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**VERMONT USE OF PUBLIC WATERS RULES  
Adopted October 5, 1994**

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## SECTION 1. POLICY APPLICABILITY AND PURPOSE

### 1.1 General

This Use of Public Waters Policy (Policy) governs the aquatic resources management of the public waters of Vermont under 10 V.S.A. § 1424. It provides guidance for the review of petitions seeking the adoption of rules regulating the use of particular public waters filed pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 1424. It also establishes a number of general management rules to protect normal uses on all lakes, ponds and reservoirs for which specific rules have not been adopted.

This Policy will serve as a framework for aquatic resources management under 10 V.S.A. § 1424. It is intended to provide a basis for both avoiding where possible, and resolving when necessary, conflicts in the use of public waters in a comprehensive and integrated manner so that the various uses may be enjoyed in a reasonable manner, considering the best interests of both current and future generations of the citizens of the state and insuring that natural resource values of the public waters are fully protected.

Some conflicts and management issues require solutions tailored to the unique circumstances of particular bodies of water which will continue to be considered on a case-by-case basis. Requests to either create exceptions to the management rules in Section 3 or to supplement those rules on a case-by-case basis will be considered in response to petitions filed pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 1424.

### 1.2 Severability

The provisions of these rules are severable, and the invalidity of any section, phrase, clause or part of these rules shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the remainder of the rules.

## SECTION 2. RULES FOR CONSIDERING PETITIONS FILED UNDER 10 V.S.A. § 1424

In addition to any applicable Rules of Procedure, the following procedures shall be followed when petitions filed under 10 V.S.A. § 1424 are considered:

- 2.1 Except when public safety or emergency situations require otherwise, or for other good cause:
  - a. the initial public hearing regarding rules proposed in response to those petitions seeking to regulate summer recreational uses on a specific body of water will be held during the months of June through September;

- b. all such petitions will be considered in a single consolidated rulemaking proceeding once a year. Consideration of petitions filed after June 1 may be deferred until the rulemaking initiated in the following calendar year; and
- c. a public hearing will be held in a place convenient to the waters affected when requested by 25 or more persons, the legislative body of any municipality in which the affected waters are located, any governmental subdivision or agency, or an association having 25 or more members.

2.2 In evaluating petitions and associated public comments the following factors, at a minimum, will be considered: the size and flow of navigable waters, the predominant use of adjacent lands, the depth of the water, the predominant use of the waters prior to regulation, the uses for which the water is adaptable, the availability of fishing, boating, and bathing facilities, and the scenic beauty and recreational uses of the area.

The public waters will be managed so that the various uses may be enjoyed in a reasonable manner, considering safety and the best interests of both current and future generations of citizens of the state and the need to provide an appropriate mix of water-based recreational opportunities on a regional and state-wide basis.

2.3 In evaluating normal recreational and other uses, the following uses will be among those considered: fishing, swimming, boating and related activities including waterskiing, fish and wildlife habitat, wildlife observation, the enjoyment of aesthetic values, quiet solitude of the water body, and other water-based activities.

2.4 When considering the establishment of either general or specific rules for the use of public waters under 10 V.S.A. § 1424 the following persons and entities, at a minimum, will be consulted: the Agency of Natural Resources, the Department of Public Safety, affected municipalities, lake associations, regional planning commissions, affected recreational user groups, environmental and conservation organizations that have expressed an interest and the public.

2.5 Any delegation of authority to manage the use of public waters to eligible municipalities (10 V.S.A. § 1424(f)) shall be made only when it is found that such action is consistent with:

- (a) the provisions of 10 V.S.A. § 1424 and any other applicable Vermont law,
- (b) the provisions of this Use of Public Waters Policy, and
- (c) any surface water use management plan adopted in accordance with 10 V.S.A. § 1423 by the Secretary of the Agency of Natural Resources.

- 2.6 Use conflicts shall be managed in a manner that provides for all normal uses to the greatest extent possible consistent with the provisions of Section 2.2 of these rules.
- 2.7 When regulation is determined to be necessary, use conflicts shall be managed using the least restrictive approach practicable that adequately addresses the conflicts.
- 2.8 When addressing issues common to more than one body of water, uniform and consistent rules shall be adopted when appropriate.
- 2.9 When regulation is determined to be necessary to resolve conflicts involving the operation of vessels, priority will be given to managing the manner in which vessels are used or operated, such as by imposing speed limits or separating conflicting uses by designating specific times or places where various uses are allowed.
- 2.10 When regulation is determined to be necessary to resolve conflicts between two or more normal uses, priority will be given to resolving the conflict by separating the conflicting uses, such as by designating specific times or places where various uses are allowed.
- 2.11 Those water bodies which currently provide wilderness-like recreational experiences shall be managed to protect and enhance the continued availability of such experiences.

**SECTION 3. MANAGEMENT RULES FOR LAKES, PONDS AND RESERVOIRS  
LOCATED ENTIRELY WITHIN THE STATE OF VERMONT<sup>1</sup>**

**3.1 Rule Applicability:**

The rules in this section shall apply to all lakes, ponds and reservoirs that are public waters and are located entirely within the State of Vermont<sup>1</sup> unless:

- a. they are in conflict with rules previously or currently adopted by the Board under 10 V.S.A. § 1424 that address issues unique to a particular body of water. Such rules for particular bodies of water as of the effective date of this Policy are set out in Appendix B hereto;
- b. they are in conflict with the terms of a license, permit or rule adopted or issued by another agency having jurisdiction over the public waters or a particular use of the waters; or
- c. law enforcement, emergencies or the performance of official duties by a governmental agency require otherwise.

<sup>1</sup> This section does not apply to Lake Champlain, Lake Memphremagog, Wallace Pond and Connecticut River Reservoirs.

Rules for each lake, pond, and reservoir, reflecting either the general rules contained in this section or specific rules adopted for that body of water by petition under 10 V.S.A. § 1424, as of the effective date of this Policy, are set out in Appendix A. Additional rules for particular lakes, ponds, and reservoirs may be found in Appendix B or may be adopted by petition after the effective date of this Policy.

### 3.2 Maximum Speed Limits:

Vessels powered by motor shall, in addition to the requirements of 23 V.S.A. § 3311(a) pertaining to careless and negligent operation, comply with the following maximum speed limits and other requirements:

- a. not exceed five m.p.h. on lakes, ponds and reservoirs upon which the operation of vessels powered by motor at substantially higher speeds is not a normal use, or that have a surface area of 75 acres or less, or that have less than 30 contiguous acres outside the shoreline safety zone, or upon which the use of internal combustion motors is prohibited; and
- b. not be operated in such a manner that either the hull of the vessel or its underwater exhaust outlet completely leaves the water as a result of crossing or jumping the wake of any vessel, including its own wake, or for any other reason.

### 3.3 Use of Personal Watercraft

- a. The use of personal watercraft is prohibited effective May 1, 1997 on lakes, ponds and reservoirs:
  - (1) that have a surface area less than 300 acres, or
  - (2) that have a maximum speed limit of 5 m.p.h. or less, or
  - (3) on which the use of internal combustion motors to power vessels is prohibited.
- b. The above prohibition on personal watercraft may be modified on a case-by-case basis in response to petitions filed pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 1424.

### 3.4 Use of Aircraft on Public Waters

The use of aircraft is prohibited from May 1 through November 30 on all lakes, ponds and reservoirs with a surface area of less than 75 acres, where the maximum speed limit for vessels powered by motors is 5 m.p.h. or less, and where the use of internal combustion motors is

prohibited except where the use by aircraft is specifically authorized in accordance with 5 V.S.A. Chapter 9 (see Appendix A).

### 3.5 Use of Internal Combustion Motors

Use of internal combustion motors to power vessels on lakes, ponds and reservoirs is prohibited where the use of such motors was not a normal use prior to January 1, 1993 (see Appendix A).

### 3.6 Protection of Loon Nesting Sites

Between May 1 and July 31 all persons and vessels are prohibited from public waters within 300 feet of any loon nesting site that the Secretary of the Agency of Natural Resources or his/her authorized representative has identified by signs and buoys or other clear on-site markings.

### 3.7 Petitions

Following the adoption of this Policy, exceptions or modifications to the management rules described in this section 3 for Vermont lakes, ponds and reservoirs will be considered on a case-by-case basis in response to petitions filed in accordance with 10 V.S.A. § 1424. In reviewing all such petitions, the policies in Section 2 above shall be considered. The petitioner shall have the burden of persuasion that the requested exceptions are consistent with the policies in Section 2 and applicable statutory requirements.

## SECTION 4. DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of these rules, the terms below shall have the following meanings unless a different meaning clearly appears from the context.

- 4.1 Board: The Vermont Water Resources Board or its delegate under 10 V.S.A. § 1424(f).
- 4.2 Normal Use: Any lawful use of any specific body of public water that has occurred on a regular, frequent and consistent basis prior to January 1, 1993.
- 4.3 Internal combustion motor: A motor, such as a gasoline or a diesel motor, in which fuel is burned within the motor proper rather than in an external furnace as in a steam engine.
- 4.4 Navigable water or navigable waters: Lake Champlain, Lake

Memphremagog, the Connecticut River, all natural inland lakes within Vermont and all streams, pond, flowages and other waters within the territorial limits of Vermont, including the Vermont portion of boundary waters, which are boatable under the laws of this state (10 V.S.A. § 1422(4)).

- 4.5 Personal Watercraft: A Class A vessel which uses an inboard engine powering a water jet pump as its primary source of motive power and which is designed to be operated by a person or persons sitting, standing, or kneeling on, or being towed behind, the vessel rather than in the conventional manner of sitting or standing inside the vessel (23 V.S.A. § 3302 (8)).
- 4.6 Public Waters: Navigable waters excepting those waters in private ponds and private preserves as set forth in 10 V.S.A. §§5204, 5205, 5206 and 5210. (10 V.S.A. § 1422(6) and 23 V.S.A. § 3302(9)).
- 4.7 Recreational User Group: An organized group representing a discrete group of recreational users of public waters.
- 4.8 Shoreline Safety Zone: That portion of the surface area of public waters within 200 feet of the shoreline.
- 4.9 Surface Area: The surface area of a lake, pond or reservoir as shown on Appendix A.
- 4.10 Vessel: Every description of watercraft, other than a seaplane on the water, used or capable of being used as a means of transportation on water (23 V.S.A. § 3302(11)).



Collected Management Rules for Vermont Lakes, Ponds and Reservoirs<sup>1</sup>

Name	Location (Town)	Surface area in acres	> 30 contiguous acres <sup>2</sup> (Y/N)	Internal combustion motors allowed <sup>3</sup> (Y/N)	Max. speed limit <sup>4</sup> mph	Personal watercraft allowed <sup>5</sup> (Y/N)	Use by Aircraft prohibited <sup>5</sup> (Y/N)	Rules previously adopted by WRB are amended <sup>6</sup>	Other restrictions apply
Lake Abenaki	Thetford	44	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Adams Reservoir	Woodford	21	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	Y	N
Anherst Lake	Plymouth	81	Y	Y	N/A	N	N	N	N
Arrowhead Mountain Lake <sup>11</sup>	Milton/Georgia	760	Y	Y	N/A	Y	N	N	N
Athens Pond	Athens	21	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Austin Pond	Hubbardton	28	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Baker Pond	Barton	51	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Baker Pond	Brookfield	35	N	Y	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Bald Hill	Westmore	108	Y	Y	N/A	N	N	N	N
Ball Mountain Reservoir	Jamaica	76	N	Y	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Bean Pond	Lyndon/Wheelock	24	N	Y	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Bean Pond	Sutton	30	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Beaver Pond	Holland	40	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Beaver Pond	Weathersfield	49	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Beebe Pond	Hubbardton	111	Y	Y	5 mph	N	N	Y	Y <sup>6</sup>
Berlin Pond <sup>7</sup>	Berlin	293	Y	N	5 mph <sup>7</sup>	N	Y	N	Y <sup>7</sup>

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Big Pond (Woodford Lake)	Woodford	31	N	Y	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Billings Marsh Pond	West Haven	56	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Black Pond	Hubbardton	20	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	Y	N
Black Pond	Plymouth	20	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Bliss Pond	Calais	46	N	Y	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Blueberry Lake (Warren Lake)	Warren	48	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Lake Bomoseen	Castleton/Hubbardton	2415	Y	Y	N/A	Y	N	Y	N
Bourn Pond	Sunderland	48	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Branch Pond	Sunderland	34	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Brownington Pond	Brownington/Derby	139	Y	Y	N/A	N	N	Y	N
Bruce Pond	Sheffield	27	N	Y	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Buck Lake	Woodbury	39	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Burbee Pond	Windham	50	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Burr Pond	Pittsford	20	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Burr Pond	Sudbury	85	Y	Y	N/A <sup>6</sup>	N	N	Y	Y <sup>6</sup>
Lake Carmi	Franklin	1402	Y	Y	N/A	Y	N	N	N
Caspian Lake	Greensboro	789	Y	Y	N/A <sup>6</sup>	Y	N	Y	Y <sup>6</sup>

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Cedar Lake (Monkton Pond)	Monkton	123	Y	Y	N/A	N	N	N	N
Center Pond	Newark	79	Y	Y	N/A	N	N	N	N
Chandler Pond	Wheelock	68	Y	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Charleston Pond (Lubber Lake)	Charleston	40	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Chipman Lake (Tinnmouth Pond)	Tinnmouth	79	Y	Y	N/A	N	N	N	N
Chittenden Reservoir	Chittenden	702	Y	Y	N/A <sup>7</sup>	Y	N	N	Y <sup>7</sup>
Clyde Pond	Debry	186	Y	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Cobb Pond	Derby	27	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Coggman Pond	West Haven	20	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Coits Pond	Cabot	40	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Colby Pond	Plymouth	20	N	Y	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Colchester Pond	Colchester	186	Y	N	N/A <sup>6</sup>	N	Y	Y	Y <sup>6</sup>
Cole Pond	Jamaica	41	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	Y	N
Coles Pond	Walden	99	Y	Y	N/A	N	N	N	N
Colton Pond	Sherburne	27	N	Y	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Cranberry Meadow Pond	Woodbury	28	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Crescent Lake	Sharon	20	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N

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Crystal Lake	Barton	763	Y	Y	N/A	Y	N	N	N
Curtis Pond <sup>11</sup>	Calais	72	N	Y	N/A	N	Y	N	N
Cutler Pond	Highgate	25	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Danby Pond	Danby	71	Y	Y	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Daniels Pond	Glover	66	Y	Y	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Danyow Pond	Ferrisburg	192	N	Y	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Deer Park Pond	Halifax	22	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Dennis Pond	Brunswick	49	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Lake Derby	Derby	207	Y	Y	N/A	N	N	N	N
Deweys Mill Pond	Hartford	56	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Lake Dunmore	Salisbury/Leicester	1037	Y	Y	N/A	Y	N	Y	N
East Long Pond <sup>11</sup>	Woodbury	188	Y	Y	N/A	N	N	N	N
Echo Lake	Charleston	550	Y	Y	N/A	Y	N	N	N
Echo Lake (Keeler Pond)	Huddardton/Sudbury	54	N	Y	5 mph	N	Y	Y	N
Echo Lake	Plymouth	104	Y	Y	N/A	N	N	N	N
Lake Eden	Eden	194	Y	Y	N/A	N	N	N	N
Elfin Lake	Wallingford	16	N	N	5 mph <sup>6</sup>	N	Y	Y	N

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Lake Ellico (Eligo Pond)	Craftsbury/Greensboro	174	Y	Y	N/A	N	N	N	N
Lake Elmore	Elmore	219	Y	Y	N/A	N	N	N	N
Emerald Lake	Dorset	28	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	Y	N
Ewell Pond	Peacham	51	N	Y	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Fairfield Pond	Fairfield	446	Y	Y	N/A	Y	N	N	N
Fairfield Swamp Pond	Swanton/St. Albans/Fairfield	152	N	Y	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Lake Fairlee	Thetford/Fairlee/W. Fairlee	457	Y	Y	N/A	Y	N	Y	N
Fern Lake	Leicester	69	N	Y	5 mph	N	Y	Y	N
Flagg Pond	Wheelock	111	Y	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Forest Lake	Averill	62	N	Y	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Forest Lake (Nelson Pond)	Calais/Woodbury	133	Y	Y	N/A	N	N	N	N
Fosters Pond	Peacham	61	Y	Y	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Gale Meadows Pond	Winhall/Londonderry	195	Y	Y	5 mph	N	N	Y	N
Gates Pond	Whitingham	30	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Gillett Pond	Richmond	30	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Glen Lake	Castleton/Fair Haven/Benson	206	Y	Y	5 mph <sup>6</sup>	N	N	Y	N
Great Averill Pond	Norton	828	Y	Y	N/A	Y	N	N	N

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Great Homser Pond	Craftsbury/Albany	149	N	Y	N/A <sup>9</sup>	N	Y	N	N
Green River Reservoir	Hyde Park/Eden	653	Y	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Greenwood Lake	Woodbury	96	N	Y	N/A <sup>9</sup>	N	N	Y	Y <sup>6</sup>
Lake Groton (Groton Pond)	Groton	422	Y	Y	N/A	Y	N	N	N
Grout Pond	Stratton	84	Y	N	5 mph	N	Y	Y	N
Half Moon Pond	Hubbardton	23	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	Y	N
Halfmoon Pond	Fletcher	21	N	Y	5 mph	N	Y	Y	N
Halfway Pond	Norton	22	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Halls Lake	Newbury	85	Y	Y	N/A	N	N	Y	Y <sup>6</sup>
Lake Hancock (Sucker Pond)	Stamford	51	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Hardwick Lake	Hardwick	92	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Hardwood Pond	Elmore	44	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Harriman Pond	Newbury	20	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Harriman Reservoir	Whitingham/Wilmington	2046	Y	Y	N/A	Y	N	N	N
Harvey's Lake	Barnet	351	Y	Y	N/A	Y	N	N	N
Haystack Pond <sup>7</sup>	Wilmington	27	N	N	5 mph <sup>7</sup>	N	Y	N	Y <sup>7</sup>
High Pond	Sudbury	20	N	N	5 mph <sup>7</sup>	N	Y	N	N

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Hirkum Pond	Sudbury	60	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Holland Pond <sup>11</sup>	Holland	325	Y	Y	N/A	Y	N	N	N
Horse Pond	Greensboro	32	N	Y	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Lake Hortonia (Horton Pond)	Hubbardton/Sudbury	479	Y	Y	N/A	Y	N	N	N
Howe Pond <sup>7</sup>	Readsboro	52	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	Y <sup>7</sup>
Huff (Hough) Pond	Sudbury	16	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	Y	N
Indian Brook Reservoir	Essex	50	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	Y	Y
Inman Pond <sup>7</sup>	Fair Haven	85	Y	N	5 mph <sup>7</sup>	N	Y	N	Y <sup>7</sup>
Lake Iroquois	Hinesburg/Williston	243	Y	Y	N/A	N	N	N	N
Island Pond	Brighton	626	Y	Y	N/A	Y	N	N	N
Jacksonville Pond	Whitingham	20	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Jobs Pond	Westmore	39	N	Y	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Joes Pond	Cabot/Danville	396	Y	Y	N/A	Y	N	N	N
Keiser Pond	Peacham/Danville	33	N	Y	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Kenny Pond	Newfane	26	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Kent Pond	Sherburne	99	Y	Y	5 mph	N	N	N	N

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Kettle Pond	Groton/Peacham/Marshfield	109	Y	Y	5 mph	N	N	N	N
Knapp Brook Pond #1	Reading/Cavendish	25	N	Y	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Knapp Brook Pond #2	Reading/Cavendish	35	N	Y	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Lakota Lake	Barnard	20	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Lake Lamille	Morristown	148	Y	Y	N/A	N	N	N	N
Lamson Pond	Brookfield	24	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Lefferts Pond	Chittenden	80	Y	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Levi Pond	Groton	22	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Lewis Pond	Lewis	68	Y	Y	5 mph	N	Y	Y	N
Lily Pond	Londonderry	21	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Lily Pond	Poultney	21	N	Y	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Lily Pond	Vernon	41	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Little Pond	Franklin	95	Y	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Little Pond	Wells	177	Y	Y	N/A	N	N	N	N
Little Averill Pond	Averill	467	Y	Y	N/A	Y	N	N	N
Little Elmore Pond	Elmore	24	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Little Hosmer Pond	Craftsbury	180	Y	Y	5 mph	N	N	Y	Y <sup>6</sup>



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Long Pond (Belvidere Pond)	Eden	97	Y	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Long Pond	Greensboro	100	Y	N	5 mph	N	Y	Y	N
Long Pond	Milton	47	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Long Pond	Sheffield	38	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Long Pond	Westmore	90	Y	Y	5 mph <sup>10</sup>	N	N	N	N
Love's Marsh	Castleton	62	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Lowell Lake	Londonderry	109	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	Y	N
Lower Pond (Lake Sunset)	Hinesburg	58	N	Y	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Lower Symes Pond	Ryegate	57	N	Y	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Lyford Pond	Walden	33	N	Y	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Lake Madeleine	Sandgate	20	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Maidstone Lake	Maidstone	745	Y	Y	N/A	Y	N	N	N
Lake Mansfield	Stowe	35	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Marshfield Pond	Marshfield	69	N	Y	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Martin	Williamstown	28	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Martins Pond	Peacham	82	Y	Y	N/A	N	N	N	N
May Pond	Barton	85	Y	N	5 mph	N	Y	Y	N

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McAllister Pond	Lowell	25	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
McConnell Pond	Brighton	87	Y	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
McIntosh Pond	Royalton	23	N	Y	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Metcalf Pond	Fletcher	81	N	Y	N/A <sup>9</sup>	N	Y	N	N
Mile Pond	Ferdinand	26	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Miles Pond	Concord	205	Y	Y	N/A	N	N	N	N
Mill Pond (Parson's Mill Pond)	Benson	39	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Mill Pond (Kennedy's Pond)	Windsor	77	Y	N	5 mph	N	Y	Y	N
Miller Pond	Strafford	64	Y	Y	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Milton Pond <sup>7</sup>	Milton	24	N	N	5 mph <sup>7</sup>	N	Y	N	Y <sup>7</sup>
Minards Pond <sup>7</sup>	Rockingham	46	N	N	5 mph <sup>7</sup>	N	Y	N	Y <sup>7</sup>
Mirror Lake (No. 10 Pond)	Calais	85	Y	Y	10/5 <sup>6</sup>	N	N	Y	Y <sup>6</sup>
Lake Mitchell	Sharon	28	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Molly's Pond	Cabot	38	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Molly's Falls Reservoir	Cabot	397	Y	Y	N/A	Y	N	N	N
Lake Morey	Fairlee	547	Y	Y	N/A	Y	N	Y	N
Mud Pond	Craftsbury	35	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N

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Mud Pond	Granby	55	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Mud Pond	Leicester	23	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Mud Pond (North)	Morgan	35	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Mud Pond	Peacham	34	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Mud Pond (Forsythe Pond)	Thetford	20	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Mud Creek Pond	Alburg	333	Y	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Mudd Pond	Hubbardton	20	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
M.E. Developers Pond	Wells	27	N	Y	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Neal Pond	Lunenburg	185	Y	Y	N/A	N	N	N	N
Newark Pond	Newark	153	Y	Y	N/A	N	N	N	N
Nichols Pond	Woodbury	171	Y	Y	5 mph <sup>10</sup>	N	N	N	N
Lake Ninevah	Mt. Holly	171	Y	Y	5 mph	N	Y <sup>6</sup>	Y	N
Norford Lake	Thetford	21	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
North Pond	Brookfield	24	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
North Pond	Whitingham	20	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
North Hartland Reservoir	Hartland/Hartford	108	N	Y	N/A <sup>9</sup>	N	Y	N	N
North Montpelier Pond	East Montpelier/Calais	42	N	Y	5 mph	N	Y	N	N

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North Springfield Reservoir	Springfield/Weathersfield	290	Y	Y	5 mph <sup>6</sup>	N	N	Y	Y <sup>6</sup>
Morton Pond	Norton/Warren Gove	667	Y	Y	N/A	Y	N	N	N
Notch Pond	Ferdinand	22	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Moyes Pond (Seyon Pond)	Groton	39	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Mulhegan Pond	Brighton	37	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Old Marsh Pond	Fair Haven	131	Y	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Osmore Pond	Peacham	48	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Oxbow Pond	Swanton	27	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Lake Paran	Bennington/Shafsbury	40	N	N	N/A <sup>6</sup>	N	Y	Y	N
Lake Parker (Parker Pond)	Glover	250	Y	Y	N/A	N	N	N	N
Patch Pond	Rutland	20	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Paul Stream Pond	Brunswick	20	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Peacham Pond	Peacham	340	Y	Y	N/A	Y	N	N	N
Pensioner Pond	Charleston	173	Y	Y	N/A	N	N	N	N
Perch Pond	Benson	24	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	Y	N
Pigeon Pond	Groton	69	Y	Y	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Pine Pond	Castleton	40	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N

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Lake Pinneo	Hartford	50	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Pleasant Valley Reservoir <sup>7</sup>	Brattleboro	25	N	N	5 mph <sup>7</sup>	N	Y	N	Y <sup>7</sup>
Lake Reponda	Wilmington	121	Y	Y	N/A	N	N	N	N
Reading Pond	Reading/Plymouth	22	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Rescue Lake	Ludlow	229	Y	Y	N/A	N	N	N	N
Reservoir Pond (Lake Pauline)	Ludlow	32	N	Y	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Richmond Pond	Richmond	24	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Richville Pond	Shoreham	129	N	Y	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Ricker Pond	Groton	95	Y	Y	N/A	N	N	N	N
Roach Pond	Hubbardton	20	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Rood Pond	Williamstown/Brookfield	23	N	Y	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Round Pond	Milton	22	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Round Pond	Newbury	30	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Lake Runnede (Evert's Pond)	Windsor	62	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Sabin Pond (Woodbury Lake)	Calais/Woodbury	142	Y	Y	N/A	N	N	N	N
Sadauga Pond	Whitingham	194	Y	Y	N/A	N	N	N	N
Lake Salem (Salem Pond)	Derby	764	Y	Y	N/A	Y	N	N	N

Name	Location (Town)	Surface area in acres	≥ 30 contiguous acres	Internal combustion motors allowed	Max. speed limit	Personal watercraft allowed	Use by Aircraft prohibited	Rules previously adopted by WRB	Other restrictions apply
		acres	(Y/N)	(Y/N)		(Y/N)	(Y/N)	are amended	
Schofield Pond	Hyde Park	29	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Searsburg Reservoir	Searsburg	25	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Seymour Lake	Morgan/Charleston	1763	Y	Y	N/A	Y	N	N	N
Shadow Lake	Concord	128	Y	Y	N/A	N	N	N	N
Shadow Lake	Glover	210	Y	Y	N/A	N	N	N	N
Shaftsbury Lake	Shaftsbury	27	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	Y	N
Shelburne Pond	Shelburne	452	Y	Y	N/A	Y	N	N	N
Sherman Reservoir	Readsboro/Whitingham	117	Y	Y	N/A	N	N	N	N
Shippee Pond	Whitingham	24	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Silver Lake	Barnard	84	Y	Y	N/A	N	N	Y	Y <sup>6</sup>
Silver Lake	Georgia/Fairfax <sup>7</sup>	27	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Silver Lake	Leicester	101	Y	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Sodom Pond	East Montpelier/Catais	21	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Somerset Reservoir <sup>11</sup>	Somerset/Stratton	1568	Y	Y	N/A	Y	N	N	N
South Pond	Eden	103	Y	Y	N/A	N	N	N	N
South Pond <sup>7</sup>	Marlboro	68	Y	N	5 mph <sup>7</sup>	N	Y	N	Y <sup>7</sup>
South America Pond	Ferdinand	29	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N

Name	Location (Town)	Surface area in acres	> 30 contiguous acres (Y/N)	Internal combustion motors allowed (Y/N)	Max. speed limit mph	Personal watercraft allowed (Y/N)	Use by Aircraft prohibited (Y/N)	Rules previously adopted by MRB are amended <sup>6</sup>	Other restrictions apply
South Stream Pond	Pownal	54	N	Y	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Spectacle Pond	Brighton	103	Y	Y	N/A	N	N	N	N
Spring Lake (Shrewsbury Pond)	Shrewsbury	66	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	Y	Y <sup>6</sup>
Spruce Pond	Orwell	25	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
St. Albans Reservoir (North) <sup>7</sup>	Fairfax	35	N	N	5 mph <sup>7</sup>	N	Y	N	Y <sup>7</sup>
St. Albans Reservoir (South) <sup>7</sup>	Fairfax	27	N	N	5 mph <sup>7</sup>	N	Y	N	Y <sup>7</sup>
Lake St. Catherine	Wells/Poultney	883	Y	Y	N/A	Y	N	Y	Y <sup>6</sup>
Stannard Pond	Stannard	25	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Star Lake	Mt. Holly	63	Y	Y	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Stevens Pond	Maidstone	26	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Stiles Pond <sup>7</sup>	Waterford	135	Y	N	5 mph <sup>7</sup>	N	Y	N	Y <sup>7</sup>
Stoughton Pond	Weathersfield	56	N	Y	5 mph	N	Y	Y	Y <sup>6</sup>
Stratton Pond	Stratton	46	N	N	N/A <sup>6</sup>	N	Y	N	Y <sup>6</sup>
Sugar Hill Reservoir	Goshen	63	N	Y	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Sugar Hollow Pond	Brandon/Pittsford	21	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Sunrise Lake	Benson/Orwell	57	N	Y	5 mph	N	Y	Y	N
Sunset Lake	Benson/Orwell	202	Y	Y	N/A	N	N	Y	Y <sup>6</sup>

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Sunset Lake	Brookfield	25	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Sunset Lake <sup>7</sup>	Marlboro	96	Y	N	5 mph <sup>7</sup>	N	Y	N	Y <sup>7</sup>
Sweet Pond	Guilford	20	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Thompsons Pond	Pownal	28	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Thurman W. Dix Reservoir <sup>7</sup>	Orange	123	Y	N	5 mph <sup>7</sup>	N	Y	N	Y <sup>7</sup>
Ticklenaked Pond	Ryegate	54	N	Y	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Tilley's Pond (Clark Pond)	Glover	33	N	Y	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Tiny Pond	Ludlow/Mt. Holly	29	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Toad Pond	Charleston	22	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Townshend Reservoir	Townshend	108	N	Y	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Turtle Pond	Holland	27	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Tuttle Pond	Hardwick	21	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Upper Sykes Pond	Ryegate	20	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Valley Lake (Dog Pond)	Woodbury	88	N	Y	N/A <sup>9</sup>	N	Y	Y	Y <sup>6</sup>
Wallingford Pond	Wallingford	87	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Wanasticquet Pond	Weston	44	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Wapanacki Lake	Wolcott	21	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N



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Warden Pond	Barnet	46	N	Y	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Waterbury Reservoir <sup>11</sup>	Waterbury/Stowe	839	Y	Y	N/A	Y	N	Y	Y <sup>6</sup>
Weatherhead Hollow Pond	Guilford	33	N	Y	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
West Hill Pond	Cabot	46	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
West Mountain Pond	Maidstone	60	Y	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Wheeler Pond	Brunswick	66	Y	Y	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Lake Willoughby	Westmore	1712	Y	Y	N/A	Y	N	N	N
Winona Lake (Bristol Pond)	Bristol	248	Y	Y	N/A	N	N	N	N
Wolcott Pond	Wolcott	74	Y	Y	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Woodward Reservoir <sup>11</sup>	Plymouth	106	Y	Y	N/A <sup>6</sup>	N	N	Y	Y <sup>6</sup>
Worcester Pond	Worcester	35	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Wrightsville Reservoir	Middlesex/E. Mont/Montpelier	190	Y	Y	N/A <sup>6</sup>	N	N	N	Y <sup>6</sup>
Zack Woods Pond	Hyde Park/Wolcott	23	N	N	5 mph	N	Y	N	N
Lake Champlain <sup>8</sup>	several	172,800(VT)	Y	Y	None	Y	N	N	N
Lake Memphremagog <sup>8</sup>	Newport/Derby/Coventry	5,966(VT)	Y	Y	None	Y	N	N	N
Wallace Pond <sup>8</sup>	Canaan	107(VT)	Y	Y	None	Y	N	N	N
Connecticut River Reservoirs <sup>8</sup>	several	N/A	Y	Y	None	Y	N	N	N

#### Footnotes to Collected Management Rules

1. The collected rules in this table reflect the general rules set out in Section 3 for all lakes, ponds and reservoirs that are public waters and are located wholly within the State of Vermont (i.e. these rules do not apply to Lake Champlain, Lake Memphremagog, Wallace Pond and Connecticut River Reservoirs) as modified for individual bodies of water by rules adopted under 10 V.S.A. § 1424, except:
  - (a) When in conflict with rules adopted by another agency with jurisdiction over the public waters or a particular use of the waters; or
  - (b) When law enforcement, emergencies or the performance of official duties by a governmental agency require otherwise.
2. Thirty contiguous acres outside the shoreland safety zone (i.e. more than 200 feet from any shore).
3. The rule prohibits the use of internal combustion motors to power vessels on the those lakes, ponds or reservoirs indicated.
4. The rule establishes a 5 mph maximum speed limit for vessels powered by motor on those lakes, ponds or reservoirs indicated. The notation "N/A" means no numeric speed limit is established, however, the prohibition in existing law against careless and negligent operation (23 V.S.A. § 3311 (a)) still applies.
5. The seasonal prohibition on use by aircraft does not apply on those lakes, ponds or reservoirs where such use is specifically authorized under 5 V.S.A. Chapter 9, now or in the future (see 10 V.S.A. § 1424(d)).
6. See Appendix B.
7. Restrictions adopted by authorities other than the Water Resources Board may also apply, for example restrictions on recreational uses established by the state or a local board of health to protect public water supplies.
8. No rules are being proposed for these bodies of water.
9. Despite having less than 30 contiguous acres outside of the shoreline safety zone, high speed boating is a normal use on this body of water.
10. Despite having a surface area greater than 75 acres and at least 30 contiguous acres outside of the shoreline safety zone (see § 3.2(a)(s)), high speed boating is a normal use on this body of water and therefore a maximum speed limit of 5 m.p.h. is established for vessels being propelled by motor.
11. A petition for rulemaking pertaining to this body of water was pending before the Water Resources Board when this rule was adopted.

APPENDIX B

RULES REGULATING  
THE USE OF PARTICULAR PUBLIC WATERS  
10 V.S.A. § 1424

1. Adams Reservoir, Town of Woodford

- a. The operation of vessels powered by an internal combustion motor is prohibited.

Initial Rules Adopted Effective January 1, 1987  
Amended Effective January 1, 1995

2. Beebe Pond, Town of Hubbardton

- a. Waterskiing is prohibited on Beebe Pond in the Town of Hubbardton.
- b. Vessels powered by motors exceeding ten horsepower are prohibited on Beebe Pond.
- c. A person operating a vessels powered by motor shall not exceed a speed limit of five miles per hour on Beebe Pond.

Initial Rules Adopted Effective October 2, 1973  
Amended Effective January 1, 1995

3. Black Pond, Town of Hubbardton

- a. The operation of vessels powered by an internal combustion motor is prohibited.

Initial Rules Adopted Effective January 1, 1986  
Amended Effective January 1, 1995

4. Burr Pond, Town of Sudbury

- a. No boat powered by motor shall be operated anywhere on Burr Pond in excess of five miles per hour between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m. local time.
- b. Any motorboat launched at the public Fish and Game access is to be utilized solely for the purpose of fishing on Burr Pond and shall be limited to a speed of five miles per hour regardless of when or where operated on Burr Pond.

Initial Rules Adopted Effective September 28, 1972  
Amended Effective January 1, 1995

5. Caspian Lake, Town of Greensboro

- a. Vessels powered by motor shall not exceed a speed of forty miles per hour between one half hour before sunrise and one half hour after sunset.

- b. Vessels powered by motor shall not exceed a speed of ten miles per hour between one half hour after sunset and one half hour before sunrise.
- c. Personal watercraft shall not be operated in a manner or at a speed that causes the exhaust jet to come out of the water in order to avoid an increase in the noise level or pitch above that experienced in normal operation on smooth water.
- d. Ski slalom courses must comply with the following:

I. Construction

- A. Length of the course measured on the surface of the water shall be no more than 600 feet.
- B. There shall be no more than 16 buoys providing for no more than four slalom turns.
- C. The buoys may be attached to an underlying framework located at least five feet below the surface of the lake.

II. Location

- A. There may be no more than one course on the lake at any one time.
- B. The location each year must be at least 1,000 feet from the prior year's location measured from the closest buoy of each such location.
- C. The course must run as nearly parallel as possible to the nearest shore.
- D. All buoys must be at least 800 feet from shore.

III. Use

- A. Sanctioned or public competition or exhibitions are prohibited.
- B. Use by personal watercraft or any vessel powered by motor other than a motorboat towing a water skier is prohibited.
- C. Boat shall turn away from the nearest shore upon entrance to and exist from the course.

Initial Rules Adopted Effective February 1, 1992  
Amended Effective January 1, 1995

6. Colchester Pond, Town of Colchester

- a. The operation of vessels powered by motor is prohibited.
- b. Except in an emergency situation or as authorized by the Vermont Transportation Board in accordance with 5 V.S.A. Chapter 9, aircraft are prohibited from landing or taking off.

Initial Rules Adopted Effective March 8, 1993  
Amended Effective January 1, 1995

7. Cole Pond, Town of Jamaica

- a. The operation of vessels powered by internal combustion motors is prohibited effective January 1, 1993.
- b. Vessels powered by motor shall not exceed a speed of five miles per hour.

Initial Rules Adopted Effective February 1, 1992  
Amended Effective January 1, 1995

8. Echo Lake (Keeler Pond), Towns of Sudbury and Hubbardton

- a. The operation of vessels powered by a motor at speeds exceeding five miles per hour or in such a manner as to cause a disturbing wake is prohibited in Echo Lake (Keeler Pond).

Initial Rules Adopted Effective November 29, 1982  
Amended Effective January 1, 1995

9. Elfin Lake, Town of Wallingford

- a. The operation of vessels powered by an internal combustion motor is prohibited.

Initial Rules Adopted Effective January 1, 1988  
Amended Effective January 1, 1995

10. Emerald Lake, Town of East Dorset

- a. The operation of vessels powered by an internal combustion motor is prohibited.

Initial Rules Adopted Effective January 1, 1987  
Amended Effective January 1, 1995

11. Fern Lake, Town of Leicester

- a. No vessel powered by motor shall be operated on Fern Lake at speeds in excess of five miles per hour or in such a manner as to cause a disturbing wake.

- b. Except as may be authorized by the Vermont Aeronautics Board, no aircraft shall land on or take off from Fern Lake except under emergency conditions.

Initial Rules Adopted Effective November 17, 1980  
Amended Effective January 1, 1995

12. Gale Meadows Pond, Towns of Winhall and Londonderry

- a. Vessels powered by motor shall not exceed a speed of five miles per hour.

Initial Rules Adopted Effective February 1, 1992  
Amended Effective January 1, 1995

13. Glen Lake, Towns of Castleton, Fair Haven and Benson

- a. No vessel powered by motor shall be operated anywhere on Glen Lake at speeds in excess of five miles per hour.

Initial Rules Adopted Effective April 1, 1978  
Amended Effective January 1, 1995

14. Greenwood Lake, Town of Woodbury

- a. Unless otherwise prohibited by law, vessels powered by motor when towing water-skier(s) shall travel in a counterclockwise direction.
- b. Unless otherwise prohibited by law, waterskiing shall be limited to the following times:

- (1) Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 2:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

- (2) Saturday and Sunday from noon until 7:00 p.m.

Initial Rules Adopted Effective February 1, 1992  
Amended Effective January 1, 1995

15. Grout Pond, Town of Stratton

- a. The operation of vessels powered by an internal combustion motor is prohibited.

Initial Rules Adopted Effective August 15, 1974  
Amended Effective January 1, 1995

16. Half Moon Pond, Town of Hubbardton

- a. The operation of vessels powered by an internal combustion motor is prohibited.

Initial Rules Adopted Effective January 1, 1987  
Amended Effective January 1, 1995

17. Halls Lake, Town of Newbury

- a. Waterskiing is limited to the hours between 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Initial Rules Adopted Effective February 1, 1992  
Amended Effective January 1, 1995

18. Huff (Hough Pond), Town of Sudbury

- a. The operation of vessels powered by an internal combustion motor is prohibited.

Initial Rules Adopted Effective August 7, 1984  
Amended Effective January 1, 1995

19. Indian Brook Reservoir, Town of Essex

- a. The operation of vessels powered by an internal combustion motor is prohibited.
- b. Except in an emergency situation or as authorized by the Vermont Transportation Board in accordance with 5 V.S.A. Chapter 9, aircraft are prohibited from landing or taking off from Indian Brook Reservoir.

Initial Rules Adopted Effective April 20, 1989  
Amended Effective January 1, 1995

20. Lewis Pond, Town of Lewis

- a. Vessels powered by motor shall not exceed a speed of five miles per hour.

Initial Rules Adopted Effective March 8, 1993  
Amended Effective January 1, 1995

21. Little Hosmer Pond, Town of Craftsbury

- a. Boats powered by motors of more than ten horsepower are prohibited on Little Hosmer Pond.
- b. No person shall operate a vessels powered by motor at any time at a speed in excess of five miles per hour on Little Hosmer Pond.

Initial Rules Adopted Effective October 2, 1973  
Amended Effective January 1, 1995

22. Long Pond, Town of Greensboro

- a. The operation of vessels powered by an internal combustion motor is prohibited.

Initial Rules Adopted Effective September 16, 1975  
Amended Effective January 1, 1995

23. Lowell Lake, Town of Londonderry

- a. The operation of vessels powered by an internal combustion motor is prohibited.

Initial Rules Adopted Effective April 13, 1988  
Amended Effective January 1, 1995

24. May Pond, Town of Barton

- a. The operation of vessels powered by an internal combustion motor is prohibited.

Initial Rules Adopted Effective January 1, 1988  
Amended Effective January 1, 1995

25. Mill Pond, Town of Windsor

- a. The operation of vessels and vehicles powered by an internal combustion motor except snowmobiles on a designated trail is prohibited.

Initial Rules Adopted Effective March 9, 1989  
Amended Effective January 1, 1995

26. Mirror Lake, Town of Calais

- a. Vessels powered by a motor shall not exceed a speed of five miles per hour within the two bay areas south of Hall Point.
- b. For the remainder of the lake, vessels powered by a motor shall not exceed a speed of ten miles per hour.

Initial Rules Adopted Effective December 17, 1978  
Amended Effective January 1, 1995

27. Lake Morey, Town of Fairlee

- a. Vessels powered by motor shall not exceed a speed of forty miles per hour.

Initial Rules Adopted Effective February 1, 1992  
Amended Effective January 1, 1995



28. Lake Ninevah, Town of Mount Holly

- a. Vessels powered by motor shall not be operated at speeds exceeding five miles per hour.
- b. Except in an emergency situation or as authorized by the Vermont Transportation Board in accordance with 5 V.S.A. Chapter 9, aircraft are prohibited from landing or taking off from Lake Ninevah.

Initial Rules Adopted Effective April 20, 1989  
Amended Effective January 1, 1995

29. North Springfield Reservoir, Towns of Weathersfield and Springfield

- a. Vessels powered by motor shall not exceed a speed limit of five miles per hour on North Springfield Reservoir.

Initial Rules Adopted Effective May 25, 1972  
Amended Effective January 1, 1995

30. Lake St. Catherine, Towns of Wells and Poultney

- a. Waterskiing is prohibited in the following waters:
  - (1) All portions of Lily Pond and the channel connecting Lily Pond and Lake St. Catherine.
  - (2) All portions of the channel connecting Little Lake (also known as Little Pond) and Lake St. Catherine.
- b. The operation of vessels powered by motor at speeds exceeding five miles per hour or in such a manner as to cause a disturbing wake is prohibited in the following waters:
  - (1) All portions of Lily Pond and the channel connecting Lily Pond and Lake St. Catherine.
  - (2) All portions of the channel connecting Little Lake (also known as Little Pond) and Lake St. Catherine.
  - (3) Forest House Bay - defined for purposes of this rule as those waters south and southwest of a straight line between the southerly corner of Camp 102 and the northeasterly corner of Camp 110A.
  - (4) Hall's Bay - defined for purposes of this rule as those waters north and northeast of a straight line between the southerly corner of Camp 224 and the northerly corner of Camp 207.

- (5) Horseshoe Bay - defined for purposes of this rule as those waters west of a straight line between the easterly corner of Camp 38 and northerly corner of Camp 46A.
- (6) Oxbow Bay - defined for purposes of this rule as those waters west of a straight line between the northerly corner of Camp 21 and the northerly corner of Camp 36.
- (7) With regard to Forset House Bay, Hall's Bay , Horseshoe Bay and Oxbow Bay, it is permissible for a boat to start and return to its own dock at speeds in excess of five miles per hour for purposes of water skiing. In starting, the boat must head directly out of the safety zone. In returning, the boat must go directly to its dock, at the lowest speed necessary to sustain the skier.

- c. For purposes of this regulation only, the term "channel" as used in rules a and b above, shall mean those waters within and contiguous to Lake St. Catherine which are less than 400 feet in width and which serve to connect that Lake with Lily Pond or Little Lake (also known as Little Pond).

Initial Rules Adopted Effective November 17, 1980  
Amended Effective January 1, 1995

31. Lake Shaftsbury, Town of Shaftsbury

- a. The operation of vessels powered by an internal combustion motor is prohibited.

Initial Rules Adopted Effective January 1, 1987  
Amended Effective January 1, 1995

32. Lake Paran, Town of Bennington

- a. The operation of vessels powered by motor is prohibited.

Initial Rules Adopted Effective July 14, 1980  
Amended Effective January 1, 1995

33. Perch Pond, Town of Benson

- a. No motors, other than electrically powered motors, shall be used on the pond.

Initial Rules Adopted Effective October 18, 1974  
Amended Effective January 1, 1995

34. Silver Lake, Town of Barnard

- a. Between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. local time a maximum of four persons at one time may operate motorboats for purposes of the waterskiing on Silver Lake, provided that the use of the lake for waterskiing shall not be conducted to the exclusion of other normal uses and provided further that each person operating a motorboat engaged in waterskiing shall proceed only in a counterclockwise direction.

Initial Rules Adopted Effective May 19, 1972  
Amended Effective January 1, 1995

35. Spring Lake, Town of Shrewsbury

- a. The operation of vessels powered by an internal combustion motor is prohibited.
- b. A person operating a vessel powered by motor shall not exceed a speed limit of five miles per hour
- c. Except as may be authorized by the Vermont Aeronautics Board, no aircraft shall land on, or take off from, Spring Lake except under emergency conditions.

Initial Rules Adopted Effective May 31, 1974  
Amended Effective January 1, 1995

36. Sunrise Lake, Towns of Benson & Orwell

- a. Vessels powered by motor shall not exceed a speed of five miles per hour

Initial Rules Adopted Effective February 1, 1992  
Amended Effective January 1, 1995

37. Stoughton Pond, Town of Weathersfield

- a. Vessels powered by motor shall not exceed a speed limit of five miles per hour on Stoughton Pond.

Initial Rules Adopted Effective May 25, 1972  
Amended Effective January 1, 1995

38. Stratton Pond, Town of Stratton

- a. The operation of vessels powered by motor is prohibited.
- b. No docks or floats, whether permanent or temporary, are permitted on the pond.

Initial Rules Adopted Effective October 7, 1974  
Amended Effective January 1, 1995

39. Sunset Lake, Town of Benson

- a. Waterskiing on Sunset Lake is restricted to the hours from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- b. No more than one water-skier shall be pulled by a boat at any time.

Initial Rules Adopted Effective October 18, 1974  
Amended Effective January 1, 1995

40. Valley Lake, Town of Woodbury

- a. Waterskiing on Valley Lake shall be restricted to the hours from 10:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Initial Rules Adopted Effective October 2, 1973  
Amended Effective January 1, 1995

41. Waterbury Reservoir, Town of Waterbury

- a. Vessels powered by motor shall not exceed five (5) miles per hour or create a disturbing wake in that portion of the north arm of Waterbury Reservoir northeast of the confluence of Cotton Brook.
- b. Except when authorized by the Department of Public Safety under 23 V.S.A. Section 3316(a), vessels powered by motor shall not exceed five miles per hour or create a disturbing wake in the bay on the east arm of Waterbury Reservoir on which the Water Center Day Use area is located.
- c. The siting of all water ski slalom courses in Waterbury Reservoir must be approved by the Agency of Natural Resources.

42. Woodward Reservoir, Town of Plymouth

- a. Vessels powered by motor shall not be operated anywhere on Woodward Reservoir at a speed in excess of five miles per hour between 6:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m. local time.
- b. Any vessels powered by motor operated north of a line from shore to shore passing through the southern-most point of the long, narrow island on the west side of the lake (sometimes called Tucker's Island) and the southern-most point of the long, narrow peninsula on the east side of the lake (sometimes called Bear Pit Point) shall be limited to a maximum speed of five miles per hour at all times.
- c. In the areas where power boat speeds are permitted in excess of five miles per hour only one boat will be permitted to conduct waterskiing at any time and the operating of any

power boat in excess of five miles per hour will be in such a manner as to not interfere with or create a hazard to a water-skier, other watercraft, or other persons.

- d. Any power boat launched at the public Fish and Game access is to be utilized solely for the purpose of fishing on Woodward Reservoir and shall be limited to a speed of five miles per hour regardless of when or where operated on Woodward Reservoir. A clearly visible and legible sign will be posted by the Agency of Natural Resources at the Fish and Game access area stating this rule and any other pertinent restrictions or regulations on the operation of such watercraft which apply.
- e. Any person possessing shoreland on the waters of Woodward Reservoir south of the line established in Rule b may establish an area of water for swimming. Any such established swimming area shall be marked by the property owner with buoys placed not more than 75 feet apart and shall not extend more than 150 feet out from the shoreline nor more than 300 feet along the shoreline. When not otherwise prohibited by law, the conduct of any nude swimming, or the nude operation of or riding in, on or about any watercraft or similar device, shall be permitted only within the limits of such marked swimming area.

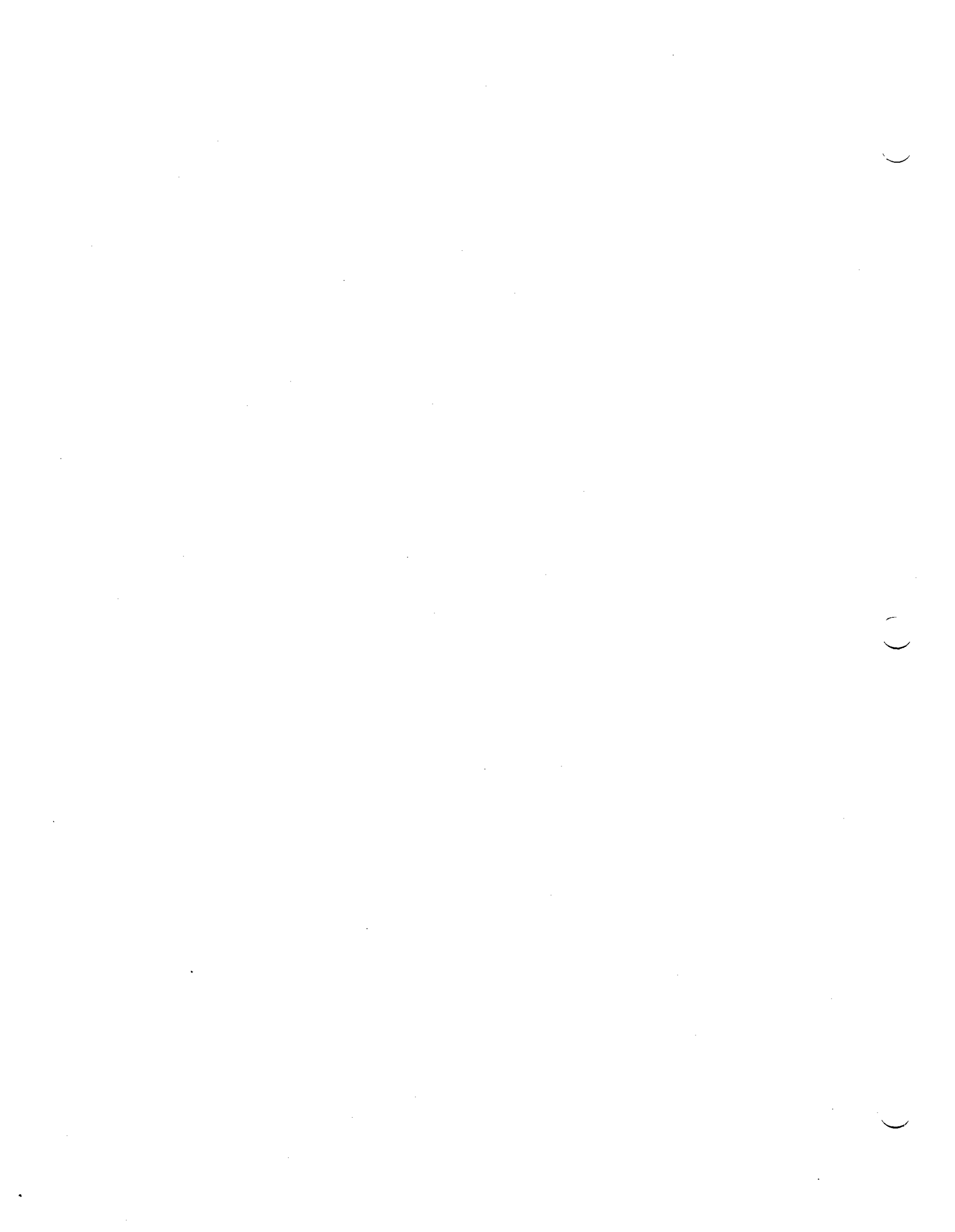
Initial Rules Adopted Effective September 28, 1972  
Amended Effective January 1, 1995

43. Wrightsville Reservoir, Towns of East Montpelier and Middlesex and City of Montpelier

- a. The operation of vessels powered by a motor at speeds exceeding two miles per hour or in such a manner as to cause a disturbing wake is prohibited northerly of the narrows which is immediately to the north of the "Roadside Park Boat Launch Ramp."

Initial Rules Adopted Effective January 1, 1985  
Amended Effective January 1, 1995

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TO: Senator Jeb Spaulding, Chair, Legislative Committee on  
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FROM: William Boyd Davies, Chair, Water Resources Board 

RE: Holland Pond

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The Vermont Water Resources Board (Board) met on January 3, 1995, at which time it reviewed the Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules (LCAR's) objection to the Board's final proposed rule for Holland Pond as set forth in the letter dated December 22, 1994, from your counsel Claudia Horack Bristow. On the basis of that review, the Board is prepared to modify its final proposed rule for Holland Pond as indicated below, if LCAR determines that such a modification would allow it to not certify its objection to this rule.

With that understanding, the Board is prepared to modify its final proposed rule for Holland Pond as follows:

1. The use of personal watercraft would continue to be allowed on Holland Pond (the Pond), but would be limited to no more than two such vessels operating at any one time and between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. in designated portions of the Pond.
2. These rules will expire in two years.

The idea of limiting PWC to the hours of between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. and to certain portions of the Pond are consistent with the self-imposed restrictions adopted by the owner of the only "resident" PWC on the Pond (see written comment #5, copy enclosed). Many of those testifying before LCAR referred to these ideas as a "compromise" to a total prohibition.

For purposes of drafting the language specifying where PWC could operate at high speeds, the Board would like to conduct a public hearing to discuss the limited issue of how such an area should be delineated.

In developing its response, the Board has added two additional ideas to this self-imposed restrictions outlined in comment #5 that warrant some explanation: (1) a sunset provision so that these rules will expire in two years; and (2) a limitation on the number of PWC that can use the Pond at any one time.

Senator Jeb Spaulding, Chair  
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The sunset provision makes it clear that this is an interim measure intended to allow ample time for all the users of Holland Pond, as well as Town and state officials to discuss, in what the Board hopes will be a collaborative and thoughtful manner, all aspects of how Holland Pond and its many actual and potential uses should be managed in the future. It is the Board's hope that this process will result in a new petition for rulemaking by the end of the two year period that has a high degree of consensus among all with an interest in this matter.

The limit on the number of PWC that can utilize the Pond at any one time is intended to insure that this use does not expand substantially during this interim period.

It would be the Board's hope that the approach outlined above will both resolve LCAR's objection and encourage discussion with a less confrontational tenor as to how this valuable and unique local and state resource should be managed in the public interest. If this response is satisfactory to LCAR, the Board will proceed to schedule a public hearing to discuss the delineation of the area(s) where PWC use at high speed is appropriate so that the Board could complete this rulemaking within the eight month deadline (February 23, 1995).

Enclosure

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