

ON TOWN LETTERHEAD

March ____, 2025

DNR Recreation Warden Robin Miller
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BY SIMULTANEOUS US MAIL AND EMAIL: robin.miller@wisconsin.gov

Dear Warden Miller:

Subject—Proposed enhanced wake boating ordinance for two border lakes of Town of Manitowish Waters

Attached is a proposed enhanced wake boating ordinance for Manitowish Waters, covering two border lakes (Clear Lake and Island Lake) partially within the Town of Manitowish Waters, Vilas County. We request DNR review pursuant to Wis Stats. 30.77(3)(d). We also attach a Condition Report for the ordinance.

Please note:

- This ordinance is limited to Island Lake and Clear Lake. Both lakes are located on the border between Manitowish Waters and Boulder Junction. No third town has any of the shoreline on either lake.
- Boulder Junction has already submitted for DNR review its own border lakes ordinance, on about February 28. The Boulder Junction town board decided this action at its February 27 meeting. The Boulder Junction counterpart ordinance covers both Island Lake and Clear Lake.
- The two proposed ordinances (Manitowish Waters and Boulder Junction) satisfy the “identical ordinance” requirement of Wis Stats. 30.77(3)(ac)(1). Sections 2-4 of the attached Manitowish Waters ordinance are identical to the corresponding sections of the Boulder Junction ordinance. Section 5, the “effective date” provision, is identical as regards the two lakes. Section 1, “Applicability and Enforcement” is also identical as regards the two lakes.
- There is no requirement for a public hearing under Wis. Stats. 30.77(3)(aw), or any other statute. This is because we are proceeding under Wis. Stats. 30.77(3)(ac)(1) and our ordinance will come into effect only once both towns have passed their corresponding ordinances. We attach a February 6, 2025

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email from DNR attorney Eric Schanowski confirming that where all towns having shoreline on a lake adopt identical ordinances, no public hearing is required.

- We enclose a Condition Report very similar to the Condition Report submitted for your review in January with our original “all internal lakes” ordinance. Of course, this new Condition Report focuses on Island Lake and Clear Lake.

We look forward to receiving the DNR review letter regarding the proposed ordinance and the condition report. Please do not hesitate to be in touch with me in the event I can be of any assistance.

With appreciation,

Town Clerk, Town of Manitowish Waters

Attachments:

- Draft ordinance
- Condition Report
- February 6, 2025 email from DNR attorney Eric Schanowski