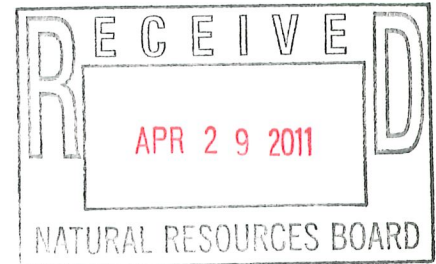


April 6, 2011

Water Resources Panel
National Life Records Center
National Life Drive
Montpelier, Vermont 05620



To Whom It May Concern:

The members of the Stonehenge Terrace Association hereby petition the Water Resources Panel to amend the rules of navigation for a portion of Lake St. Catherine, situated in the Towns of Wells and Poultney in the state of Vermont. This petition requests that all of the waters of Lake St. Catherine north of Lake St. Catherine State Park have a speed limit of 5 mph for all motorized water craft including personal water craft.

Lake St. Catherine is a 930 acre lake which is a popular destiny for vacationers during the summer months. The shore line of the lake is occupied mostly by summer camps, an increasing number of year round homes, and the very popular Lake St. Catherine State Park, which is situated on the east shore of the lake. In addition to offering a pristine beach for day visitors and campers alike, the state park offers canoes, kayaks and paddle boats for those who wish to rent them on an hourly or daily basis. Most of those who avail themselves of these boats almost invariably use the calmer and less windy area of the lake known as North Bay. North Bay is a body of water situated just north of the state park and just south of a body of water known as Lily Pond.

North Bay is a tragedy waiting to happen. Speeding motor boats and personal water craft enter North Bay from the larger and safer area of the bigger lake. This has been an increasing problem over the past several years. I have personally rescued several teenagers in a canoe that was capsized by the wake of a speeding motor boat. Members of our association, who often swim across the width of North Bay (East/West) were nearly struck by a speeding boat which was able to veer away at the last second. Young children swimming from a pontoon boat were put in serious danger, as they were trying to scramble back on board, by the violent rocking of their pontoon boat caused by a speeding boat. Persons fishing from their motor boats, canoes or kayaks report being swamped by negligent and speeding



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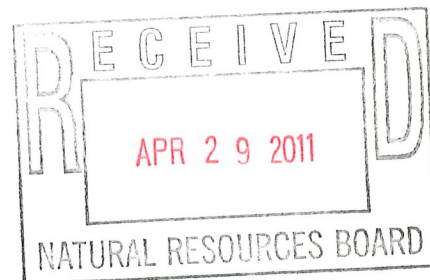


Lake St Catherine

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TO: Interested Persons

FROM: John Hasen, General Counsel 

DATE: July 7, 2011

SUBJECT: In re Lake St. Catherine, No. UPW 11-04
Notice of Public Hearing and Opportunity to Comment on Proposed Rules

Summary

The Stonehenge Terrace Association (STA) has filed a petition to restrict the speed limits of motorboats and jetskis to 5 mph in the North Bay (the area of the lake north of the State Park) of Lake St. Catherine. The STA cites safety, erosion and noise issues. Based on the petition, the Panel has proposed to amend the Vermont Use of Public Waters Rules for Lake St. Catherine as requested in the petition.

The Panel has proposed this rule for the purpose of receiving public comment. The Panel will decide whether or not to adopt the proposed rule only after carefully considering all public comments received at the public hearing scheduled for this matter or in writing before the close of the comment period on **August 31, 2011**.

In evaluating the rule requested by the petition in light of the related public comments, the Panel will be guided by Section 2 of the current Vermont Use of Public Waters Rules and 10 V.S.A. §1424. The Panel's decision will be in writing. Copies of the decision will be posted on this web site and will be mailed to all person's on the Panel's distribution list for this matter and to any additional persons who attend the public hearing, who submit written comments with an email or mailing address, or who otherwise indicate that they would like to receive a copy.

Petition

View the petition filed with the Water Resources Panel by going to our website at <http://www.nrb.state.vt.us/wrp/pendingrules.htm>

Proposed Rule

The proposed rule, filed with the Vermont Secretary of State on June 16, 2011, reads:

- 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:**

- (8) **North Bay - defined for purposes of this rule as those waters north of a straight line running between the northwestern corner of Lake St. Catherine State Park to a point directly west on the western shore of the lake.**



Hearing Schedule

A public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, August 2, 2011, beginning at 7:00 PM, at the Poultney High School, 154 East Main Street, Poultney, Vermont.

Public Comment

View comments filed to date by going to our website at
<http://www.nrb.state.vt.us/wrp/pendingrules.htm>

Written comments must be filed (received by the Water Resources Panel) no later than 4:30 PM on August 31, 2011. Comments may be delivered or mailed to the Water Resources Panel or filed by email at nrbcomments@state.vt.us. All comments, including any identifying information, are considered to be public records and will be posted on this web site.

Mail or deliver comments to the following address:

Water Resources Panel
National Life Records Center
National Life Drive
Montpelier, VT 05602-3201

If you have any questions about this rulemaking, please contact John H. Hasen, General Counsel, 828-5444, or john.hasen@state.vt.us

Decision

When the decision of the Water Resources Panel in this rulemaking is issued, we will post it on our website <http://www.nrb.state.vt.us/wrp/pendingrules.htm>

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