

April 7, 1976

Mr. Warren D. Moss
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Dear Mr. Moss:

In response to your letter of March 22, I have checked with Commissioner Kehoe regarding the study you mention of the use of the area immediately around the launching ramp at Lake Raconda.

Apparently the only study being undertaken is an informal check by the Fish and Game warden in that area to determine how the launching ramp is being used. Mr. Kehoe indicated that he will follow up on that matter with the warden when he returns from vacation.

As I have explained to Mr. Panagini (you may want to check with him regarding past correspondence), the Water Resources Board has jurisdiction to adopt rules to regulate the uses of surface waters of lakes. However, the Board must have a petition signed by at least ten (10) freemen or the legislative body of a municipality in order to initiate the procedures. The petition should state what it is that the petitioners would like the Board to consider and why. A copy of the pertinent legislation is enclosed.

If and when such a petition is received by the Board, we will set up a public hearing in the area of Lake Raconda. The hearing would be held in the summer so that as large a number of people as possible could attend. Even with a public hearing, however, the Board might decline to adopt rules unless significant and compelling evidence were presented to convince the Board members that rules were in the best interests of the people of the State.

I hope this is of help to you. Please contact me again if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

Catharine A. Bothwell
Executive Secretary

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cc - Edward Kehoe, Commissioner
Department of Fish and Game

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