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AGENCY OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

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VERMONT WATER RESOURCES BOARD

Department of Fish and Game
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Department of Water Resources
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Division of Environmental Engineering
Division of Environmental Protection
Natural Resources Conservation Council
Vermont Water Resources Board

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Vermont Water Resources Board, after careful consideration of comments received at the public hearing held on July 19th at Sudbury Town Clerk's Office has proposed the following rules to regulate the use of Echo Lake (Keeler Pond) located in the Town of Sudbury and Hubbardton:

1. The operation of vessels powered by a motor at speeds exceeding five (5) miles per hour or in such a manner as to cause a disturbing wake is prohibited in Echo Lake (Keeler Pond).
2. Vessels owned or operated by agencies of the State of Vermont shall comply with these rules at all times except in cases where law enforcement, emergencies or the performance of official duties requires otherwise.

Since a public hearing regarding the regulations of Echo Lake has already been held, the Water Resources Board has not scheduled a second hearing on the proposed rules at this time. Such a hearing will be held only if there is sufficient interest. For your information, state law dealing with the adoption of rules would require the Board to hold a second public hearing if requested to do so on or before October 8, 1982 by 25 persons, a governmental subdivision or agency including a town board of selectmen or an association having not less than 25 members. The deadline for filing written comments regarding the proposed rules is October 15, 1982.

In proposing the rules outlined above, the Board felt that a speed limit was responsive to both the intent of the property owner's petition as well as the legislative mandate (10 V.S.A., §1424(c) that in adopting rules the Board manage public waters so that all normal uses may be enjoyed in a reasonable matter.

The Board decided not to adopt a rule prohibiting houseboats on Echo Lake or to limit each property owner to one swimming float at this

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time since the "problems" which these rules are apparently intended to address do not exist at the present time nor is there any particular reason to believe that they are likely to exist at some point in the near future. Should problems occur, the Board could address them retroactivity in response to a new petition.

Any comments regarding this matter should be directed to the Vermont Water Resources Board, State Office Building, Montpelier, Vermont 05602 (telephone 828-2871).

By authority of the Vermont
Water Resources Board



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Executive Secretary

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