

**Robert Seaquest,**

**My name is Steve Witt, and I own approximately 300 Feet of river frontage at 2523 Riverside Drive (on Bluff Slough) which has solely been used for recreational purposes by my family for almost 80 years. I just wanted to voice my opinion that I am in favor of extending the current Slow-No-Wake zone in Bluff Slough, due to the excessive high speed boating traffic that poses risks to recreational users like myself and my kids/family. It has been brought to my attention that the Bluff Slough Slow-No-Wake extension request has recently been denied by the Public Works Department. I am trying to understand why it is an issue to extend it an additional 300 feet which would then take the zone to the "Bay" just south of Gundersen? Although I realize that it can't be official policed/enforced, the current Slow-No-Wake zone is working very well with the buoys that the residents have paid for and maintain....all we would need to do is stretch it out another 300 feet...no additional work or buoys needed.**

**I am asking that you please re-consider your decision and grant the requested additional 300 feet to be included in the No-Wake zone.**

**Thanks for your time and consideration!**

**Steve Witt**

Mr. Robert Seaquest,

It is my understanding that at the last Public Works Department meeting the request for the extension to the "Bluff Slough Slow-No Wake Area" was denied. Due to a work conflict, I can not attend Tuesday, March 4th meeting on this issue. This email is in favor of extending the already existing "Slow No - Wake area in Bluff Slough." The current no wake permit number for Bluff Slough is "WDNR program ID# 3539;" my name is on this permit. Safety is the reason for this request; due to the increasing number of boaters and fishermen in this small narrow channel of less than 100 feet wide makes it necessary to approve this extension. The current "Slow No - Wake zone" is observed by the vast majority of boaters and is self-enforced by other boaters and residents. Children are swimming off the docks every day while the boaters speed past them to close for comfort with no consideration for the children safety. Boaters even speed past dogs that are in the water being trained for retrieving waterfowl by their owners without any consideration. Bluff Slough has one of the best considered fishing holes in this pool which draws many out of state boaters into this slough. It is amazing the amount of traffic this slough has. There is a "Slow No - Wake Rule within 100 foot of a Dock" already in existence that would not be observed if Bluff Slough wasn't currently marked with the placement of the "Slow No-Wake" buoys. We are only asking for extending the existing "Slow No - Wake" to extend approximately another 300 feet where Bluff Slough widens up to the north. This extension request has been a long dragged out process where there wasn't any resistance or objections to this request until the last Public Works meeting. Please reconsider and approve this request for extending the "Slow No -Wake" area in Bluff Slough for public safety reasons. This area should have been included on the original permit.

Thank You for your time and consideration,

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