



Spirit Lake Report

Periodic Update on Spirit Lake by the **SPIRIT LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION**

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SLPOA Mission: To develop the capacity within our community to provide a sustainable lake habitat that will allow all people who live, work and play within its environment an optimal North Idaho experience.

We'd Love To See You!

Annual Members Meeting

August 10, 2024

Timberlake High School

Sign-in and Social 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

General Meeting and Presentations 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Special Guest: **Amy Anderson - Selkirk Conservation Alliance**

Business Meeting 11:00 AM – Noon

Excessive Wake Committee

The goals of the Excessive Wake Committee include informing vessel operators about boating safety and etiquette. Upon the recommendation of the Committee, the SLPOA board approved the purchase of signs that provide information about safe boating on Spirit Lake. The signs indicate the area of no-wake zones (in red) and are customized for the three public boat launches. In addition, a flyer size copy has been made available to resorts that

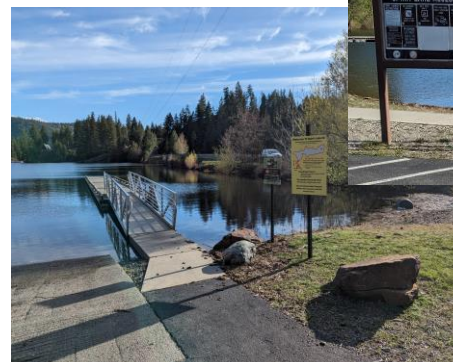
provide/rent boat slips. Thank you to Brad Pendleton and Galen Beem for their leadership resulting in the posting of these signs. Galen created the final design, procured the signs and provided the physical installation. Well done, guys!

Find more information about this and other news at the SLPOA website at:

www.friendsofspiritlake.com

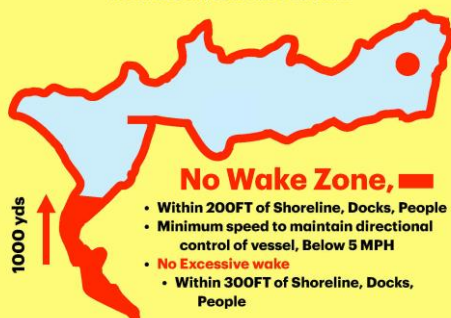


Fireside Boat Launch



Welcome To Spirit Lake ID

Kootenai County Boating Regulations
Kootenai County Code Title 6 Chapter 2



No Wake Zone, ■

- Within 200FT of Shoreline, Docks, People
- Minimum speed to maintain directional control of vessel, Below 5 MPH
- No Excessive wake
- Within 300FT of Shoreline, Docks, People

Speed Restrictions,

- Within 100FT of another vessel Max 15 MPH
- Night Max 25 MPH
- Max Speed 50 MPH

Un-marked hazards exist
(floating logs, shallow water, etc).

Operate Responsibly! Respect others, their property and the environment.



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Miscellaneous Lake News

Invasive Species:

Milfoil exists in Spirit Lake. It typically does not show up until the lake level is lower and it begins to grow above the other vegetation. If you think you have found milfoil, contact SLPOA via our website www.friendsofspiritlake.com or email the location via spiritlakepoa@gmail.com. An SLPOA member and diver, Doug Freeland, is experienced in removal of milfoil and other invasive species. Please do not try to remove it. If broken into pieces, each piece becomes a new plant wherever it settles and takes root in the lake. For now, Doug is our best source to manage and minimize the spread of milfoil.

Chinese Mystery Snails are an invasive species that has become established in our lake. If unchecked they eventually are likely to increase in numbers and become a smelly nuisance when they are washed ashore and die. If you find them destroy them or eat them—at your own risk (escargot).

River otters have been spotted around the lake since last fall. The river otter is not invasive, but they can be aggressive and leave a mess on your dock. The good news is that the Chinese Mystery Snails (see above) can become a part of the otter's diet. An example of nature's interesting balance.

Communications:

The SLPOA Board established a committee to experiment with alternative ways to communicate with our members. A Facebook page ([Spirit Lake Property Owners Association - Facebook](#)) is active. We also have a texting service that allows us to send out brief bulk messages and to seek your input. We are committed to limiting texting to avoid the potential annoyance of repeated messages to your inbox. Likewise, we are using email when it seems appropriate for longer messages. We welcome your feedback regarding any of these means of communication. Electronic communications can significantly reduce the cost of communicating. Request text messages by providing your cell phone number. Send us a message via our website or email us at spiritlakepoa@gmail.com.
