

Joe,

This is a DNR requirement, not a Town of Worcester delay tactic. I am copying in Robin Miller so you can take your concerns directly to her. I had requested in several town meetings exactly the information that she is requesting, and did not get anything. Since I was not successful in convincing anybody to do this, I am asking you because I know that you have influence. This is a case where cooperation will get results.

If I had received this information, I would have sent it directly to her. As discussed in the DNR Guidelines document, there are procedures to be followed in order to pass boating ordinances. If we follow the procedures, we can get this ordinance passed. Please note that we had extensive contact with the DNR on the Disappearing Creek bridge project. Also with the town sand/salt storage. We followed their procedures, and everything moved forward.

BTW, I would have replied earlier, but other town business came first. Today: Legal issue in the 25 acres, investigate a road complaint, DNR sand/salt storage inspection (we passed), road crew to list surplus equipment, town equipment storage, prioritized list of roads for spring road inspection for crack sealing, road crew issues. And more to do tomorrow.

Jim

On Tue, Mar 4, 2025 at 9:23 AM <jclogjam@pctcnet.net> wrote:

Jim , I provided studies that provide all of the information needed along with an ordinance that is already court/state tested. The Wisconsin DNR already knows this and a new report from Big Cedar lake in Washington County which has a deep water depth shows "CRATERS" where vegetation used to exist caused by this type of use! Per these studies there are no lakes in The town of Worcester with a water depth to accommodate these types of boats.

The boats would not be illegal , it would be illegal to use water ballast or and added device to create a larger wake than normal. Only water allowed inside of boat would have to be confined inside a "LIVE WELL" used to hold fish.

Delay tactics won't satisfy the signatures on the resolution!!

Ask your attorney if that ordinance you have is legal? If he say no ask why it is legal in WAUPACA COUNTY! He wants to make you believe HE NEEDS TO HAVE HIS WORK ON THIS, that how he profits!

Joe France

From: Jim Michler

Sent: Monday, March 3, 2025 2:31 PM

To: Miller, Robin L - DNR ; Joe France ; Solberg Lake ; Sperl, Jeremy and Jill ; Randy Klieforth ; Gail Reckner ; Mike Preissinger ; Michael Keller ; Al Williams

Subject: Fwd: Boating ordinances

Robin,

Per our phone conversation 3-1-2025 and your email, attached is a copy of a petition to the Town Board requesting an ordinance against the use of boats operating in wake enhanced mode. In order to meet the necessary items listed on page 7 of the guidelines document, we need additional statements. I am copying several people who have that information. I have also copied two people in a position to summarize the arguments against this proposed ordinance.

Everybody, Robin made it clear in our conversation that these written statements are necessary to get DNR approval of this proposed ordinance. From the guidelines document:

The condition report should include, at a minimum, the following items:

- A description of the local conditions necessitating the regulation or regulation change and how the new or changed local regulation will solve the situation.
- A description of the probable or possible negative effects of the measures that were considered, and people or groups who may be adversely affected by the adopted ordinance.
- An opinion statement concerning the impact on public health, safety, or welfare if the regulation is not adopted.
- A statement summarizing the arguments of the interests opposed to the regulation or regulation change.

Thanks,
Jim Michler

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From: Miller, Robin L - DNR <Robin.Miller@wisconsin.gov>
Date: Sat, Mar 1, 2025 at 11:05 AM
Subject: RE: Boating ordinances
To: Jim Michler <jrmichler@gmail.com>
Cc: Town of Worcester, Clerk/Treasurer <twnwor@outlook.com>

Jim,

I've attached our guidelines document to provide guidance on creating the condition report that is required when submitting an ordinance for review. On page seven of the guidelines document it begins talking about what is required in a condition report. Please let me know if you have any questions after reviewing the document. Have a great weekend!

Regards,

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From: Jim Michler <jrmichler@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 11, 2025 4:53 PM
To: Miller, Robin L - DNR <Robin.Miller@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Boating ordinances

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Robin,

Some background - Solberg and Musser Lakes are the only lakes of any size wholly within the Town of Worcester. Those two lakes are also the source of the public pressure to enact a wake boat ordinance. I am not aware of any public pressure to enact similar ordinances in adjoining towns.

Thank you,

Jim Michler

Town of Worcester Chair

On Tue, Feb 11, 2025 at 4:01 PM Miller, Robin L - DNR <Robin.Miller@wisconsin.gov> wrote:

Jim,

It has been a hectic couple of weeks for me, so I apologize for not getting back to you sooner. Yes, you can email the proposed ordinance directly to me. Thank you.

Regards,

Robin Miller
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From: Jim Michler <jrmichler@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 7, 2025 2:14 PM
To: Kneeland, Robert P - DNR <robert.kneeland@wisconsin.gov>
Cc: Scheirer, Jeffrey W - DNR <Jeffrey.Scheirer@wisconsin.gov>; Miller, Robin L - DNR <Robin.Miller@wisconsin.gov>
Subject: Re: Boating ordinances

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Is Robin the correct person? Will she be back in the office next week? Should I just send a copy of the proposed ordinance to her email?

Thanks,

Jim Michler

On Fri, Jan 31, 2025 at 10:27 AM Kneeland, Robert P - DNR <robert.kneeland@wisconsin.gov> wrote:

Robin,

Please see below for an ordinance review request for Price County.

Thanks,

Bob

Bob Kneeland

Phone: 715-764-0716

Robert.kneeland@wisconsin.gov

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From: Scheirer, Jeffrey W - DNR <Jeffrey.Scheirer@wisconsin.gov>

Sent: Friday, January 31, 2025 8:58 AM

To: Kneeland, Robert P - DNR <robert.kneeland@wisconsin.gov>

Cc: Jim Michler <jrmichler@gmail.com>

Subject: FW: Boating ordinances

Robert—Could you “reply to all” to identify the Safety Specialist Warden assigned to Price County? The Town of Worcester wants DNR to review a proposed boating ordinance. In the past, I’ve reached out to Robin Miller and Joseph Mulrooney for inquiries like this, but I could not find a listing specific to Price County in the staff directory. Thanks.

Jeff Scheirer

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From: Jim Michler <jrmichler@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, January 30, 2025 11:01 AM

To: Scheirer, Jeffrey W - DNR <Jeffrey.Scheirer@wisconsin.gov>

Subject: Boating ordinances

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Jeff,

The Town of Worcester is being asked to pass a boating ordinance. There is a requirement that such ordinances be reviewed by the DNR. I assume that would be somebody in the DNR Lakes and Rivers Division, but who? Do you know where to go with this?

Thanks,

Jim Michler

Chairman, Town of Worcester