

## ◆ General Themes:

### 1. Overwhelming Concern Against Wake Boats

- **Shoreline Erosion:** Numerous residents reported significant damage to shorelines, docks, and piers due to large waves created by wake-enhancing boats.
- **Water Quality:** Many cited worsening water clarity and sediment resuspension. Algae blooms and phosphorus concerns were also raised.
- **Safety Issues:** Pontoons and smaller boats being swamped or rocked violently was a recurring issue. Multiple near-accidents, including children almost falling overboard, were reported.
- **Environmental Impact:** Residents are concerned about the destruction of fish habitats, aquatic vegetation, and wildlife due to wake turbulence.
- **Inadequate Enforcement:** Many doubted whether limited-use zones or hours could be effectively enforced. Comparisons were made to poor enforcement of existing no-wake zones.

### 2. Support for a Ban or Stricter Regulation

- **Majority Preference:** Most respondents supported **Proposal #1** — a full ban on wake enhancement equipment — citing long-term protection of the lake.
- **Proposal #2 Seen as Ineffective:** Limited-use proposals (400 ft from shore, 20 ft depth) were called unenforceable, and possibly dangerous due to lake congestion and inadequate space.

### 3. Some Support for Wake Boats

- A minority supported limited wake boat use, citing recreational rights, prior investment in expensive equipment, and desire for shared lake use.
- Some felt the lake was made for recreation and suggested stricter hours or sticker systems for residents only.
- A few denied negative effects, attributing shoreline erosion more to wind or natural factors than to wake boats.

### 4. Concerns Over Fairness and Governance

- Several questioned the **Lake Redstone Protection District's (LRPD)** authority, citing bias, lack of transparency, or survey flaws.
- Calls were made to let the **Wisconsin DNR** or state government handle such regulations instead of local committees.

### 5. Additional Comments

- Suggestions were made to consider larger lakes (e.g., Castle Rock) for wakeboarding.
- A handful of residents expressed fatigue over increasing regulations.
- Some non-wake issues like **pickleball courts** were mentioned.



### **Commonly Mentioned Key Points:**

- “Lake is too small and shallow for wake boats.”
  - “Waves from wake boats damage shoreline and docks.”
  - “Safety hazard to pontoons, kayaks, and swimmers.”
  - “Enforcement will be difficult or impossible.”
  - “Let’s protect the lake for future generations.”
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