

September 26, 2005

Tom Day  
Eagle Spring Lake Management District  
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RE: Fast Boat Traffic on Eagle Spring Lake

Dear Tom,

I hope this helps to determine boat activity on the lake. This is what I see and my opinion.

#1) I think making the ski channel S.N.W. or a slow speed (like 10 MPH), would be great. The only thing with having it 10 MPH, would be harder to enforce. We had Phantom Lake 10 MPH at certain times and I had it changed to S.N. W. Most people don't know what 10 MPH is and doing 10-14 MPH causes more shore line problems. Boats at this speed are "pushing" water causing larger waves washing against the shore.

The main body of the lake is large enough to handle the traffic. I compared Upper Phantom Lake, which is smaller than the main body of Eagle Spring Lake, and can see that Eagle Spring can have more boats speeding around safely. Phantom usually has more boats speeding and gets very congested. S.N. W. would let boats pulling tubers and all others who wanted to use the "scenic" route, through there but at a slow safe speed.

#2) This would be accidents waiting to happen. At the IN buoy, it gets narrow and having boats speeding past each other, (going opposite direction), would be a nightmare. People need good instructions and a lot of new people coming to the lake don't read' or follow lake rules.

#3) We are usually out on the lake during the busier times. We see 5-6 P.W.C., about 3-4 boats pulling skiers, about 4-6 boats pulling tubers, and there is always a couple of boats just speeding around the lake. We are seeing more bigger boats, bigger motors, and more canoes and kayaks on the lake. Most people coming on the lake seem to be tubing.

I hope this helps, any other questions, call me at Town of Mukwonago Police Department, (262) 363-1573. They will know how to get a hold of me.

Respectfully,

Sergeant Dennis Nork  
Town of Eagle Lake Patrol

October 3, 2005

To: Thomas A. Day  
Chairperson  
Eagle Spring Lake Management District

Subject: Response to Boat Traffic Concerns

1. Yes, because the main body of water could easily handle your boat traffic even at peak times. After observing your boating activity for several years, compared to other smaller bodies of water I patrol, I can, without reservation, recommend that the main body of Eagle Spring Lake could be used safely for all boating activities, leaving the channel safely preserved as a scenic S-N-W bypass for all to enjoy.
2. To allow a turn around in the channel is an interesting idea, but the 255 foot (In Only Route) could never accommodate speed boats, skiers, tubers, etc. safely. I feel we would be putting the boating public in banns way, and this traffic patt~ should n01 be pursued.
3. At various times on weekends, holidays, and very few weekdays, I can usually coun1 6+ PWC along with 6+ boats pulling tubers. There are always a few pleasure boats and a couple of power speed boats. What I have noticed in the last few years is a decline in water skiers. My personal opinion is to make the entire channel a "Safe and Scenic" route for all to use and enjoy! A possible avenue to consider would be tc make the entire in/out channel 10mph.

Using the 10mph model would allow the majority of all boat traffic to use and enjo) the entire channel safely without going to the slower S-N-W restriction. The only ones adversely affected would be the water skiers, who seem to be declining as the water tubing popularity is increasing. PWC are already restricted to S-N-W by state law. I believe lake residents would be more receptive to a 10mph speed limit than the more restrictive S-N-W, although either model would enhance the safety concerns of the channel.

Respectfully submitted,

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Town of Eagle Lake  
Patrol Officer