donohue
Cell: 203-417-1699
Home: 203-746-8875
Email: jd8875@aim.com

Delgado, Timothy

From: John Glynn [isleharbormaster@charter.net]
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2012 8:29 AM
To: Delgado, Timothy
Subject: Candlewood Lake Boat Size Limitation

Hello Timothy,

My family has been on Candlewood Lake for 39 years and have witnessed an incredible transition of what used to be small recreational boats transform into huge overnight boats that create giant size wakes. Wakes that batter smaller boats and pound shore lines. The Glynn family strongly believes that there should be a size limitation for boats on Candlewood lake of 26 feet. Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Concerned Boater,

John Glynn
New fairfield, CT 06812

Delgado, Timothy

From: Ssc [sscnw@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2012 8:07 PM
To: Delgado, Timothy
Subject: Boats -Candlewood -Restrict Size!

Re-Boats Candlewood Lake-less than 26 ONLY-
Even smaller boats would be better!!
The boats are getting bigger every year!
It is ruining the Lake of our childhood &
it is getting polluted.
Please help. Thank you.

Delgado, Timothy

From: rscreaturo@comcast.net
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2012 1:36 PM
To: Delgado, Timothy
Subject: Candlewood Lake Boat Size Restriction

Dear Mr. Delgado,

I have owned and operated a boat on Candlewood Lake for the past eight plus years. In that short period of time, I have noted an increase in the number of boats on the lake as well as larger boats in general. I think the combination of the two has made the lake an increasingly more dangerous place to boat. Regardless, the lake is simply too narrow to support boats much over the 23 foot mark, in my opinion. I also believe there needs to be more and better policing of the lake. There is very little respect for space and privacy, especially weekends. The lake is under too much pressure from congestion and too many boaters do not practice common courtesy. Not a weekend goes by where I will be anchored and another boat pulling a wake boarder, skier or tube comes within 20 feet of my boat, sometimes as close as ten feet. I could understand the occasional yahoo, but for it to happen almost every time I am on the lake on a weekend is an overall behavioral problem or a failing on the part of boater safety and/or reinforcement.

The lake is a beautiful and special place, but its enjoyment factor reduces for me each year with too many boats and too many large boats. The time to act is now while we still have a lake to save.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Regards,

Richard J. Creaturo Jr.
31 Wedgewood Dr.
Danbury, CT 06811

Delgado, Timothy

From: maximosca [maximosca@charter.net]
Sent: Sunday, January 15, 2012 11:16 AM
To: Delgado, Timothy
Subject: Candlewood Lake input

Hello Timothy -

I saw the article in the Citizen News about limitation on large boats on Candlewood Lake. I am totally in favor of that limitation ! We have a 20 foot ski boat which is about average, so my experience is probably typical.

I have been boating on the lake for the past 10 years and have been swamped on two occasions by exceeding large wakes. I am not speaking of water coming over the sides, but of swimming pool conditions ! The wakes are exacerbated by the stone walls in front of lakefront residences. The cresting of a wake coming off a wall with the inbound wake can easily exceed the height of the bow of a non-moving ski boat. Larger, heavier and slower boats produce very high wakes. Often the skippers of these boats have no idea of the havoc they leave behind them., and in some cases do not care.

It is a well known fact that slow cruising at 20 kts with the bow higher off the water in the afternoon is the ONLY way a boater can survive, particularly in smaller, more confined channels.

It is less about the length of the boat and more about the size of the wake the boat is capable of producing.

If you need more information, please let me know. This topic is all about boating safety.
Thank you / Scott Simpson

NOTICE OF AVAILABLE AUDIO TESTIMONY

NAME: Allen Hinden

LOCATION:

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Delgado, Timothy

From: hindingrp@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, January 05, 2012 9:35 AM
To: Delgado, Timothy
Subject: Re: Section 15-121-B15a

Dear Mr. Delgado:

Thank you for the effort to improve quality of life and safety on Candlewood Lake. I was one of the respondents to the survey. It might be helpful to compare the average weight of a 26' vs 30' cabin cruiser class boat, fully loaded with 75% passenger carrying capacity. The wakes of each are likely to be substantially different in size, as is time to plane and forward visibility during that time.

Respectfully,

Allen

-----Original Message-----

From: Delgado, Timothy <Timothy.Delgado@ct.gov>
To: 'hindingrp@aol.com' <hindingrp@aol.com>
Sent: Thu, Jan 5, 2012 9:15 am
Subject: RE: Section 15-121-B15a

Dr. Hindin:

Thank you for your comment. It will be entered into the record and addressed in the Hearing Officer's report. You will receive notice when the Hearing Officer's report is completed.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Timothy F. Delgado
Boating Division
Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection
P.O. Box 280
Old Lyme, CT 06371

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"Whenever I find myself growing grim about the mouth; whenever it is a damp, drizzly November in my soul; whenever I find myself involuntarily pausing before coffin warehouses, and bringing up the rear of every funeral I meet; and especially whenever my hypos get such an upper hand of me, that it requires a strong moral principle to prevent me from deliberately stepping into the street, and methodically knocking people's hats off - then, I account it high time to get to sea as soon as I can. This is my substitute for pistol and ball. With a philosophical flourish Cato throws himself upon his sword; I quietly take to the ship. There is nothing surprising in this. If they but knew it, almost all men in their degree, some time or other, cherish very nearly the same feelings towards the ocean with me." - Melville

From: hindingrp@aol.com [mailto:hindingrp@aol.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 05, 2012 7:38 AM
To: Delgado, Timothy
Subject: Section 15-121-B15a

Allen Hindin, DDS, MPH
256 Great Plain Rd
Danbury, CT 06811
Tel: 203-743-1607
e-mail: Hindingrp@aol.com

Mr. Timothy F. Delgado
CT DEP
333 Ferry Rd
PO Box 280
Old Lyme, CT 06371

Sir:

Thank you for coming to Brookfield to hear discussion regarding boat length limitation regulations for Candlewood Lake last night. I have enjoyed use of this magnificent body of water since June, 1971, owning a waterfront home in 1979 and boats of various types; motor, sail and self propelled. For many years, I had the good fortune of sharing ownership in a Piper Cub seaplane, based in Sherman.

I have also witness great changes during these past 40 years. When I first came to Candlewood, 18'-20' boats were considered large and outboard motors were the most common form of propulsion and most docks had only one boat tied to them. A 25' boat was a rarity. Since then, boats of much greater size and inboard engines have become more commonplace and numbers of docked boats have increased. Kayaks, canoes, sailboards and small sailboats have also become more common. From the air, it became apparent that traffic on Candlewood was becoming evermore a safety problem.

As noted by your survey, boats over 26' are presently almost two percent of the mix. As was stated last night, there is now at least one 42 footer on Candlewood and I have seen a growing number of 30-36 footers tied at docks. The growth in numbers of these kinds of vessels concerns me greatly. Without restrictions, I have no doubt that the percentage will continue to grow.

Two summers ago, my wife and friends were cruising slowly north along the New Fairfield side of Vaughn's Neck. Astern was a large cruiser, approaching in a transitional position. Its driver apparently could not see forward well enough to see them. The cruiser narrowly missed hitting my friend's boat due to a evasive actions taken, only when the approaching boat was noticed by the passengers in the vessel ahead.

I firmly believe that a boat length restriction is a proper and needed form of regulation. The mix of boat types which use the lake, coupled with choke points in many areas, coupled with heavy traffic, especially on weekends, makes large boats particularly hazardous to others. The wakes generated by a growing number of such vessels can only be harmful to shorelines, docks and risky for smaller vessels, particularly self propelled and sail. As for the danger to others, from loss of forward visibility while transitioning, my wife's story should suffice.

I heard several arguments against limitation of boat length limits on Candlewood. While I respect the views of those who would own boats in excess of 26', I feel compelled to also respect the interest of those of us who own far smaller vessels. There are many of us, as your survey indicated, most whom support length limits. I was favorably impressed by Mr. O'Hara, owner of Candlewood East Marina, who, while offering a brand which produced 40% of its boats in lengths exceeding 26', stated that he could live with the proposed regulations. As for trailed in boats, using launch ramps, very few boats exceeding 26' are trailed by occasional users and they could easily be deterred from launching. I sincerely doubt that any of us who live or work on Candlewood Lake would be inclined to go elsewhere if we could not own a boat in excess of 26 feet long. I spent my earliest summers on a lake he Catskills of New York, which had a 21' restriction and it never seemed to be a problem. That restriction remains to this day.

I believe the Coast Guard was correct in using the 26' length as a means to designate a class and that it is a reasonable limit to apply to Candlewood. As for those who suggested increasing the length, for reasons ranging from access to full toilets to a concern for large families not having sufficient passenger seating, I suggest keeping in mind that at least a dozen people can comfortably play upon a 26' boat. If you consider how much heavier boats become, with each addition foot in length, coupled with increased passenger capacity, the 30' length limit, suggested by some will become clearly less attractive. Add to it the wake that multi-ton vessels generate and I hope you see my point. Increased boat lengths beyond the propose limit will benefit only a small number at the expense of many.

In closing, I believe that the shape of Candlewood Lake, coupled with the mix of boating and other recreational activities, increasing numbers of people using the lake and the multiple choke points present, make length limitation a rational means by which the vast majority of users will be safer and less affected by ever increasing size of wakes generated. I urge that you establish a limit at under 26 feet for Candle wood Lake.

Respectfully,

Allen Hindin

NOTICE OF AVAILABLE AUDIO TESTIMONY

NAME: LARRY MARSICANO

LOCATION:

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NAME: Pete Porrazzo

LOCATION:

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NAME: Howie Berger

LOCATION:

TRACK 6 @ TIME 4:30

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RCSA Section 15-121-B15a

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Delgado, Timothy

From: Jill Finch [jlfinch355@aol.com]
Sent: Saturday, January 21, 2012 10:35 AM
To: Delgado, Timothy
Subject: Boats on candlewood lake

I am in favor of limiting the length of boats on Candlewood Lake to less than 26 feet. There is no need for large boats on an already over crowded inland lake.

Thank you,
Jill Finch
Sherman, CT

Delgado, Timothy

From: Louise Kaminer [Lkaminer@livehappy.com]
Sent: Saturday, January 21, 2012 11:03 AM
To: Delgado, Timothy
Subject: Boat size on Candlewood Lake

Please help us keep this lake safe by limiting the size of boats used to less than 26 feet. Given the size of the lake and the environmental needs, I am encouraging you to take this action.

Louise Kaminer
11 Deer Run Trail
Sherman, CT 06784

Delgado, Timothy

From: Linda Kieves [kieveslinda@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, January 21, 2012 4:26 PM
To: Delgado, Timothy
Subject: boats on candlewood lake

We agree with the proposal to prohibit boats on Candlewood lake that are more than 26 feet in length. We hope the proposal goes through.

**Sincerely,
Linda and Stephen Heller**

Delgado, Timothy

From: Millerk9@aol.com
Sent: Sunday, January 22, 2012 1:27 PM
To: Delgado, Timothy
Subject: Candlewood Lake - proposed boat length limitation

To: Mr. Timothy Delgado - via email to: timothy.delgado@ct.gov
CT DEEP – Bureau of Outdoor Recreation

Fm: Melinda Miller
President, Hollywyle Park Association, Inc.

Re: Proposed Rule to Limit Boat Length on Candlewood Lake

Dt: January 22, 2012

I am writing to add my strong support for the proposed 26' boat length limitation on Candlewood Lake. Given the lake's configuration and increasingly congested boating conditions, particularly on weekends, this is an overdue regulation. And since the proposed regulation grandfathers existing vessels already on the lake and protects local marinas that currently have larger boats in stock, I feel it is more than fair to current owners and providers.

In 12 years as a boater on the lake, and a year-round, lake community resident for 9 years, I have observed the increase in boat numbers, in weekend boat traffic, and in boat speed, noise and size. With all this, there has been a corresponding increase in safety risks and a decline in enjoyment. In fact, I often dread boating on the lake on weekends and holidays.

The larger vessels and the displacement and wakes they create are all part of the decline in recreational enjoyment. While the proposed length restriction will not address all lake user and resident concerns and conflicts, I believe it is a positive and very significant step forward in preserving essential lake and boating values.

Given the lake's waterprint, there is no justification for allowing boats of excessive size and power. There is no inherent need for large-scale boats. This is not Long Island Sound so there are not great distances from land, we don't have threatening seas, and the extra freeboard is simply not required.

There are significant downsides to permitting larger craft to use the lake. The sheer size and accompanying engine power of such boats can be overpowering, particularly given the lake's many long, skinny 'fingers' and relatively narrow passageways. The noise can be annoying and distracting, even to shoreline residents. I've personally been nearly swamped in several different types of small boats (rowboats, small ski boats, etc.) by the excessive wakes from these large boats. These same excessive wakes fuel shoreline erosion and cause harm to moored, anchored, and docked boats. They also create unsafe conditions for other boats, large and small. Some of these large boats can present environmental risks

as they can accommodate larger crowds and may not have adequate sanitary facilities aboard for extended use.

Finally, I've been informed that speakers at the public hearing on this issue proclaimed that the large boats don't cause problems because they most often just raft together in the coves. Hollywyle Cove is a favorite spot for "rafting". As President of the Hollywyle community, I can tell you that there is *nothing* benign about rafting. While not all of the excessive numbers of rafting boats in our cove are large, oversized boats, many of them are. And the rafters from the big boats tend to be the most troublesome – I guess they feel powerful and "above the law" in their big boats. Some of what we experience because of the rafters on holidays and weekends: excessively loud music that reverberates between both sides of the cove making it impossible to enjoy being anywhere near the cove. If residents, or even other boaters, politely ask for the volume to be turned down, we are met with a gang mentality in which 9 or 10 of the rafting boats will respond by turning their music up to full blast. We regularly have 25 to 30 rafting boats in the cove on weekends and holidays. One day this last summer we had 37 boats with a couple of rafts of 10 to 14 boats. One evening around 6 p.m. I watched as 9 boats (including 5 large boats), still *rafted together*, left the cove and entered the lake. They posed a significant hazard to everyone in the cove. People who live in Hollywyle can no longer allow their older children to operate boats in the cove due to the severe overcrowding caused by the rafting boats. The operators of these boats routinely trespass on both our community property and on resident properties. They have no respect for our "no trespassing" signs and dock their boats in our empty slips, come ashore to use our porta-potty, use our beach, and regularly take their kids onto private swim docks to use the diving boards. When asked to leave, they become belligerent and menacing. I've personally been surrounded by 4 angry adults screaming at me as I told them they needed to find public restrooms at one of the marinas and not use our porta-potty. (Note: while we do not need to justify our right to protect our private property, I will tell you that our insurance company does not want uninvited non-residents on our grounds. Also, due to the large number of people who come ashore to use our porta-potty we've had to pay for extra pick-ups. Not to mention the trash they often leave on our grounds.) This past summer a "rafter" threatened to kill a cove resident during a dispute. As "rafting" almost always involves drinking, things deteriorate even more as the day wears on. There have been several incidents in which drunk men stood fully nude on their boats while they peed into the lake. All of these incidents took place in broad daylight, just 15 to 30 feet from young girls playing in their own yards or on our docks. When I told one such man to cover up, he yelled back at me and told me to "f**k off".

Hollywyle Cove is our "backyard". If these incidents were taking place on land, in our actual backyards, we could call the police. Because it's happening on the lake, the New Fairfield police cannot take action and there's rarely an enforcement officer on the lake or available. We are all leery to take official action anyway because rafters – when they know where we live or when they know which boat we own – have threatened to cause severe property damage if we report them.

So, I'll repeat: unlike the impression you were given at the public hearing, "rafting" is NOT a benign activity. While the boat size regulation is not meant to

stop rafting, if it reduces some of the rafting, it will be a big positive for those of us who have to put up with the results of rafting.

The proposed boat size limitation will help preserve shoreline integrity, safety and recreational enjoyment on Candlewood Lake. I strongly support the DEEP proposal and urge that it be adopted.

Melinda Miller
President, Hollywyle Park Association, Inc.
Co-Founder, Candlewood Lake United

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Delgado, Timothy

From: Robert Nestel [rsnestel@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, January 22, 2012 9:57 PM
To: Delgado, Timothy
Subject: Boat Size Limits For Candlewood Lake

To: Mr. Timothy Delgado - via email to: timothy.delgado@ct.gov
CT DEEP – Bureau of Outdoor Recreation

Fm: Bob & Sue Nestel
1 Field Ave. New Fairfield, CT

Re: Proposed Rule to Limit Boat Length on Candlewood Lake

We are writing to add our support for the proposed 26' boat length limitation for Candlewood Lake crafts.

Given the lake's configuration and increasingly congested boating conditions, this is an overdue regulation.

Being 13 year, and year-round Hollywyle residents, on the lake, We have noticed the increase in boat numbers, in weekend boat traffic, in boat speed, noise, size, and a decline in recreational enjoyment.

The larger vessels, their displacement, and resulting wakes contribute to a decline in recreational enjoyment. While the proposed length restriction will not address all conflicts, I believe it is a positive and significant step forward in preserving essential lake and boating values.

There are significant downsides to permitting larger craft to use the lake.

* The size and engine power of such boats with their higher noise level can be annoying, particularly given the lake's many long, narrow 'fingers' and passageways.

* Excessive wakes fuel shoreline erosion and cause harm to moored, anchored, and docked boats.

* Some of these large boats can present environmental risks as they can accommodate larger groups and may not have adequate sanitary facilities.

* Hollywyle Cove is a favorite spot for "rafting". There is nothing benign about rafting.

While not all of the excessive numbers of rafting boats in the cove are large, many are and, therefore allow even more crowding and troublesome activities. Some of what we experience because of the rafters on holidays and weekends is excessively loud music that reverberates between both sides of the cove making it impossible to enjoy being anywhere near the cove or beach. If residents, or other boaters, politely ask for the volume to be turned down, they are met with a rude response. If these incidents were taking place on land, we could call the police. Because it's happening on the lake, the New Fairfield police cannot take action and there's rarely a marine enforcement officer available.

While the boat size regulation is not meant to stop rafting, if it reduces some of the rafting and the larger groups, it will be a positive step for those of us who have to put up with the results of rafting.

I believe the proposed boat size limitation will help preserve shoreline integrity, safety, and recreational enjoyment on Candlewood Lake. I support the DEEP proposal and urge that it be adopted.

Bob & Sue Nestel
1 Field Ave.
New Fairfield, CT

Delgado, Timothy

From: Sharon Freitas [sfre105049@charter.net]
Sent: Sunday, January 22, 2012 4:28 PM
To: Delgado, Timothy
Subject: Proposed Rule to Limit Boat Length on Candlewood Lake

To: Mr. Timothy Delgado - via email to: timothy.delgado@ct.gov
CT DEEP – Bureau of Outdoor Recreation

Fm: Tony and Sherri Freitas
Members of the Hollywyle Park Association

Re: Proposed Rule to Limit Boat Length on Candlewood Lake

Dt: January 22, 2012

We are writing to add our strong support for the proposed 26' boat length limitation on Candlewood Lake. The Increasing boat congestion, coupled with the configuration of the lake, make this an overdue regulation. Grandfathering the existing boats on the lake and local marinas that currently have larger boats in stock, this is a proposal that very fair to current owners and providers.

Large boats are a significant factor in creating congestion and an unpleasant boating experience on Candlewood Lake. The larger vessels and the displacement and wakes they create are all part of the decline in recreational enjoyment. The size and engine power of such boats can be overpowering, particularly on the many relatively narrow passageways. The noise is often annoying and distracting, even to shoreline residents. They also create unsafe conditions for other boats, large and small. This proposal is a positive step in preserving this beautiful lake and the pleasure of boating on its waters.

We understand that speakers at the public hearing on this issue proclaimed that the large boats don't cause problems because they most often just raft together in the coves. Hollywyle Cove is a favorite spot for "rafting". Many of the boats that raft in Hollywyle Cove are oversized boats with several passengers on each boat. This creates an environment on the Cove of excessively loud music, yelling, loud profanity, and "partying" until late at night. In addition, these boaters are disrespectful to our properties and privacy. The boat size regulation is not meant to stop rafting, however, if it results in a reduction of this activity, it will be a huge positive for other boaters and property owners.

We strongly believe the proposed boat size limitation will be a significant step in preserving the integrity of the shoreline, safety and recreational enjoyment on Candlewood Lake. We strongly support the DEEP proposal and urge that it be adopted.

Tony and Sherri Freitas
1 Candlewood Rd
New Fairfield, CT 06812

25 Musket Ridge Rd
New Fairfield CT 06812

Sent from my iPad

Delgado, Timothy

From: rob jenk [robjenk2@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, January 22, 2012 3:24 PM
To: Delgado, Timothy
Subject: Support DEEP proposal

To: Mr. Timothy Delgado - via email to: timothy.delgado@ct.gov
CT DEEP – Bureau of Outdoor Recreation

From: Robert Jenkins

Member, Hollywyle Park Association, Inc.

Re: Proposed Rule to Limit Boat Length on Candlewood Lake

Date: January 22, 2012

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As a boater on the lake, a lake community resident and a Police Officer with the Suffolk County Police Department NY, currently assigned to the Marine Bureau, over the years I have observed the increase in boat numbers, in weekend boat traffic, and in boat speed, noise and size. I observe Navigation Law Violations that go unenforced almost daily. With all this, there has been a corresponding increase in safety risks and a decline in enjoyment. In fact, I often dread boating on the lake on weekends and holidays.

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Delgado, Timothy

From: Carol Crothers [carol.crothers@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, January 22, 2012 2:18 PM
To: Delgado, Timothy
Subject: CT DEEP proposal to limit boat size

I fully support Melinda Miller's note to you and agree with all her points. I own a home on Hollywyle cove and I'm an avid kayaker. Large, deep draft boats are a safety hazard to small boaters on the lake. And they create severe erosion problems, especially on our many islands and natural areas. I think your proposal to grandfather in existing boats is more than fair to those who already own boats.

Rafting can also be a major problem on the lake that needs to be address. When a large boat with lots of people on board pulls into the cove, it feels like a party has moved onto our backyard. I know that is part of the price I pay for living on the lake, but it gets kind of ridiculous when there are so many boats in the cove that you can hardly get back to your own dock. It is also unfortunate when you have to move grandkids inside because of indecent language and behavior.

Sincerely,
Carol Crothers
7 Candlewood Rd.
New Fairfield, CT

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Delgado, Timothy

From: Dr Brian K. Applebee [drapplebee@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2012 1:26 PM
To: Delgado, Timothy
Subject: Candlewood Lake 26 Foot Boat Length Propostion

Hi Timothy, I would like to state that I was disturbed to learn that the 26 foot limit was still up for debate after attending the meetings that were held last year at WCSU. I feel the limiting of boat size can only help the overcrowding and overuse of the lake. As a current direct waterfront owner I have had numerous personal experiences with very large boats travelling very fast by my dock and causing me to desperately hang onto something so I don't get thrown off. I've also seen the marinas allowing inexperienced drivers to test boats that drive unbelievably close to the docks and cause even greater issues, especially when it's a very large boat.

As a father of two young children it's even more disturbing to worry about kayaking with my kids when one of these boats passes by at full throttle which they seem to like to do, especially when racing each other toward the Hatch (local bar on the lake), between 6 and 8PM each weekend.

I appreciate your concern and attention to this problem as I know we all wish to have a safer environment.

Regards,

Dr Brian Applebee

Dr. Brian K. Applebee

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January 23, 2012

CT DEEP
Bureau of Outdoor Recreation
Boating Division
P.O. Box 280
Old Lyme, CT 063371

Re: Candlewood Lake – Boat Size

Dear CT DEEP:

I believe that there should be a Rule Banning boats 26 feet and larger on Candlewood Lake.

Thank you,

Lynda M. Willingham
Eugene W. Willingham, II

Delgado, Timothy

From: Craig Wright [CWright@coach.com]
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2012 1:44 PM
To: Delgado, Timothy
Cc: Doug Barrios (dpbarrios@me.com); Stanley Friedman (stanleyfriedman@yahoo.com); Carole Garber (carolegarberdesigns@yahoo.com); millerk9@aol.com
Subject: Proposed Rule to Limit Boat Length on Candlewood
Importance: High

Dear Mr. Delgado,

We are writing on behalf of, and out of concern for not only the size of boats, but sheer number that are constantly 'rafting' in Hollywyle Cove.

Together, we are adding our strong support for the proposed 26' boat length limitation on Candlewood Lake. Given the lake's configuration and increasingly congested boating conditions, particularly on weekends, this is an overdue regulation. And since the proposed regulation grandfathers existing vessels already on the lake and protects local marinas that currently have larger boats in stock, we feel it is more than fair to current owners and providers.

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Thank you,

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Delgado, Timothy

From: Ann Gustavson [anngustavson@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2012 2:14 PM
To: Delgado, Timothy
Subject: Boat size regulation

Dear Mr. Delgado,

I am writing in support of the regulation to limit boat size on Candlewood Lake. I have enjoyed the lake as a resident for close to 30 years, beginning as a child. I remember getting my young boaters permit and taking my parent's boat out. The way the lake is now, I could not allow my children the same enjoyment when they become teenagers. As it is, I do not let them out of the speed restricted areas in their kayaks because of the huge waves and traffic on the weekends. Regulating the boat size is a good step in the right direction to increase safety. Thank you.

-Ann Gustavson, New Fairfield

Delgado, Timothy

From: nsr721@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2012 1:56 PM
To: Delgado, Timothy

Thank you for offering us the ability to voice our concern. As a home owner on candlewood lake I have come to realize that erosion his is a serious problem. The larger boats create very large wakes obviously contributing greatly to the erosion problem. The large wakes also greatly affect recreation on the lake. Canoes, kayaks and small boats can become almost un navigable. Swimming or relaxing on floatables can be dangerous when the larger boats come by.

Thanks again for the opportunity to voice our opinions and concerns.

Nick Robertson.

Delgado, Timothy

From: KARL HOFFMANN [budhoffmann@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2012 3:39 PM
To: Delgado, Timothy
Subject: Fwd: Attn: Hollywyle - Important! Your voice can help improve life in our cove!

I fully agree with Ms Miller's views on both the size of boats and the "benign" effects of rafting. As a summer resident of the Candlewood shoreline (but not of Hollywyle Cove) for over 80 years I have seen the effects of large boats become more and more annoying. On a weekend afternoon it is impossible to sit on our float due to the large wakes that keep coming ashore from the mini-yachts passing by.

Karl Hoffmann
budhoffmann@gmail.com

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From: <MillerK9@aol.com>
Date: Sun, Jan 22, 2012 at 1:46 PM
Subject: Attn: Hollywyle - Important! Your voice can help improve life in our cove!
To: MillerK9@aol.com

Hi Everyone -

You may be aware that the CT DEEP has proposed limiting the length of boats on Candlewood to 26 ft. Most people assumed this was pretty much a done deal. However, on Jan. 4 there was a public hearing and very few people showed up. In fact, the only people who did show up were people who are against the regulation. One of the anti-regulation arguments was that the big boats don't cause problems because they most often just raft together in the coves. Really??????????

Since the DEEP has to report public response prior to enacting the regulation, they need letters supporting it. We've been asked to make our support known. Below my signature is the email I sent supporting the proposed regulation. You may feel free to copy and paste any part of it if you would like to send a letter of support also. Please note: this is not an anti-rafting regulation, so your letter must address the issues related to boat size. However, since the "other side" is proclaiming rafting to be a benign activity, we can offer facts that dispel that notion.

IMPORTANT NOTE: all comments must be received by 4:00 PM on January 27, 2012

Here is a link to the official proposal page if you want more information:

<http://www.ct.gov/dep/cwp/view.asp?A=2586&Q=491346>

I believe that this regulation can help make life a little nicer on Candlewood and may help reduce some of the problems we experience in our own cove, so I hope you'll support it.

Melinda

To: Mr. Timothy Delgado - via email to:
timothy.delgado@ct.gov

CT DEEP - Bureau of Outdoor Recreation

Fm: Melinda Miller

President, Hollywyle Park Association, Inc.

Re: Proposed Rule to Limit Boat Length on Candlewood Lake

Dt: January 22, 2012

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Melinda Miller

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Co-Founder, Candlewood Lake United

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Delgado, Timothy

From: Blough, Donald [donald_blough@brown.edu]
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2012 3:51 PM
To: Delgado, Timothy
Subject: boat length on Candlewood Lake

Dr. Mr. Delgado -

I understand that D.E.E.P. is considering a regulation that would limit boat length on Candlewood Lake to 26 feet or less. I own lakefront property on Candlewood (7 Worden Point Road, Sherman); and my family often uses the lake for swimming and boating and has done so for many years.

I strongly support the proposed regulation. The lake has become very crowded on summer weekends, and large boats are a particular hazard. They cause very disruptive and damaging waves; our small sailboat has often been tossed about by the wake of very large boats, sometimes nearly swamped. The quiet of a summer day is often shattered by the noise of huge engines run at high speed.

To keep Candlewood Lake the wonderful recreational resource that it has been, I hope D.E.E.P will adopt the boat length regulation. Thank you for your attention.

Donald Blough

Delgado, Timothy

From: Walter A. Eppler [walepp@att.net]
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2012 10:30 PM
To: Delgado, Timothy
Cc: walepp@att.net
Subject: Restricting boat lengths

Dear Timothy:

I'm coming to Candlewood Lake since 1951 and now live here. In my younger years there used to be a length and engine size restriction. When that was thrown out I don't know but I think a length restriction would be good. Personally I think the large boats are worsening the algae problem by stirring up the water and causing waves near the shore where the algae usually grows. Let's save our lake before it's too late. It's a wonderful resource and should be protected for future generations to enjoy. Thank You for your concern.

Walter A. Eppler
New Fairfield, CT

Delgado, Timothy

From: Kenneth Perry [kap411@me.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2012 6:26 AM
To: Delgado, Timothy
Subject: Boat size

Hello and let me say bravo to people with the patience to carry this regulation proposal this far . It seems to take forever for this type of regulation to get momentum .

I would add to the proposal my support as a member of Hickory Hills tax association and as a long time admirer and Swimmer then boater on candlewood lake and long island sound As well as lake lillinonah and. Numerous small water ways the international canals on the east coast and many quick coastal launches for a day of fun boating and pwc pleasure. We the Perry's always are aware of where we are and often have pulled off the water or not launched at all after hauling possible to the middle eastern coast and realizing our boat or pwc was to small once only to big for a fun safe day of boating for all in the area .

That being said we are for a limit on candlewood lake of boat size and stand behind this legislation .

Thank you

The Perry's (Brookfield ct)

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Delgado, Timothy

From: ToDMacPac@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2012 8:07 AM
To: Delgado, Timothy
Cc: srescigno@gmail.com
Subject: Boat Lengths on Candlewood Lake

*Tim, Stephanie Rescigno, a Candlewood Lake community resident, asked me to forward this note on to your attention. She was experiencing transmission difficulties.
Jim McAlister*

Timothy,
Jim Mc Alister sent a note asking anyone who had an opinion on boat lengths on Candlewood Lake to write you before Jan 27th.

My husband, Peter and I have lived at 27 Lake Drive North, Ct. for many years. I think banning boats 26 feet or more would be a good idea.

To just briefly express my concerns about boat traffic, noise, speed safety, lack of plumbing on the boats, wake of large boats, would help protect our shoreline from erosion, protect sea walls, boats rocking on our docks, overcrowding are just a few of my concerns.

I spend the winters in Utah and don't return to CT. until May but try and keep up with the activities of the lake during the winter.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Rescigno

Delgado, Timothy

From: Anne Alvarez [annea@homalocks.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2012 8:57 AM
To: Delgado, Timothy
Subject: Boat size on Candlewood

Hello,
I am writing in to voice my concern over the large boats on Candlewood Lake. I enjoy Candlewood Lake with my family on a smaller power boat, as well as frequently kayaking. I feel boats larger than 26' should be banned.

The lake is just not large enough to accommodate these long boats. Many of them have such power that speeding is almost a given. These boats can be frightening when they fly by and I am in a kayak, or when there are children on inner tubes or water skis. They create huge wakes which can erode the shoreline, or damage homeowners docks or other properties.

Banning these larger boats may not solve all the issues at Candlewood, but it would be a good place to start. Please give this some consideration.

Thank you.
Anne Alvarez
16 Tilden Road
Danbury, CT 06810

Delgado, Timothy

From: Scott Bolesta [sbolesta@charter.net]
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2012 8:59 AM
To: Delgado, Timothy
Subject: Candlewood boat size

As a Brookfield resident and avid angler on Lake Lillinonah and Candlewood (and member of the Lake Lillinonah Authority), I strongly support the proposed boat size limit of 26'. I admit that I've all but given up on fishing Candlewood because the wake and traffic is dangerous for 17' boats. Many times I've exclaimed "that size boat should be on the LI sound, not this lake." For the safety of our residents, please restrict the size of boats to 26' on Candlewood (and on Lillinonah!).

Scott Bolesta
5 Cove Road
Brookfield, CT 06804

Delgado, Timothy

From: bobneid@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2012 5:50 PM
To: Delgado, Timothy
Subject: Length of boats on CAndlewood

I believe boat length should be no larger than 26 feet on Candlewood. Every year more boats are on the lake and larger boats pose a threat to the smaller runabouts and sailboats. Some of these larger boats belong on Long Island Sound, not Candlewood. It is long overdue that restrictions that apply.

Bob Neidhardt
Candlewood boater
Sent from my iPad

Delgado, Timothy

From: LynnJenkins [pace.6@netzero.net]
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2012 4:35 PM
To: Delgado, Timothy
Subject: Proposed Rule to Limit Boat Length on CandlewoodLake

To: Mr. Timothy Delgado - via email to: timothy.delgado@ct.gov
CT DEEP – Bureau of Outdoor Recreation

Fm: LynnJenkins, Hollywyle Resident

Re: Proposed Rule to Limit Boat Length on CandlewoodLake

Dt: January 24, 2012

I am writing to add my strong support for the proposed 26' boat length limitation on CandlewoodLake. Given the lake's configuration and increasingly congested boating conditions, particularly on weekends, this is an overdue regulation. And since the proposed regulation grandfathers existing vessels already on the lake and protects local marinas that currently have larger boats in stock, I feel it is more than fair to current owners and providers.

In 40 years as a boater on the lake, I have observed the increase in boat numbers, in weekend boat traffic, and in boat speed, noise and size. With all this, there has been a corresponding increase in safety risks and a decline in enjoyment. In fact, I often dread boating on the lake on weekends and holidays.

The larger vessels and the displacement and wakes they create are all part of the decline in recreational enjoyment. While the proposed length restriction will not address all lake user and resident conflicts, I believe it is a positive and very significant step forward in preserving essential lake and boating values.

Given the lake's waterprint, there is no justification for allowing boats of excessive size and power. There is no inherent need for large-scale boats. This is not Long Island Sound so there are not great distances from land, we don't have threatening seas, and the extra freeboard is simply not required.

There are significant downsides to permitting larger craft to use the lake. The sheer size and accompanying engine power of such boats can be overpowering, particularly given the lake's many long, skinny 'fingers' and relatively narrow passageways. The noise can be annoying and distracting, even to shoreline residents. I've personally been nearly swamped in several different types of small boats (rowboats, small ski boats, etc.) by the excessive wakes from these large boats. These same excessive wakes fuel shoreline erosion and cause harm to moored, anchored, and docked boats. They also create unsafe conditions for other

boats, large and small. Some of these large boats can present environmental risks as they can accommodate larger crowds and may not have adequate sanitary facilities aboard for extended use.

Finally, I've been informed that speakers at the public hearing on this issue proclaimed that the large boats don't cause problems because they most often just raft together in the coves. Hollywyle Cove is a favorite spot for "rafting". As a resident of the Hollywyle community, I can tell you that there is **nothing** benign about rafting. While not all of the excessive numbers of rafting boats in our cove are large, oversized boats, many of them are. And the rafters from the big boats tend to be the most troublesome – I guess they feel powerful and "above the law" in their big boats. Some of what we experience because of the rafters on holidays and weekends: excessively loud music that reverberates between both sides of the cove making it impossible to enjoy being anywhere near the cove. If residents, or even other boaters, politely ask for the volume to be turned down, we are met with a gang mentality in which 9 or 10 of the rafting boats will respond by turning their music up to full blast. We **regularly** have 25 to 30 rafting boats in the cove on weekends and holidays. One day this last summer we had 37 boats with a couple of rafts of 10 to 14 boats. One evening around 6 p.m. I watched as 9 boats (including 5 large boats), still **rafted together**, left the cove and entered the lake. They posed a significant hazard to everyone in the cove. People who live in Hollywyle can no longer allow their older children to operate boats in the cove due to the severe overcrowding caused by the rafting boats. The operators of these boats routinely trespass on both our community property and on resident properties. They have no respect for our "no trespassing" signs and dock their boats in our empty slips, come ashore to use our porta-potty, use our beach, and regularly take their kids onto private swim docks to use the diving boards. When asked to leave, they become belligerent and menacing. I've personally been surrounded by 4 angry adults screaming at me as I told them they needed to find public restrooms at one of the marinas and not use our porta-potty. (Note: while we do not need to justify our right to protect our private property, I will tell you that our insurance company does not want uninvited non-residents on our grounds. Also, due to the large number of people who come ashore to use our porta-potty we've had to pay for extra pick-ups. Not to mention the trash they often leave on our grounds.) As "rafting" almost always involves drinking, things deteriorate even more as the day wears on. There have been several incidents in which drunk men stood fully nude on their boats while they peed into the lake. All of these incidents took place in broad daylight, just 15 to 30 feet from young girls playing in their own yards or on our docks.

Hollywyle Cove is our "backyard". If these incidents were taking place on land, in our actual backyards, we could call the police. Because it's happening on the lake, the New Fairfield police cannot take action and there's rarely an enforcement officer on the lake or available. We are all leery to take official action anyway because rafters – when they know where we live or when they know which boat we own – have threatened to cause severe property damage if we report them.

So, I'll repeat: unlike the impression you were given at the public hearing, **"rafting" is NOT a benign activity.** While the boat size regulation is not meant

to stop rafting, if it reduces some of the rafting, it will be a big positive for those of us who have to put up with the results of rafting.

The proposed boat size limitation will help preserve shoreline integrity, safety and recreational enjoyment on Candlewood Lake. I strongly support the DEEP proposal and urge that it be adopted.

Lynn Jenkins, Resident

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Delgado, Timothy

From: LMDON@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2012 9:52 AM
To: Delgado, Timothy
Subject: Ban Large Boats on Candlewood Lake

I live on Candlewood Lake and I have watched the size of the boats on Candlewood grow each year. I live in a very narrow part of the lake and every summer I watch and wait from my deck for a tragic accident to occur with these large boats all trying to get through a narrow causeway. There are so many large boats that truly belong in the ocean certainly not a lake like Candlewood. Candlewood Lake used to be a quiet, serene gem in Connecticut but it has become a lake full of large, noisy boats. It's an accident waiting to happen.

Please limit the size of the boats on Candlewood Lake.

Linda Donahue
35 Echo Drive
New Milford, CT 06776

Delgado, Timothy

From: Mark Kunkel [doctormark30@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2012 10:14 AM
To: Delgado, Timothy
Subject: DEP boat length proposal

Dear Mr. Delgado

As a Candlewood lake resident and a boat owner I would like to express my strong support of the proposal to limit boat length to 26 feet. large boats on the lake are dangerous and unnecessary. Their wakes are a major hazard to smaller boats and to property.

Thank you for allowing me to comment.

Mark Kunkel
Sherman, CT

Delgado, Timothy

From: Bill Donahue Sr. [bill@arnoldsupplyinc.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2012 12:33 PM
To: Delgado, Timothy
Subject: Candlewood Lake Boat Size.

Good day,

I am thrilled that some action may be taken with regards to boat size on Candlewood Lake. I have had a lakefront house for many years and each summer weekend I wait for the Queen Mary.

A size limit has to be enforced before a bad accident happens. The CLA and DEP do the best they can but they are out ranked by the boat size and weekend traffic.

I hope something is put on paper before an accident happens.

I am grateful for all that have taken steps to do something. I wish I had the voice that you do. But as a group we do.

Thank you very much for your efforts.

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Delgado, Timothy

From: Brian Mellstrom [bmellstrom@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2012 7:28 PM
To: Delgado, Timothy
Subject: In favor of boat size limits on Candlewood Lake

Boats better suited in size to the Sound make Candlewood Lake less enjoyable for all other boaters, for swimmers and for persons who live near the lake. Big boats inevitably bring speed, noise and wakes that diminish the enjoyment of our lake for everyone else. We are Candlewood Isle residents since 1995. We strongly support a boat size limit. Brian & Holly Mellstrom, 23 Deer Run, Candlewood Isle, New Fairfield, CT.

Delgado, Timothy

From: Ken Erdmann [kenneth.erdmann@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2012 9:58 PM
To: Delgado, Timothy
Subject: Candlewood Lake 26 foot vessel size limit

1/25/2012

I am in favor of the proposed Candlewood Lake 26 foot vessel size limit.

Kenneth Erdmann
2 Patricia Drive
Brookfield, CT 06804

Delgado, Timothy

From: Terry Metz [terry.metz@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2012 4:07 PM
To: Delgado, Timothy
Cc: Terry Metz
Subject: Rule Banning Large Boats on Candlewood Lake

Mr. Timothy Delgado,

I am a resident of New Fairfield and a waterfront homeowner. I purchased my home 14 years ago. In that time, spending a summer Saturday on Candlewood Lake has changed from a wonderfully enjoyable peaceful day, to a crazed, take your life in your hands, make you ill day. Not only have the boats gotten increasing larger, it has become much more crowded. With this increase in the size of the boats, the wakes on a weekend sometimes keeps my family off the lake completely. We have experienced wakes that have come over the bow and soaked us in our 19 foot bow rider. These wakes not only affect us spending time on the lake in our boat, but also make it feel like we are sitting at the ocean, rather than the lake, when we spend time lakeside on our property. Another concern I have with these larger boats is their possible inability to see small people and watercraft in the water. A large population of the lake is swimmers, tubers, and water-skiers. I fear that these larger boats, which ride so much higher out of the water, can not possibly have the same visibility to these people as the smaller boats, especially when they fall from their tubes or skis and their boat hasn't yet turned back to pick them up.

I am a strong proponent of banning boats that exceed 26 feet. I would support reducing that size even further.

Thank you for taking my comments into account while making this ruling.

Terry Metz
New Fairfield, CT

Delgado, Timothy

From: Ronald Noren [RNoren@brodywilk.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2012 8:22 AM
To: Delgado, Timothy
Subject: Candlewood Lake boat Length Bill

Dear Mr. Delgado,

I understand that you are involved with assembling public input for the bill that would limit the length of boats allowed on Candlewood Lake. My wife and I own a waterfront home on the east shore of Candlewood Isle at 85 Lake Drive South. The home was built by my grandparents in the late 1940's and I have spent every summer at the lake since 1953.

I strongly support a limitation on boat size. Over the recent years, there seems to be an increasing number of large boats, many with cabins, that are appropriate for Long Island sound but not for an inland lake with many narrow channels and small craft. These boats create large wakes that are damaging to docked boats and seawalls as well as the enjoyment of boating with a boat that is reasonably sized for the lake. I also believe that, on a lake of our size with the number of swimmers and skiers in the water, these oversized boats create a hazard.

I am hopeful that restrictions can be passed that have rational limitations on boat size appropriate for Candlewood and urge passage of the proposed bill.

Ron

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Delgado, Timothy

From: Sandra Vonniessen-Applebee
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Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2012 10:02 AM
To: Delgado, Timothy
Subject: Candlewood Lake 26 foot boat regulations

Hello

I am writing to express my concerns about the possible reversal/undoing of what most of us thought was a done deal, the restriction of size on Candlewood Lake to 26 feet.

I am not sure who is lobbying for these large boats, and many of us were not aware of the public hearing on January 4th. Having lived on the lake for 4+ years I have seen first hand the impact of large boats on the lake.

My young children and I are avid kayakers, we are extremely cautious and somewhat fearful at times on the lake when these large boats are out. The wake size alone is significant even when you are close to shore. On weekends it seems fair game for them to "open throttle and let 'er rip". The CLA has no hope, they issue warnings but the large boats wait til they are gone to open throttle again. At night, on weekends after midnight we have heard boats departing from Down the Hatch and other locations and racing up and down the lake, this of course mainly poses a danger to the occupants of the boat. But on the weekends standing on our own dock the wake from these huge boats causes us to have to hang on, so we are not thrown over.

I am not sure what purpose it can serve to allow these large boats on a lake already crowded on the weekends with everything from fishing boats, to kayakers, to pleasure boats and pontoon boats. It seems to me only logical that large boats belong where there is plenty of open water. Would you race a sports car through a parking lot? I just hope that this issue doesn't join the laundry list of issues that is driven and resolved by the group who has the largest lobbying power, rather than seriously looking at the safety and concerns of the individuals who live on and use the lake continually.

Thank you
Sandra VonniessenApplebee

"A friend is someone who knows the song in your heart and can sing it back to you when you have forgotten the words." - Author Unknown

Delgado, Timothy

From: Jeffrey Berman [JBerman@jbarch.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2012 10:34 AM
To: Delgado, Timothy
Subject: Candlewood Lake Boat size restrictions

Dear Mr. Delgado

I live on Candlewood Lake and support the new proposed boat length regulations

Jeffrey Berman
31 Lake Drive North
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JBerman@jbarch.com

Delgado, Timothy

From: Jamison D. Lynch [jamie.lynch@mac.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2012 10:50 AM
To: Delgado, Timothy
Subject: candlewood lake boat size limits

Timothy,

I would like to add my support to the proposed rule that would set a maximum length of just less than 26' for vessels on Candlewood lake.

This proposed rule takes a significant step toward addressing the issues of concern to the users of Candlewood Lake. Namely those issues are: safety, excessive noise levels, water quality, and shoreline damage.

My husband and I have lived in Candlewood lake communities for the past 15 years. In those years we have watched the traffic on the lake increase to the point that we no longer will even go out on the lake on the weekends. It is too crowded and not very safe.

Because of budget cuts and decreased funding for the Candlewood Lake Patrol and the DEP, it is becoming increasingly difficult for them to patrol the lake and enforce safety regulations. Consequently, I believe it is especially prudent to enact this law restricting the size of boats at this time.

Jim McAlister, Chair of the Candlewood Watershed Initiative, wrote a letter to the editor of the Citizen News of New Fairfield that was published on Jan. 15, 2012. His letter details all of my concerns precisely. If you have not had an opportunity to read it, I would encourage you to do so.

Thank you for your service at the state level on our behalf.

Jamie Lynch

Delgado, Timothy

From: Stephen K. Reichenbach [stever222@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2012 11:55 AM
To: Delgado, Timothy
Subject: Candlewood Lake Boat Size

Dear Mr. Delgado, I would like to add my support to the passage of the bill to limit boat size on Candlewood lake. As a boater on Candlewood since 1967 and a waterfront home owner since 1991 I have seen a tremendous change on the lake. My first excursions on this beautiful lake were in a 14 foot wooden outboard. At that time there were plenty of row boats and other small craft that could enjoy the lake in safety. A twenty foot boat was a rarity.

Today row boats, hobie cats, and other small craft have left the lake. When a thirty foot cabin cruiser goes by with its four foot high wake it is no longer safe for the smaller boats. When these wakes hit the shore they damage the waterfront and play havoc with docks and sea walls.

Candlewood is a long narrow lake and the noise and wakes from these oversize boats ricochet and echo back and forth from shore to shore.

I feel that this bill is a necessary and sensible step forward in preserving Candlewood Lake for the vast majority of boaters and homeowners. I urge its passage.

--

Electronically Yours

Steve Reichenbach
10 Shore Drive
New Fairfield, CT 06812
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Delgado, Timothy

From: Mariani, Eleanor
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2012 1:50 PM
To: Delgado, Timothy
Subject: Fw: Boat Length Restriction on Candlewood Lake

Importance: Low

----- Original Message -----

From: Marquez, Brenda
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2012 01:43 PM
To: Mariani, Eleanor
Subject: FW: Boat Length Restriction on Candlewood Lake

FYI

-----Original Message-----

From: DEEP Webmaster
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2012 1:40 PM
To: 'Steven Levenherz'
Cc: Marquez, Brenda
Subject: RE: Boat Length Restriction on Candlewood Lake
Importance: Low

Thank you for your e-mail. I am forwarding your message to the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation.

Lori Hawksley

CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
E-mail: deep.webmaster@ct.gov
Visit the DEEP website at www.ct.gov/deep

-----Original Message-----

From: Steven Levenherz [<mailto:nevets77@me.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2012 7:33 PM
To: DEEP Webmaster
Subject: Boat Length Restriction on Candlewood Lake

I am strongly in favor of a 26' max boat length restriction on boats entering Candlewood Lake. This beautiful waterway on which I live (Candlewood Isle) has seen traffic increments and cigarette boat noise as well as larger and larger boats over the past few years.. This must be regulated, including zebra mussel inspections as mandatory to preserve the lake.

Please seriously consider these comments.

Steven H Levenherz
104 Lake Drive South
New Fairfield, CT 06812

Delgado, Timothy

From: Maureen Shoule [maureens@jwhampton.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2012 3:48 PM
To: Delgado, Timothy
Subject: Candlewood Lake Boat Size

Timothy, my husband and I are long-time residents with a home at 46 lake Drive South, Candlewood Isle. We are definitely in agreement that boats should be no longer than 26'.

Thanks, Maureen

Maureen Shoule
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Delgado, Timothy

From: Byron Carlson [bycarl@earthlink.net]
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2012 5:53 PM
To: Delgado, Timothy

I strongly support the under 26 feet boat size on Candlewood!!!
Byron Carlson--resident of Candlewood Isle

Delgado, Timothy

From: jstead2425@charter.net
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2012 9:48 PM
To: Delgado, Timothy
Subject: Comments on Candlewood Lake

Hello Mr Delgado:

I am writing to provide input to the boat size restrictions being discussed for Candlewood Lake.

I am in favor of a boat size limit of 26', however I strongly urge you to also consider an engine size restriction. Not only the size of the vessel significantly impacts the quality of life on an around the lake, so does the speed of the boats and noise of motors, even on smaller boats.

Having a dual size restriction would seem to answer both of those issues.

Thank you for consideration of my opinion.

James Stead
New Fairfield

Delgado, Timothy

From: THOMAS PERKINS [tperkinsct@me.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2012 9:51 PM
To: Delgado, Timothy
Subject: Proposal to limit boat length on Candlewood Lake

Dear Mr. Delgado,

I would like to add my support for a limit on boat length on Candlewood Lake. I've lived in New Fairfield all my 60 years and have been a boater myself for most of that time. I don't feel I can enjoy the lake anymore the way I used to due to both the excessive number of watercraft and to the excessive wakes caused by the larger boats.

I've used most types of boats in my life - kayaks, sail, outboard, inboard, canoes - and even in the larger craft I've operated it's become difficult to navigate through the tremendous wakes the larger boats generate. Boating aside, even swimming is something I can no longer enjoy at my community beach except in off-times due to the rough water. The wakes also cause erosion of beaches and of the root systems of trees near the water which ultimately results in trees coming down.

There is no need I can imagine for the enormous cruisers that populate the lake now. This is not Long Island Sound and there is nowhere on Candlewood where one is so remote as to have need of such vessels. The sheer number of passengers on some of these vessels makes me wonder how on earth they take care of their bathroom needs. While some of these craft have heads, am I to believe that after a fun-filled day on the lake that the owner is going to have a head pumped out? No, more likely it's either going overboard or the guests are using the lake as their relief.

It has been brought up that rafting is a benign activity and that most of these owners engage in it. Nothing could be further from the truth. Rafting takes place in the cove near where I live - in Hollywyle - and it is anything but benign. Excessively loud music, drunken people, rudeness, pets and children relieving themselves in the lake - I don't find that benign at all. Add to that belligerent people who insist they have the right to use the facilities of our community without permission and it adds up to some very ugly weekends most of the summer.

Limiting the size of craft that can be used on Candlewood is a good idea which I support, and which I believe will help preserve a modicum of quality of enjoyment for everyone, homeowners and boaters alike.

Thank you,

Thomas Perkins
6 Field Ave.
New Fairfield, CT 06812

Delgado, Timothy

From: Alex Scalera [alscalera@charter.net]
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2012 10:00 PM
To: Delgado, Timothy
Subject: Proposed boat Length Regulation

I am writing to show my whole hearted support for regulating the length of boats on Candlewood Lake. I have been on the lake my whole life and have watched conditions steadily deteriorate. Boating has become increasingly dangerous with these huge pleasure cruisers on the water. I have a 20' motor boat and am terrified to take it out on the lake during holidays and weekends. I almost sunk when one of these monsters crossed in front of my bow at top speed so he could get in front of me. The wake was so huge that my bow went under and I had to desperately fight to keep her afloat. This was the last time I would go out on a holiday weekend. It is no longer safe for "regular" boats to cruise the lake at these times. These huge "ships" go to their destinations at top speed and then anchor all day. They sit there and block us from leaving our docks and then after partying all day they return to their slips at top speed. When they come out of our cove in Hollywyle, they come around the point so fast no one has time to react and get out of the way. Several times they have come dangerously close to the swim areas to avoid and accident and last summer I witnessed a drunk boater take off at top speed with his anchor dragging under his boat! As far as I'm concerned, the existing boats over 26' should not even be grandfathered in. I want a safe place to boat with my family.

Sincerely,
Alexandra Scalera

Delgado, Timothy

From: Erol Gund [erolgund@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2012 9:01 PM
To: Delgado, Timothy
Subject: Boat size restriction bill

Please limit the size, number and motor size/noise of boats on Candlewood Lake. This will prolong the health and pleasure of the lake.

Thank you

Erol Gund
47 Lake Drive South
New Fairfield

Sent from my iPad

Delgado, Timothy

From: Lynn DeLuke [_deluke@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2012 10:43 PM
To: Delgado, Timothy
Subject: limiting the lenght of boats to 26'

Mr. Delgado, I fully support limiting the length of boats on Candlewood Lake to 26 feet. This is a family friendly lake and the large boats are just too big making it dangerous for other boaters. L. DeLuke

Delgado, Timothy

From: berrie350@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2012 11:17 PM
To: Delgado, Timothy
Subject: Limitation of boat length on Candlewood Lake

I fully support limiting the length of boats on Candlewood Lake to 26 feet.

Suzanne Berrie
Candlewood Lake Resident

Delgado, Timothy

From: Caren Silva [silvazoo@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2012 7:31 AM
To: Delgado, Timothy
Cc: Millerk9@aol.com
Subject: I love Candlewood Lake!

Dear Mr. Delgado

"I fully support limiting the length of boats on Candlewood Lake to 26 feet."

Sincerely,

Caren and Edward Silva

11 Sunset Drive

New Fairfield, CT

Delgado, Timothy

From: Chet Valiante [cvaliante@thehour.com]
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2012 7:46 AM
To: Delgado, Timothy
Subject: length of boats on Candlewood Lake

I fully support limiting the length of boats on Candlewood Lake to 26 feet.

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Delgado, Timothy

From: FUZZEMT@aol.com
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2012 8:41 AM
To: Delgado, Timothy
Subject: boat size on lake

I agree. Boat size should be limited to smaller boats. I have lived on Candlewood lake for 36 years and feel that boats larger than 25 feet in length are completely unnecessary from a practical and safety aspect.

Thank you

Kris Fazzino
10 Mary Bee lane
Sherman

Delgado, Timothy

From: Karen Cleary [kmcleary2@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2012 8:45 AM
To: Delgado, Timothy
Subject: Support for Boat length regulation on Candlewood Lake

I am writing to add my strong support for the proposed 26' boat length limitation on Candlewood Lake. Given the lake's configuration and increasingly congested boating conditions, particularly on weekends, this is an overdue regulation. And since the proposed regulation grandfathered existing vessels already on the lake and protects local marinas that currently have larger boats in stock, I feel it is more than fair to current owners and providers.

I grew up on Candlewood Lake and now own a house in a lake community in New Fairfield. I have observed the increase in boat numbers, in weekend boat traffic, and in boat speed, noise and size. With all this, there has been a corresponding increase in safety risks and a decline in enjoyment. I, personally find it quite scary at times to get in a boat on weekends and holidays .. And that's a real shame!

The larger vessels and the displacement and wakes they create are all part of the decline in recreational enjoyment. While the proposed length restriction will not address all lake user and resident conflicts, I believe it is a positive and very significant step forward in preserving essential lake and boating values.

There are significant downsides to permitting larger craft to use the lake. The sheer size and accompanying engine power of such boats can be overpowering, particularly given the lake's many long, skinny 'fingers' and relatively narrow passageways. The noise can be annoying and distracting. The excessive wakes fuel shoreline erosion and cause harm to moored, anchored, and docked boats. They also create unsafe conditions for other boats, large and small. Some of these large boats can present environmental risks as they can accommodate larger crowds and may not have adequate sanitary facilities aboard for extended use.

The proposed boat size limitation will help preserve shoreline integrity, safety and recreational enjoyment on Candlewood Lake. I strongly support the DEEP proposal and urge that it be adopted.

Karen Taylor
Hollywyle resident
203-546-8630

Sent from my iPhone

Delgado, Timothy

From: Katherine Consiglio [krconsig@us.ibm.com]
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2012 9:06 AM
To: Delgado, Timothy
Subject: Support for the 26' Boat Length Limitation on Candlewood Lake

I am writing to add my strong support for the proposed 26' boat length limitation on Candlewood Lake. Given the lake's size and increasingly congested boating conditions, this is an overdue regulation.

The larger boats displacement and wakes they create are all part of the decline in our shoreline. The sheer size and engine power of such boats can be overpowering. The noise can be annoying and distracting, even to shoreline residents. These same excessive wakes fuel shoreline erosion. Some of these large boats can present environmental risks as they can accommodate larger crowds and may not have adequate sanitary facilities aboard for extended use, but then again most use the lake as their head. .

While the proposed length restriction will not address all lake user and resident conflicts, it is a first step in preserving essential lake values and quality of life.

Finally, a comment regarding "rafting" Let me be clear "rafting" is not benign. Excessively loud music, profanity and the ultimate a couple engaged in a sexual activity on the bow of a 30+ foot SeaRay and my 10 year old asking me what they are doing. Last year after 14 boats tied up in Hollywyle cove for over 8 hrs one of the middle boats departing was not untied on both sides as they throttled several people on the boats were thrown overboard.

After you pass this logical limitation on boat size, we must address "rafting" with a simple lake law: no more than 4 boats tethered together & must be 20 feet apart. Simple fix to a major problem and easily enforced.

I strongly support the DEEP proposal and urge that it be adopted.

KATHERINE CONSIGLIO

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Delgado, Timothy

From: Gerry Kraszewski [mamaski4@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2012 9:35 AM
To: Delgado, Timothy
Subject: boat length on Candlewood lake

I fully support limiting the boat length on Candlewood lake to 26 feet. Our cove and our end of the lake is inundated with super large boats with huge wakes which are causing lake communities so many problems. Please count me in the number of people who are against large boats on our lake.

Gerry Kraszewski
Hollywyle Park
New Fairfield CT

Delgado, Timothy

From: Brigham, Ryan [RBrigham@cbs.com]
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2012 10:14 AM
To: Delgado, Timothy
Subject: Proposed Rule to Limit Boat Length on Candlewood Lake

Mr. Delgado,

I support the limit on boats lengths on Candlewood Lake to 26'. As an avid boater that has owned boats on the ocean and now on the lake, I can't understand why anyone would need a boat larger than 26' on Candlewood. The large boats exacerbate every single negative boating byproduct just by their sheer size alone. I believe limiting boat sizes on the lake is for the greater good of the community as well as preserving lake for generations to come.

Thank you.

Ryan Brigham
35 Candlewood Dr.
New Fairfield, CT 06812

Delgado, Timothy

From: paul kraszewski [coachk1952@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2012 10:53 AM
To: Delgado, Timothy
Subject: Boats 26' be banned on Candlewood Lake

Sir,

Please count me as an advocate to limit the size

Of boats 26' or larger on Candlewood Lake.

Boats of that size are a hazard to recreation on

Lake Candlewood. First the wake of these

watercraft's are unsafe for other recreational

users. Also have to dispose of waste in the

lake.. Then you have the erosion of the natural

resources on the lake shores.

Thank you in this matter.

Paul Kraszewski

Hollywyle Park

New Fairfield, Ct. 06812

203 746-7085

Delgado, Timothy

From: JOHN LAVAGNINO [johnlavagnino3@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2012 10:59 AM
To: Delgado, Timothy
Cc: ToDMacPac@aol.com
Subject: Candlewood Lake Boats

Dear Mr.Delgado,

I am a 30 year resident and past President of Candlewood Isle on Candlewood Lake.

I have been a boater for all that time.The lake is a unique bucolic environment whoes form and function does not lend itself to large boats. Certainly 26 feet is more than generous as a limitation.

Truly yours,
John Lavagnino

Delgado, Timothy

From: John.Cotumaccio@l-3com.com
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2012 11:01 AM
To: Delgado, Timothy

Dear Mr. Delgado,

I am a resident in New Fairfield , Ct and an avid user of Candlewood Lake . My understanding is that we are considering the limitation of larger boats on Candlewood Lake. I support a limitation on size of boats on the lake for both ecological, noise and safety reasons. No need to go into all the detailed arguments other than to say it is just good common sense .

Thank you,
John

John Cotumaccio
President & General Manager
L-3 Klein Associates

Delgado, Timothy

From: Schumacher, Donna [Donna.Schumacher@sephora.com]
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2012 11:38 AM
To: Delgado, Timothy
Subject: 26 FT Boat Petition

To Whom it may concern,

I fully support limiting the length of boats on Candlewood Lake to 26 feet

Hollywyle Resident
34 Candlewood Dr.
New Fairfield CT 06812

Donna J Schumacher

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Delgado, Timothy

From: Ken Stilson [engine25lt@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2012 11:56 AM
To: Delgado, Timothy
Subject: Candlewood Lake

Outlaw the large craft-they pose a safety hazard and are a real nuisance to most other users. People who need to have a vessel this large are usually arrogant and egotistical.

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NAME: DAVE MARSILLIO

LOCATION:

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Delgado, Timothy

From: MARSILLIOS@aol.com
Sent: Friday, January 06, 2012 4:22 PM
To: Delgado, Timothy
Subject: (no subject)

Hi Tim,

My name is David Marsillio, Zero Sunset Cove Rd, Brookfield. I have lived on the Lake since 1978.

I appreciated the open forum meeting and got a lot out of it. I hope your committee heard the wishes of the people. I for one don't have a large boat. I went to the meeting to listen and learn. I am an advocate of the boat sticker program as I mentioned on Wednesday. The boat size is an issue, but as was said, how can you pick a size. There is no science to help.

I know the DEP doesn't want to limit the Lakes usage to anyone but there is a limit to it's capacity. Fire departments limit the amount of people in a building in the name of safety. Why can't you limit the boat volume on the lake rather than legislate against a few? A sticker program can be much more effective than a size limit to control overcrowding on the Lake without discriminating against anyone. All people will be allowed on the Lake after they purchase a \$50.00 sticker which could also contain the rules and regulations of the Lake and a quick education on milfoil and mussels. Just by the nature of the fee there would be lesser boats on the lake without picking on a arbitrary size, type weight, etc. The revenue can be at your discrimination for training, or more patrols on the lake, or according to guidelines that you must comply to.

A sticker program should not be hard to implement because you already said it you could do it with the boat size issue. I don't have a figure but I would bet there would be less over crowding by using stickers than by legislating against less than 2% of the larger boats. The net result would be less boats which makes a safer Lake, no discrimination to the people with a large family and a source of revenue which is always needed in this economy.

Thank you, Dave Marsillio
1/06/12

Delgado, Timothy

From: SKIP CLAPP [cclapp@snet.net]
Sent: Friday, December 23, 2011 12:03 PM
To: Delgado, Timothy
Subject: Maximum Boat Length, Candlewood Lake

Mr. Delgado,

With regard to the new regulation regarding length of boat limits on Candlewood Lake, I'd just like to voice my opinion regarding this.

First I think some type of regulation is necessary. Having grown up on and around the lake I remember when if you had a 15" with a 25 HP Evenrude/Johnson that was high power. Anyway, I've owned pontoon boats for many years now and among them a 24' and a 22'. I do know however that larger families have pontoons that are in excess of 26', i.e. 28 and 30 footers. I don't think you can classify these in the same category as some cruisers that are 30 + feet and travel at much greater speeds. Was any thought given to this type of exemption. (Same theory as registration cost by the foot, Pontoon boats are registered differently. Thanks for taking time to read this.

Skip Clapp
cclapp@snet.net

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Proposed Candlewood Lake Boating Restrictions to 26 feet

Apparent Objectives:

Reduce wakes, shore erosion and noise;
Increase safety for smaller boats;
Increase pleasure of boating experiences of all boaters on the lake.

I have 2 comments

- 1. Boat length alone is NOT the answer**
A 30 foot pontoon boat will not create the wake of a 25 foot Cabin Cruiser
Should be based on other criteria (displacement, horsepower, etc...I am not an engineer or naval expert)

- 2. How will you determine grandfathered boats of non-conforming lengths?**
 - a. How will you know if a boat has been on the lake before?**
 - b. What if it is sold to someone else in the same marina?**
 - c. What if it is moved to another marina?**

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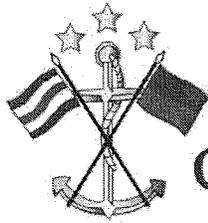
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CANDLEWOOD EAST MARINA

January 26, 2012

Timothy F. Delgado
CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, Boating Division
333 Ferry Rd, PO Box 280
Old Lyme, CT 06371

Dear Tim

In regards to the proposed length restriction on Candlewood Lake we feel that the size being proposed may be too small. In our opinion it is not the boat length that is leading to the root of the problems or concerns of most residents, but instead the amount of traffic being allowed on the Lake at certain times.

With no launch fees in place at the various state boat ramps and no boating license required from out of state residents, the usage has no restrictions. This can certainly lead to overcrowding on the weekends. In addition, the large number of fishing tournaments allowed and the number of boats this contributes surely must have a greater effect than the less than 2% of the boats using Candlewood that are over 26'.

A more reasonable length restriction, in our opinion, would be for boats over 30'. This would be more consistent with other Lakes, the size of Candlewood throughout the country, that do have length restrictions. If we could participate in this process in any way, we would be more than willing to contribute further thoughts that support our position on this.

Sincerely,

Mitchel J O'Hara
President O'Hara Marine Inc.

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Delgado, Timothy

From: rfishermn@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, December 23, 2011 8:56 AM
To: Delgado, Timothy
Subject: RE: Implementation of size restriction for Boats on Candlewood Lake

Hello Mr. Delgado

I remain apposed to length restrictions and in my reading of the published information from CLA it was not clear that commercial vessels were exempted; furthermore I remain apposed to the small size of sailboats. Most sailboats under 26 feet would not accommodate a family for a day out on the lake. Perhaps sailing vessels should be totally exempted. Thank you. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Robert Weinberg

--- On Fri, 12/23/11, Delgado, Timothy <Timothy.Delgado@ct.gov> wrote:

> From: Delgado, Timothy <Timothy.Delgado@ct.gov>
> Subject: RE: Implementation of size restriction for Boats on
> Candlewood Lake
> To: "'rfishermn@yahoo.com'" <rfishermn@yahoo.com>
> Date: Friday, December 23, 2011, 8:47 AM Mr. Weinberg:
>
> Thank you for your comments. Our public meeting will take place
> on
> January 4, 2012, at 6:30 PM at Whisconier School. We will take
> public
> comments at that time, and for a couple of weeks after. All
> comments
> are taken seriously and can be very useful in shaping the final
> regulations.
>
> You are correct to note that we are compelled to proffer these
> regulations; we have no choice. However, I would ask that you re-
> read
> the actual regulations. When you do, you will see that we have
> included a grandfathering provision for all oversized vessels
> currently existing on the lake and in stock at surrounding
> dealers,
> and that we have exempted certain vessels necessary to maintain
> the
> quality of the lake and lake associated infrastructure (meaning
> that
> commercial salvage vessels, dock-building vessels, governmental
> vessels etc. would be allowed on the lake for non-recreational
> purposes).
>
> The regulations are located online or here through this
> link:
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> [http://www.ct.gov/dep/lib/dep/public_notice_attachments/draft_regulation15-121-b15a\(amended\).pdf](http://www.ct.gov/dep/lib/dep/public_notice_attachments/draft_regulation15-121-b15a(amended).pdf)

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> If, after reading these you would like me to enter your comments
below
> into the record, I would be happy to do so.
>
> Also, feel free to call me if you have questions or if you wish to
> discuss anything.
>
> Timothy F. Delgado
> Boating Division
> Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection P.O.
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> Sent: Thursday, December 22, 2011 5:09 PM
> To: Delgado, Timothy
> Subject: Re: Implementation of size restriction for Boats on
> Candlewood Lake
>
> I am a resident of Sherman with lakeside property on Candlewood
Lake.
> I am apposed in principle to the unnecessary and wasteful
> implementation of regulations that I believe will serve no useful
> purpose; ie length restrictions will not reduce waves made by
> speeding boats nor will it reduce the risk of collision or other
> accidents on the lake. However it will restict the use of sailing
> vessels (that have the least amount of impact on the
> environment) because most sailboats usable by a family of five on
the
> lake would exceed 26 feet. The length restriction on sailboats if
> necessary at all should be increased to 35 feet. Furthermore it
will
> put an unnecessary barrier to entry for any commercial enterprise
with
> boats of sufficient size to handle important work, that is willing
to
> compete with the existing boat salvage/dock handling
company(ies)on
> the lake and thus protects their unnecessarily high fees. The
support
> of these governmental regulations by those operators to protect
their
> interests is called "rent seeking" and is one of the number one
> economic problems in America. Therefore there should be no
restriction
> on boats that register as work boats for hire. Were money used to
> implement and enforce length restrictions be used to increase

- > education of the public about speeding and other safety issues,
lake
- > residents would be far better off!
- >
- > Finally since there law apparently already requires these
regulations
- > to be implemented, how does your authority expect to take into
- > consideration any public opinion?
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- > Respectfully submitted,
- > Robert V. H. Weinberg
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Stephen J Paduano
767 Candlewood Lake Road S
New Milford, Ct. 06776

Special 10-3 is proposed to limit vessel length to less than 26 feet because it is "understood to be both a cause and a consequence of user conflict." I have asked around and cannot get a consensus from the people or the legislative committee on how 26 foot boats cause user conflict.

The answer from the last meeting was that it is being proposed because the majority of the people polled wanted it.

Laws are made to protect the safety, health and welfare of the community and individuals from being infringed upon. The answer I and others received thus far does not satisfy how boats 26 feet and greater cause conflict nor does the bill or any of the people proposing it state how people's safety, health or well fair are in harms way and being infringed upon.

The proposed special act is therefore discriminatory by nature and I feel it will not survive a judicial challenge.

An analogy would be to propose a special act not to allow: orange boats, New Yorkers, Jews or Italians.

The "user conflict" must be real not a preference.

I must therefore make the assumption and I beg to be corrected that the sole purpose of this special act is to limit large wakes created by large boats. We have no narrow channels that need to navigated as do other lakes, so logic dictates that large wakes can be the only reason for such a proposal.

For large wakes do infringe upon the safety, health and welfare of lake users and they damage property and our shore line.

However the bill as written is discriminatory. I have two arguments to contest it, First, what is wrong with the wake of a 30 foot pontoon meandering down the lake.

To understand my second argument one must understand that boats have three speeds displacement speed under 7 mph or so producing little or no wake... Cruising speed where boat manufacture design the boat for minimal wake which minimizes the water friction thus maximizing fuel efficiency ,... and the third is transitional speed ... the time between displacement speed and cruising speed when the largest boat wake is formed.

I don't believe that there is any boat that is 26 feet and larger currently on the lake that can make a wake bigger than an 18 foot wakeboard boat that has been specifically, designed engineered and marketed to produce a huge wake in which to wakeboard and surf on.

So if the act is being proposed to reduce large wakes it would be discriminatory to just ban boats 26 feet and larger.

Recognizing that large wakes does infringed at times on the rights of others I googled for a solution.

I found that many states Wisconsin Georgia ,, Oregon , Michigan to name a few : are having the same issues and are successfully minimizing the problem.

They have legislated that the boat owner "is legally responsible for their wake and the damage or personal injury it causes no matter how large or small the wake."

And the second thing they are educating, through brochures, fish and game clubs, boat licensing the damaging effects of large wakes and how you as a boater can control them.

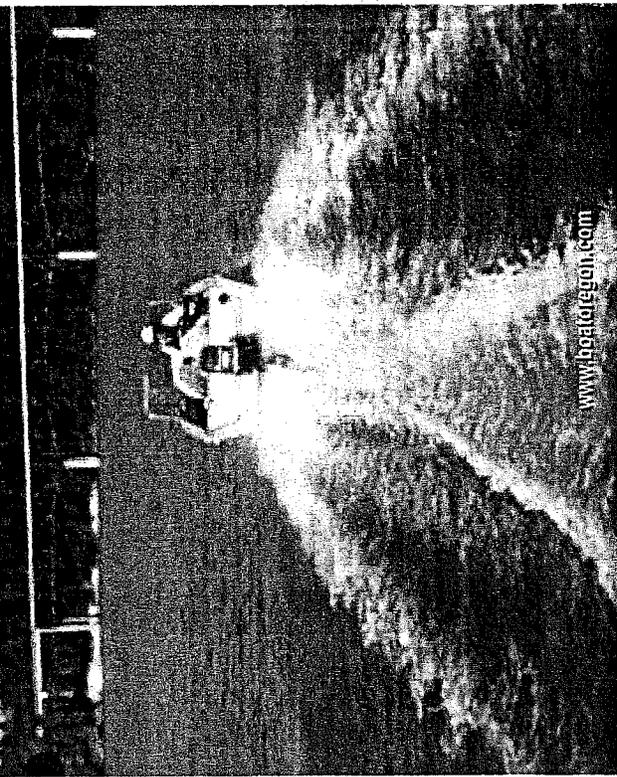
I printed the 60 or Oregon educational brochure on wakes dangers and wake control. I challenge any of you experienced boaters hear tonight to read it and tell me you knew everything in it beforehand.

So let's stop believing that we can regulate ourselves into Utopia .instead let's take the more intelligent path by educating all lake users how to use the lake in a peaceful coexistence.

I do believe that this is much better solution to the proposed problem.

WATCHING YOUR WAKE!

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Oregon's waterways offer something for everyone. People head to our lakes and rivers to boat, ski, swim, fish, watch wildlife or to make their homes. As Oregon's population continues to grow, more people will want to take part in these activities. That's great — everyone can be proud of the opportunities this state has to offer. However, it also means that we all need to be more aware of our surroundings while we're out enjoying the water. This is especially important when it comes to boat wake.

WAKE AND ITS EFFECTS

Wake, the path of moving waves a boat leaves behind it, is a natural product of boating. All boats create some wake. Unfortunately, along with wake come some undesirable side effects. The good news is that by understanding what these are and what can be done about them, boaters can take a big step towards making the water more relaxing and enjoyable for everyone.

Many boaters have first-hand experience with the effects of wake. A large wake might damage your boat or injure your passengers. Wake may affect the environment too. It can be a factor in shoreline erosion. Sediment may be washed into the water, along with trees and other plants whose roots have lost their support. Wake can affect recreation and safety, property and wildlife in the following ways:

Recreation and Safety

- Wake may endanger inexperienced swimmers or wading anglers.
- It can rock, swamp or capsiz other boats. Passengers might be thrown off balance or overboard, leading to

serious injury.

- Sediment from shoreline erosion may cloud the water, making it uninviting for swimming, boating or fishing.

Property

- Wake may damage docked boats by thrusting them against their moorings.
- Trees that have fallen into the water could be washed up against docks or other structures.
- Shoreline property owners may lose a small part of their land to erosion.

Wildlife

- Sediment can be churned up by boat wake and settle to the bottom, silling in fish spawning habitat and smothering aquatic vegetation, an important food source for many fish and animal species.
- Large wake may disturb birds nesting along the shore.

Does the size of a wake matter? Hydrologists estimate that a wake 5 inches high produces limited damage to the shoreline. A 10-inch wake is 5 times more destructive, and a 25-inch wake is 30 times more destructive than a 5-inch wake. On plane, runabouts and larger fishing boats may create a 10-inch wake, while craft with displacement hulls (like houseboats or cruisers) can create wakes of 25 inches or higher.

Legal Responsibility

Remember, you are legally responsible for your wake and the damage or personal injury it causes no matter how large or small the wake. So protect yourself and others by limiting your wake. The cost of repairing someone's boat or dock or paying their medical bill may far outweigh the inconvenience of slowing down, and a day free of conflicts will be much more enjoyable for everyone.

WHAT BOATERS CAN DO

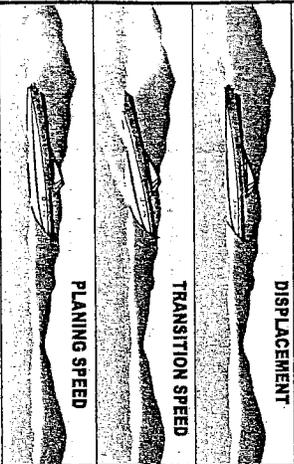
Watching Your Speed

As a boat operator, it can be easy to control your wake. Understanding the speeds under which your boat operates is the first step.

Displacement Speed – This is the slowest speed for most motorboats. It also creates the least wake. The boat operates with the bow down in the water.

Transition Speed – As you increase power while attempting to get on plane, the bow rises, causing the stern to plow through the water. This speed creates the largest wake.

Planing Speed – At planing speed, the bow drops back down and only a little of the hull contacts the water. This speed creates less wake than transition speed, but more than displacement. Many larger craft are not designed to reach this speed.



Often a boat operator can cause a large wake unintentionally. He or she may drop to transition speed instead of down to displacement speed, and actually increase wake size. It's easy to avoid this pitfall, though. Just make a habit of checking your wake (or have a passenger check it), especially as it hits the shore. Slow down far enough in advance of sensitive areas to give yourself time to drop all the way to displacement speed. This will minimize your wake's impact.

The Slow-No Wake Rule

Oregon has a slow-no wake rule to designed to protect our waterways and the people who use them. The basic rule (OAR 230-10-025) reads:

Operators of boats must observe Slow-No Wake, Maximum 5 MPH speed limit within 200 feet of a boat ramp, marina, or moorage with a capacity for six or more vessels; a floating home moorage with six or more structures; or people working at water level. Operator may be liable for damage caused by wake. This rule does not apply to commercial vessels or river navigation when more speed is needed to assure safe passage.

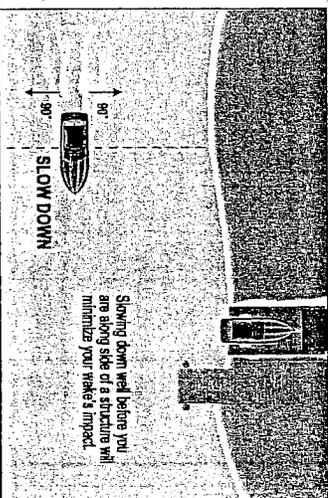
Remember, 5 MPH is a maximum, so if you have to go slower than this to eliminate your wake, you must do so. Violation of the slow-no wake rule is a Class B violation, and can result in a fine of up to \$175.

Please refer to *Oregon Boating Regulations*, available from the Marine Board, for local restrictions on wake.

Limiting Your Wake

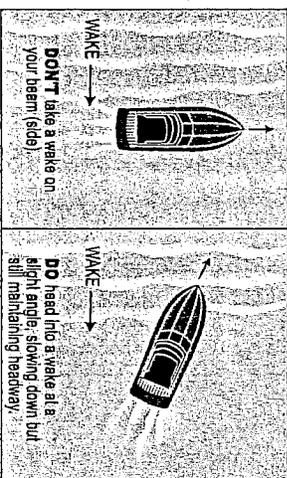
Along with the rule, here are some other simple ways you can help to limit your wake:

- Always be aware of your wake, especially when changing speeds or navigating in shallow waters (which can make wake larger).
- A little extra speed can create a lot of extra wake, so slow down enough to eliminate your wake when required.



Slowing down well before you are along side of a structure will minimize your wake's impact.

- Trim tabs will help keep your boat level and will limit your time in transition speed.
- Boat in deeper waters, and avoid getting too close to other boats or the shore.
- Position passengers throughout the boat. A heavy stern will increase wake size.
- Your wake moves out at right angles from your boat, so slow down well before you are abeam of another boat or other structure to avoid a following wake.



Protecting Against Another Boat's Wake

Chances are, you will have to face a large wake created by someone else during your time on the water. Here are several things you can do to safely navigate through a wake.

- Warn your passengers! Passengers below deck are especially at risk of hitting their heads or falling, so be sure they can hear you.
- Slow down before the wake arrives to lessen impact, but don't stop completely. You need headway to be able to maneuver through the wake.
- Have older passengers and others susceptible to injury stay aft.
- Instead of crossing a wake at perpendicular, cross at a slight angle (quarter the wake) so your bow can grip the wave longer. This will keep the bow from being thrown high in the air.
- While overtaking another boat, cross its wake quickly.



instead of riding it. Signal the skipper, keep both hands on the wheel, and stay away from the other boat's stern.

- Try not to take a wake on your beam. Instead turn into the wake and come back on course when it is past.

WATCH YOUR WAKE... AND HAVE FUN!

Being aware of your actions and the actions of others out on the water can go a long way in preventing potential conflicts related to wake. Paying attention to what's along the shoreline can protect the facilities you rely on and the healthy environment that makes boating such a great experience. With your help, boating in Oregon can be safer, friendlier and more enjoyable for everyone.

Thanks to:

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EXHIBIT 91

Proposed Candlewood Lake Vessel Length Restriction Regulation
RCSA Section 15-121-B15a

Public Hearing, Whisconier Middle School, Brookfield
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EXHIBIT 95

Delgado, Timothy

From: Jean Hartnett [gniiks@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2012 8:11 PM
To: Delgado, Timothy
Subject: Candlewood Lake boat size

Once again the wrong issue is being addressed.
It is the number of boats, not the size that is the issue.
Each time this comes up, the conclusion is that the number of boats is a problem
but that no one thinks there is a way to adress this issue.

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Jean Hartnett