

LAKE LURE MARINE COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING PACKET

Tuesday, May 11, 2021



**Mayor Carol C. Pritchett
Mayor Pro Tem John Moore
Commissioner Patrick Bryant
Commissioner David DiOrio
Commissioner John Kilby**

TOWN OF LAKE LURE

Marine Commission Special Meeting

Tuesday, May 11, 2021 – 4:30 PM

Meeting to be held electronically via Zoom



Agenda

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85457608526>

Phone Number: 1-312-626-6799

Meeting ID: 854 5760 8526

I. Call to Order

II. Agenda Adoption

III. Consent Agenda

A. Adoption of the 2021 Revised Marine Commission Meeting Schedule

B. Adoption of the Revised 12-08-2020 Regular Marine Commission Meeting Minutes

IV. Public Hearing

G.S. 166A-19.24 requires the public body to allow for written comments on the subject of the public hearing to be submitted between publication of any required notice and 24 hours after the public hearing for public hearings during a remote meeting.

Survey results to be shared by the Parks, Recreation, and Lake Department.

A. Resolution No. 21-05-11 Amending the Lake Use Regulations

V. Adjournment

LAKE LURE MARINE COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE FOR YEAR 2021

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>TYPE</u>
March 9, 2021	Lake Lure Municipal Center/Virtual	4:00 p.m.	Regular
June 8, 2021	Lake Lure Municipal Center/Virtual	4:00 p.m.	Regular
September 14, 2021	Lake Lure Municipal Center/Virtual	4:00 p.m.	Regular
December 14, 2021	Lake Lure Municipal Center/Virtual	4:00 p.m.	Regular

* Regular Lake Lure Marine Commission meetings are held four times per year during the months of March, June, September, and December on the second Tuesday at 4:00 p.m.

**LAKE LURE MARINE COMMISSION
REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**

Meeting Date: April 13, 2021

SUBJECT: Revision to the December 8, 2020 Regular Marine Commission Minutes

AGENDA INFORMATION:

Agenda Location: Consent
Item Number: B
Department: Administration
Contact: Michelle Jolley, Town Clerk
Presenter: Michelle Jolley, Town Clerk

BRIEF SUMMARY: In reviewing the approved minutes from the December Marine Commission Meeting, I noticed that the second Consent Agenda item, which was adoption of the 2021 Marine Commission Meeting Schedule, was not included into the Minutes. To accurately reflect what was done during that meeting, I need to add Consent Item B Adoption of the LLMC Meeting Schedule into the minutes for that meeting along with a copy of the schedule.

RECOMMENDED MOTION AND REQUESTED ACTIONS:

ATTACHMENTS: December 8, 2020 Regular Marine Commission Minutes

STAFF'S COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: Approval of the revised minutes is needed to include this correction.

LAKE LURE MARINE COMMISSION
REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION
Meeting Date: May 11, 2021

SUBJECT: Resolution No. 21-05-11 Amending the Lake Use Regulations regarding wake surfing, wake boats, and the use of ballast systems.

AGENDA INFORMATION:

Agenda Location: Public Hearing
Item Number: A
Department: Parks, Recreation, and Lake Operations
Contact: Dean Givens, Parks, Recreation, and Lake Director
Presenter: Dean Givens, Parks, Recreation, and Lake Director

BRIEF SUMMARY: During their regular meeting on March 9th, the Marine Commission directed the Lake Advisory Board to study and make a recommendation regarding the use of wake boats, ballast systems, and wake surfing on the Lake. The LAB met and held discussion on this matter. They unanimously moved to recommend that the Marine Commission restrict wake boats for non-residents and limit wake surfing 200' from shoreline and structures.

In accordance with G.S. 166A-19.24, the Commission must wait a minimum of 24 hours to vote on a decision to allow adequate time for written public comment. This meeting should be recessed to a later date and not closed. A decision must be made within 60 days of the public hearing.

RECOMMENDED MOTION AND REQUESTED ACTIONS: To approve Resolution No. 21-05-11 amending the Lake Use Regulations.

ATTACHMENTS: Resolution No. 21-05-11

STAFF'S COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: G.S. 166A-19.24 requires the public body to allow for written comments on the subject of the public hearing to be submitted between publication of any required notice and 24 hours after the public hearing for public hearings during a remote meeting.

****Survey results to be shared by the Parks, Recreation, and Lake Department.****



**RESOLUTION NO. 21-05-11
OF THE TOWN OF LAKE LURE MARINE COMMISSION
AMENDING THE LAKE USE REGULATIONS**

WHEREAS, the Lake Lure Town Council has created the Lake Lure Marine Commission as authorized by special act of the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina for the purposes of regulating all activities on Lake Lure; and

WHEREAS, the Lake Use Regulations were adopted by resolution on March 9, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the Lake Lure Marine Commission has determined that said Regulations should be amended to restrict any type of ballasts and/or wake producing systems for non-residents and to limit wake surfing 200' from the shoreline and structures on the Lake and to include other amendments as the Board deemed necessary; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAKE LURE MARINE COMMISSION that the following revisions to the lake use regulations are hereby placed in effect and shall be enforced by the Town of Lake Lure:

[Words ~~stricken through~~ to be deleted, words underlined to be added]

SECTION ONE. (Town Attorney to draft legal language in keeping with direction of the Marine Commission.)

SECTION TWO. Amend Section 1.02, Definitions, as follows:

“COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS.” Any use of the Lake in a manner that will generate direct or indirect revenue or by an entity that operates for profit or not-for-profit (excluding governmentally established entities) **Amended 4-08-08**. This is further quantified into eight classifications:

- (1) Liveries – Boating operations that provide watercraft for rent and may be associated with marinas or other establishments that provide boats to individuals or vacation rentals to operate for short or long periods of time. **Amended 2-13-07, 10-8-19**
- (2) Resorts - Boating operations available to patrons at resorts, inns, or lodging establishments. **Amended 3-13-2018**
- (3) Camps - Boating operations at camp facilities. **Amended 3-13-2018**
- (4) Ski Schools - All commercial operations providing water sports activities, not

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associated with a specific camp, resort, inn or lodging facility. **Amended 3-13-2018**

- (5) Tour Boats - Boating operations that are used to provide piloted tours of the Lake. Boats in this class require a concession agreement with the Town regardless of the number permitted. **Amended 6-13-17**
- (6) Fishing Guides - Boating operations that are not associated with a specific camp, resort, inn or lodging facility and are used to provide a piloted fishing excursion.
- (7) Services - Boating operations utilized by building contractors and boat repair companies. **Amended 6-13-17**
- (8) Vacation Rentals - Boating operations available to individuals renting a residential vacation rental during their stay. **Adopted 10-8-19. Amended 1-14-20**

SECTION THREE. Amend Section 4.01, Permit Fee; Boating Permit Required, as follows:

- (A) Except as hereinafter provided, all persons, firms, or corporations shall secure a permit from the Marine Commission or its designated agents before placing, operating, or allowing any water vessel to be placed or operated on Lake Lure.
- (B) All commercial operations must apply for a lake commercial license in accordance with section 4.08 and 4.09 of these regulations. **Amended 4-11-06, 6-13-17**
- (C) All Town employees and any member on the active roster of the Lake Lure, Bill's Creek, Chimney Rock, or Fairfield Volunteer Fire Departments shall be entitled to receive one complimentary annual water vessel permit. A member on the active roster of the Bat Cave, Gerton or Sunny View Volunteer Fire Departments may purchase one annual water vessel permit at the resident rate. A member on the active roster of the Hickory Nut Gorge Emergency Medical Service shall be entitled to one complimentary annual water vessel permit. Only one **complimentary** boat permit allowed per household. **Amended 7-12-11, 6-13-17, 10-8-19**
- (D) Retired employees from the Town of Lake Lure that served 10 years and/or is a Town of Lake Lure retired police officer that served at least a total number of years equaling 10 or more by either full-term service alone or additional service as a Reserve Officer, with each four years equaling one full-time year of service. Only one **complimentary** boat permit allowed per household. **Adopted 10-8-19**
- (E) (1) Federal, State and Local governmental agencies are exempt from this Section provided they are operating in an official capacity, including but not limited to training, research, data collection, emergency response, or other service related duties. Complimentary permits will be provided for the dates and times needed to perform their official duties, and will only require a valid registration. Vessel length restrictions shall not be imposed. Vessels permitted under this policy shall not be used for

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recreational activities. **Adopted 12-13-16**

(2) Contractors that are providing a lake-related service to the Town of Lake Lure under a Town sponsored project, ~~without a boat permit~~ will receive a complimentary boat permit. Permits granted under this section are only valid for the duration of the project. Valid registration and insurance will be required. Vessel length restrictions shall not be imposed. Vessels permitted under this policy shall not be used for recreational activities. **Adopted 12-13-16**

(3) Contractors that are providing a lake-related construction service for a property owner on Lake Lure that has specialized equipment generally prohibited by the Lake Use Regulations may apply for a prorated commercial temporary boat permit for a specific job they are contracted for. Permits granted under this Section are only valid for the duration of the project and are subject to a commercial license application fee. Valid boat registration and commercial boat insurance will be required in accordance with Section 4.07(C) of these Regulations. Vessel length restrictions shall not be imposed. Vessels permitted under this policy shall not be used for recreational activities or any other use than approved for. Approval of a commercial temporary boat permit will be at the discretion of the Parks, Recreation & Lake Director or the Town Manager. **Adopted 3-12-19**

(F) All water vessel permit fees shall be assessed according to a schedule of permit fees adopted annually by the Marine Commission. **Amended 4-11-06, 6-13-17**

(G) (1) Water vessel permit fees for “non-residents” may be set at a greater amount than water vessel permit fees for residents. **Amended 4-11-06**

(2) Corporations owning real property in the Town of Lake Lure may purchase an annual water vessel permit at resident rate, provided the proper registration papers can be presented showing the boat is registered to the corporation.

(3) Residents or their spouses who own a developed lot (a lot with a dwelling or commercial structure) qualify for up to three resident annual motorized ~~over 10 HP~~ boat permits, provided that the maximum number of permits for motorized ~~over 10 HP~~ boats have not been issued. **Amended 4-11-06, 2-13-07, 6-13-17**

(4) Property owners or their spouses owning an undeveloped lot qualify for one annual motorized boat permit or one peak season weekday only permit at resident rate. **Amended 4-11-06, 2-13-07, 9-09-14, 6-13-17**

(H) The valid and current state registration of the water vessel must be presented to the

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designated issuing agent when purchasing a Lake Lure water vessel (boat) permit. A resident's or property owner's registration must match the name on the Town's tax records for the permit to be issued as a resident permit. Commercial operators must present tax records if their water vessel is registered with a leasing agency.

- (I) Owners of timeshare properties within the Town of Lake Lure may purchase one motorized boat permit at the resident rate for the week(s) for which they have a timeshare contract. Verification of the contract is required. **Amended 4-11-06**
- (J) The Marine Commission has adopted the following limits on motorized boat permits:
 - (1) A maximum of 1,000 resident annual unlimited use permits for boats with more than 10 HP.
 - (2) A maximum of 250 resident annual peak season weekday (no use on holidays), unlimited off-peak season permits for boats with more than 10 HP.
 - (3) A maximum of 75 non-resident annual unlimited use permits and no maximum limit for non-resident annual town marina boat slip renters.
 - (4) A maximum of 75 non-resident annual peak season weekday (no use on holidays), unlimited off-peak season permits for boats with more than 10 HP. **Amended 12-11-12, 6-13-17, 6-9-20**
- (K) Owners of lakefront lots having structures thereon shall have the E911 designated address assigned to the property posted in accordance with §42.6 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Lake Lure titled "Boat House Numbering." Said signs shall be ordered through the Town office before any annual water vessel permit may be obtained from the Town. A boat permit may be revoked if found to be registered under a lakefront property without the required E911 designated address sign posted in accordance with Section 42.6 of the Lake Lure Code of Ordinances. **Amended 4-11-06, 6-13-17**
- (L) The Marine Commission will determine the total number of available commercial and/or non-commercial boat permits based on a schedule of permit limits. To insure the health, safety and welfare of those who use the Lake, the schedule will be reviewed annually utilizing standards established by the Marine Commission which may include, but are not limited to, formulas utilized by the US Army Corps of Engineers, Department of the Interior, Environmental Protection Agency and data from the Coast Guard and the Town of Lake Lure. To help maintain an accurate account of the number of commercial boats being permitted, all applicants who apply for and are approved for commercial boats to be permitted are required to purchase permits for all boats that were applied for and approved by the Marine Commission prior to April 15th of the permitted year, or their space will be reallocated to other applicants. **Amended 3-13-18, 6-12-18**

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- (M) All applications for motorized boat permits must be accompanied by proof of marine liability insurance coverage written by a company approved by the State of North Carolina and AM Best. All non-commercial motorized applications must have minimum marine liability coverage of \$300,000.00 per incident. All applicants for commercial motorized boat permits must hold a lake commercial license and adhere to the insurance requirements defined under section 4.07 below. Proof of marine liability insurance coverage shall be the actual marine liability insurance policy (or either a copy of the marine liability insurance policy or certificate of marine liability insurance provided directly to the Town from the insurance provider) which specifically references the boat by listing the boat's serial number, state registration number or reference that adequately insures that the boat is covered by the policy that a permit is being requested for, states liability limits for said boat, and identifies effective and renewal dates for policy. (Res. Passed 3-9-04) Penalty, see § 5.01 **Amended 11-9-04, 4-28-05, 6-13-17**

SECTION FOUR. Amend Section 4.02, Prohibited Water Vessels, as follows:

- (A) No pontoon boat, canoe, kayak, rowing shell, row boat or any motorized craft with less than 10 horsepower longer than 28 feet in length, nor any other boat type (including but not limited to runabouts, ski boats, deck boats, sail boats and canoes) longer than 21 feet registered length, will be permitted on Lake Lure. Rowing shells and dragon boats greater than 28 feet in length must be approved by the Town Manager. The Town of Lake Lure Parks, Recreation, and ~~Lake Operations~~ Department reserves the right to measure boats if staff finds it necessary. Boats will not be measured if the length listed on the boat's state registration exceeds the allowed length. **Amended 4-12-05, 12-13-16, 6-13-17**

SECTION FIVE. Amend Section 4.03, Regulations Regarding Operation of Boats; Restricted Areas, as follows:

- (A) No person may operate a recreational vessel ~~under way~~ with any child under 13 years old aboard unless each such child is either:
- (1) Wearing an appropriate personal flotation device (PFD) approved by the U.S. Coast Guard; or
 - (2) Below decks or in an enclosed cabin (Res. Passed 3-9-04) Penalty, see § 5.01

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SECTION SIX. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of adoption.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2021.

ATTEST:

Michelle Jolley, Town Clerk

Carol C. Pritchett, Mayor



PARKS, RECREATION, & LAKE DEPARTMENT
Director Dean Givens

MEMORANDUM

TO: Marine Commission

FROM: Dean Givens, Parks, Rec, and Lake Director

DATE: May 7, 2021

RE: Lake Use Survey

Working closely with Town Council, a lake use survey (see attached survey) was recently drafted and sent out to boat permit holders to gather data on the types of lake activities they participate in and where they stood on the topic of wake surfing. The survey described the differences between wake boarding and wake surfing and asked survey participants to give their opinion on whether the Town should allow wake boarding on Lake Lure with some restrictions, prohibit wake surfing on Lake Lure, or to voice some other opinion. It also had space at the bottom for survey participants to write additional comments and other issues they would like to see addressed by The Marine Commission.

The survey was mailed to 2,472 boat permit holders and we received 366 surveys back. The data was analyzed and the trends are listed below.

- 217 of the surveys received (59.3%) supported prohibiting wake surfing on Lake Lure.
- 150 of the surveys received (41%) were in favor of allowing wake surfing at some capacity or did not have an opinion either way.
- Relaxing activities were, by far, the activities most participated in with 70% participating in paddle boarding, canoeing, or kayaking and 85% participating in leisurely boating.
- The surveys indicated that 46 survey participants (13%) participate in wake surfing, making it the water activity least participated-in of those that returned a survey.
- Many of the surveys received indicated that they also enjoyed fishing on the lake.
- In the additional comments section of the survey, the comments enforced both sides of the wake surfing topic.
- In the "Other Issues to be addressed by The Marine Commission" section, there were several statements/suggestions that appeared multiple times. The main issues that were mentioned were:
 - The lake being too crowded.
 - Needing more police patrols on the lake.
 - Needing another gas pump on the lake.
 - Being unhappy with the wake from tour boats.

We hope these results and comments will aid in the decision-making process on this matter.



PARKS, RECREATION, & LAKE DEPARTMENT

Director Dean Givens

Lake Use Survey

April 2021

The Town of Lake Lure Marine Commission is considering crafting regulations limiting the impact of boats designed to create wakes large enough to support *wake-surfing*, a water sport where a rider trails behind a boat and rides the boat's wake without being directly pulled by the boat.

Please, understand that the issue at hand is not wake-boarding, which is similar to water skiing where a person holds a rope attached to a boat.

We are seeking input from persons who have a boat registered on our lake.

The survey results will be compiled and made available to the public. Your response is confidential, meaning names or addresses will not be included in the published results, only the totals from the survey. The survey forms are numbered to insure that we receive only one per boat owner.

Please answer the following questions and return your survey by April 30th to: Lake Use Survey, Town of Lake Lure, P.O. Box 255, Lake Lure, NC 29746. You can also scan and email the survey to loa@townoflakelure.com or fax it to 828-625-8371. You may also drop it off at Town Hall.

- **Wake-boarding** is a water sport in which the rider, standing on a wakeboard (a short board with foot bindings), is towed behind a motorboat across its wake and especially up off the crest in order to perform aerial maneuvers. A hallmark of wakeboarding is the attempted performance of midair tricks.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I9qWJu0Vrpw>

- **Wake-surfing** is a water sport in which a rider trails behind a boat, riding the boat's wake without being directly pulled by the boat. After getting up on the wake, typically by use of a tow rope, the wake-surfers will drop the rope, and ride the steep face below the wave's peak in a fashion reminiscent of surfing. Wake-surfers generally use special boards, designed specifically for wakes.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zl7EBLG2oF4>

1. Do you support....
 - a. allowing wake-surfing on Lake Lure but regulating times and/or areas of the lake where wake-surfing is permitted
 - b. prohibiting wake surfing on Lake Lure
 - c. other. Explain _____

2. Which of the following Lake Lure activities do you participate in? Circle all that apply.
 - a. Water Skiing
 - b. Wake Boarding
 - c. Wake Surfing
 - d. Tubing
 - e. Paddle Boarding/Canoeing/Kayaking
 - f. Leisurely Boating

3. Additional comments: _____

4. Please, list any other issues you would like to see addressed by your Marine Commission.

Town of Lake Lure
Parks, Recreation and Lake Department
Regulating Wake Surfing Survey
May 6, 2021

Lake Use Survey Results:	Total surveys returned		366		
Question 1:	Numbered Surveys	%	Surveys without Numbers	%	
A: Allow wake boarding with regulations	94	25.7%	2	0.5%	
B: Prohibit wake boarding	216	59.0%	6	1.6%	
Other: (most say fully support)	56	15.3%	3	0.8%	
Question 2:					
A: Water Skiing	154	42.1%	10	2.7%	
B: Wake Boarding	101	27.6%	7	1.9%	
C: Wake Surfing	46	12.6%	3	0.8%	
D: Tubing	202	55.2%	10	2.7%	
E: Paddle Boarding/Canoeing/Kayaking	258	70.5%	9	2.5%	
F: Leisurely Boating	312	85.3%	11	3.0%	

Analysis:

- The survey indicated that 217 of the surveys received (59.3%) supported prohibiting wake surfing on Lake Lure.
- Out of the 366 surveys received, 150 (41% of the total) were in favor of allowing wake boarding in some capacity or did not care either way.
- Relaxing activities (paddle boarding, canoeing, kayaking, and leisurely boating) were, by far, the activities most participated in with 70% of those surveyed participating in paddleboarding, canoeing, or kayaking and 85% participating in leisurely boating.
- The surveys indicated that 13% of the individuals surveyed participate in wake surfing.

Lake Use Survey:

Other Issues to be addressed by Marine Commission

- Too many boaters (many with skiers) come way too close to my dock and boathouse.
- Power poles on docks
- Need more enforcement of non-motorized boats to stay in no-wake zones.
- Should be more concerned with boats speeding too close to no-wake zones. Wake surfing is less dangerous than water skiing, etc.
- Too many non-motorized canoe/kayak with no registration obstructing the middle of the lake.
- Regular patrols for regulation violations, paddle boarders in middle of lake and with no life vest, require rental owners to supply boating regulations to renters, timely repositioning of no-wake buoys
- Many tubes are equipped to carry more than 2 people with one rope - they should be allowed
- The cost of licensing 4 commercial kayaks was \$600. 2 are very small. I feel this is too much of a charge.
- No need to get me started
- Wakes destroy shoreline!
- Should be a maximum speed for operations on Lake Lure since it is so small.
- What is happening with the dam, bridge, sewer, taxes, and tour boats?
- Please, do not allow more boat slips at the marina. I have lived on Lake Lure over 60 years.
- We need competition on the lake for gassing up boats.
- Large wakes can be dangerous to small boats and swimmers, especially children. Do not allow!
- Lake silt
- I also have to be careful to look for wake boats so I'm not caught in their wake. They have no regard for me as I am leisurely boating on this small lake in a kayak. These boats should be on a larger lake.
- Number of boats on lake
- Please, don't allow activities that could make it worse. Would like to see more patrols on lake during summer to help control some of the reckless behavior (too fast, too close to other boats, teenage drivers (underage), alcohol, etc.).
- Lake is getting too crowded with boats. Please, consider limiting the number of public permits and marina docks. Also, Lake Lure Adventure Company boat makes a huge wake and creates same issue wake surfing presents.
- Cost of permits was up 50% this year. It may have been communicated why but if so, I missed that.
- Please, better enforce the "no-wake" zones. Violators cause lakefront property owners thousands of dollars to repair seawalls.
- Lake Lure is too small of a lake permit wake surfing, which produces massive waves that damage seawalls and moored boats. About time something is done about it.

- Why does marina turn off gas pumps? Can this be changed? Let's make this a positive issue for our younger generations allowing them to wake surf and wake board. It's great entertainment on the lake and truly a talent. Let's keep Lake Lure a great place to have fun.
- Better boat wake speed awareness. Noise control on loud music on boats. Just as jet skis were done away with wake boarding and wake surfing should be prohibited. Too many boats on the lake with large wakes is dangerous and bad for lakefront properties. It makes it hard to paddle board and kayak, as well.
- Have owned property since 2013 and owned boat since 2008. My family enjoys wake surfing and wake boarding. That is why we are living on the lake. I don't want to be told I can no longer enjoy these activities. The Lake Lure Tour boats are larger and heavier than wake boats, give off larger wakes, and are on the lake 9 months a year. If we are talking about banning boats, I want those on the list, also.
- In the last 5 years, there is a noticeable increase in boat traffic on Lake Lure. The peacefulness and privacy was one of the main contributing factors we chose to buy lakefront property. It's almost not enjoyable to go on the lake between 11 am and 5 pm on weekends during the summer.
- I am very concerned that there is a movement to eliminate v-drives, wake boarding, etc. and this is just the 1st step in doing so.
- Pontoon boats pulling tubes creates a lot of waves, too, causing damage to seawalls and boats. The Commission needs to proceed carefully. The lake is overcrowded.
- This is a relatively small lake. With slip expansion in Washburn Marina and more kayaks/canoes, the overall increase in lake traffic places an even greater emphasis on minimizing wakes to the extent possible.
- No rental boats: reduce boat traffic
- Dead deer sat in the lake for 2 weeks last fall. Reported it and no one was in a hurry to do anything about it.
- Would it be possible to have carts at Washburn Marina to assist boat owners/slip renters with transporting coolers/fishing gear, boat covers, etc. back and forth from parking to slips? Some of newer slips are quite a distance from parking area.
- The people that wake board have no regards to anyone. They always stay close to the wake areas. They do not stay in the middle of the lake causing large waves against boats fishing or paddle boarding. If they set timer to allow wake boarding, all this type activity should be 9 am to dark and be enforced by police to stay in the middle of lake area they are using.
- Widen boat entry ramp by 4'. Relocate pedestrian walkway at boat ramp and construct railings to keep pedestrians a safe distance away from vehicles backing in/pulling out boats at ramp area.
- Enforce the rule of leaving wake close to fishing boats.
- Continue stocking of baitfish (shad, minnows) and possibly stocking walleye in lake Lure. The lake is cold and clean and would be an ideal walleye fishery.

- No wake boarding boats should be allowed on Lake Lure. Too small of a lake for boats that create such waves.
- As a kayaker, I would appreciate no more wake activities.
- It seems the crappie population is down. Any chance that it can be looked into?
- Please, make no wake in winter to 9:00 and summer to 10:00. For fishing and moving on the lake, 7:00 in spring is not long enough, if nothing else use daylight savings time.
- Thank you for placing additional wake buoys across the entire entrance to the dam cove. I am concerned about the pace and extent of shoreline erosion, particularly the undeveloped shoreline on the west side of the "resort" channel.
- What fish are being restocked besides threadfin shad?
- Additional truck and trailer parking for longer vehicles.
- Tour boats need to be removed.
- We are happy with the way this issue is being addressed. Also, happy with the overall Police protection and lake management.
- It would be nice if someone - anyone had communicated a hike on sticker fees. It appears you (Lake Lure) are trying to make this a private pond. We didn't receive a paper for price increase. Keep in mind, we aren't all millionaires.
- The marina and entrance areas are very shallow and need dredging. I think the Town of Lake Lure, including the Parks, Recreation, and Lake Department does a great job. I also appreciate being given an opportunity to provide input via this survey.
- I would love for the day pass rate to be reduced.
- Canoes with trolling motors must be registered with the State, which I would gladly comply, but the sticker for Lake Lure is considered a motorized craft. I think this is too much to pay for a sticker for a canoe and would like to see much lower fee for motorized canoe.
- Feed for non-motorized kayak/paddle board passes annually are exorbitant. You have lost the money you would have made off my 3 kayaks and paddle board for annual passes because it became too steep. I now tube the Green River or go hiking or rock hop in the Rocky Broad at my place instead - unfortunate.
- The tour boats need to be removed. The wake from them is causing erosion.
- Map of Lake Lure for boater information. I am willing to pay for one.
- Town boats making too many waves to shoreline
- Enforce the permit laws! Numerous boats with no or expired permits. Regulate non-motorized boat traffic. Require permits and enforce that they stay close to shore.
- Future surveys should be sent to all tax paying property owners, not just current boat permit holders.
- I would like to see tour boats become a part of this discussion and required orientation/training/education class be required for all boat permits.
- Refrain from tyrannical behavior.
- Removal of tour boats, as they are a nuisance to the lake and cause a greater issue of wake than other boat activity on the lake and primarily only financially benefit the concessionaire. Removal of the additional boat slips added to the marina, as they have caused increased traffic and wake

issues well beyond the single activity of wake surfing. Only permit boats on the lake for residents and tax payers of Lake Lure.

- Commercial rather than recreational interests are overrepresented on the LAB. As was made clear in the LAB's discussion of wake surfing, obvious conflicts of interests are ignored.
- I only wake boarded twice last year and only wake surfed once, but I should be able to when I want, as should my 3 teenage daughters.
- Drinking while boating - crazy reckless driving.
- Allowing fishing only permitted boats to launch at ramp by ABC store.
- Ski boats not recognizing right of way to other boaters in narrow parts of the lake. Kayak boaters not adhering to distance regulations.
- Ensuring bulbs are replaced in marker buoys as needed promptly.
- Parking lot needs video cameras - had my trailer damaged by a pontoon, crushed my trailer fender and messed up my axle seal. The person did not leave a not, just drove off.
- Develop some guidance for pontoon boaters to stay to the right up and down the lake and not wander in front of boats pulling skiers.
- If you want Lake lure to be like it is up North, then y'all need to move back up North. We love Lake Lure the way it is. Quit trying to change everything.
- The lake needs to be stocked with bass, white bass, and trout.
- Our property has experienced damage to the seawall, dock pilings, and the pontoon, which is not on a boat lift, from the wakes of large surf boats. Most of the wakes are caused by just the size of the surf boats, regardless of whether there is someone surfing or not. The size and weight of the surf boats is as much of an issue as the actual surf activity.
- Boats designed to create large wake are dangerous to other boats, destructive to shorelines, and destructive to property.
- Enough restrictions, rather, let's work together to try to solve the dam and sewer before it's too late. By attempting to restrict wake surfing, you will be restricting wake boarding, as well. Otherwise it could be viewed as illegal discrimination against people that wake surf. The town already restricted wake surfing/boarding to 75 feet or more from the shoreline, banned 95% of all wake boats by implementing a boat size and weight restriction, and restricted the hours to between dawn and dusk.. These restrictions are enough. If the issue is the size of the wake, the town must focus on what's causing the biggest wake (other than weather) which is the tour boats, not wake surfing/boarding boats. Additionally, there are large pontoons loaded with lots of people that also cause a wake. Are you looking to ban those next? I hope not. I really hope the rumors that Town Council is attempting to ban or greatly restrict all water sports, including fishing, are not true. Additionally, are there going to be limitations on the distance people can paddle board, kayak, and fish since they come literally next to people's dock? I hope not. I am concerned that the word spreading through the community, Asheville, Charlotte, and Greenville that the lake is becoming a non-motorized sport lake. The word is that wake surfing is just the beginning of the limitations and soon skiing and tubing along with wake boarding (of course, because to do it, you must have a "wake") will be restricted or eliminated. Please, show these people that the rumors are false. If wake surfing is restricted any more than it already is and if

other sports continue to be attacked, our property values will decrease for sure. Tourism will slow down and our city will be in even more financial trouble than it is. We don't need realtors and others to spread the word and refer their clients to other lakes rather than ours.

- The price to obtain an annual kayaking permit is rather high. Perhaps this can be addressed.
- Improve fishing by adding fish attractors, stock hybrid bass.
- The large tri-toons with engines above 250 HP are creating large wakes, as well, and are also too fast for the lake.
- I also find these people a bit reckless and totally self-absorbed.
- Too many boats on lake
- Have more enforcement of rules during busy times like weekend. More "no-wake" zones and slower speeds on lake.
- More enforcement
- Speeding in and out of our cove (Sunset Cove) has dramatically increased the last 2 years. I wonder if we need additional buoys in our cove.
- No wake zones in coves
- Please, protect the homeowners. My cost in 2020 for seawall repair was excessive - lots of huge waves in my cove. (I did not receive this survey until April 24th for a return by April 30th.)
- Boat owners may need to be educated about the hazards of wake surfing to our shoreline.
- As lakefront owners since 1962, our family respectfully requests that the rules remain as-is. For safety, I think the governing boss of the lake should consider enforcing non-motorized boats staying inside of the no-wake zones during peak times and/or requiring a flag if passing through main channels. Paddle boarders lying flat on the boards and non-moving kayaks can be very hard to see on sunny days. These types of activities can be a major safety risk to all parties and seem to be increasingly more common. I would love to see any violators politely reminded by the police boat, etc.
- If large wakes become your concern - remember the tour boats wake is large and occurs every 15 minutes.
- Should consider limits (speed or engine HP) to avoid damage to boat houses, boat slips, and shoreline (erosion).
- We don't need more wakes created by boats like those created by tour boats crossing our path and swamping our boats/kayaks.
- I purchased our lake house and boat after reviewing all the rules and what was allowed/permitted. I don't think it's right to ban wake surfing, especially for reasons being listed. It is unfair to people like myself who just purchased a \$100,000 boat with the understanding of what was allowed/permitted.
- Increase patrol - the additional non-resident pontoons and rentals have increased boating density - they don't respect private property and should be limited. Revisit findings of Lake Use Survey.
- Revisit allowing jet skiing.
- The tour boats can do a better job of managing their wakes.
- Dredge cove at 2012 Memorial Hwy. It's a beach, not a lake cove.

- Limit the number of power boats/permits on Lake Lure.
- We need more inspections of boats safety equipment. Have observed old fire extinguishers, bilge pumps that don't work, and not enough PFD for people.
- Need more buoys in the cove areas - boaters come into "no-wake" areas way too fast.
- Since the city made it's "money grab" by installing far too many slips in Lake Lure cove, the lake is more crowded with boats plus the cove looks uglier.
- More enforcement of "no-wake" areas. Numerous violations in Garner Cove. Property trespassing also an issue.
- Boats going faster than "no-wake" after 9 pm. This does not appear to be enforced anymore.
- I would like to see lower kayak launch fees. I don't see why the fees needed to quadruple since I started kayaking on the lake 12 years ago. Don't understand how the current fee is justified. Since the fees have skyrocketed, I no longer steer out-of-town visitors to Lake Lure like I used to.
- Any possibility of resurrecting Greene's Boat Landing to give access to gas pumps at both ends of the lake? My family has been on the lake since the 40's - seen a lot of change.
- It is disrespectful to me as a taxpayer in Lake Lure for you to send this out with no context and such short time window to respond. Shame on the Marine Commission/Town Council. I hope you hold a public hearing with notice prior to taking any action.
- Thanks for letting me express my opinions.
- How do we eliminate the geese that continue to come into our boathouse and poop all over walkways and our boats? I have tried every kind of deterrent available. It's nasty and disgusting to clean up every week.
- You ban personal watercraft, why not wake boats?
- Many more boats and they don't seem to know lake rules. Boats have gotten bigger with bigger motors, too. Wake surfing makes it impossible to pull skiers and tubers safely. Channels are not wide enough for this. Thank you for addressing this issue.
- The wake from "ski boats" causes excessive erosion. The noise pollution distracts from the beauty of the lake and quality of life. A fatal boat accident is very likely with the crowded conditions.
- Powered boats too close to "no-wake" zones. Personal (unpowered) boards and kayaks out in middle of channels.
- Enforcement of the rules of "no-wake" zones near boathouses and shorelines.
- Loud music being played on boats operating on the lake.
- More dredging in west channel between north and south shores (between Mark Twain/Seton Road Ridge and the Firefly Cove side.
- Have not noticed any additional wake from wake surfing. The wind causes more problems with enormous waves than anything else. It seems adding all the berths at the marina may have potential for harm by adding to additional traffic on the lake.
- An input ramp for kayaks and boards away from new marina.
- I pay for 2 annual paddle board passes. Please, consider us who enjoy this beautiful lake for leisure. I support all sports but notice a lack of monitoring/safety watch as most boats disregard the "no-wake" zone.

- Lake Police need to be increased to enforce current regulations.
- Let people have fun on the water. We fisherman go early, anyway.
- Use of alcohol by boaters.
- You are all doing a fine job.
- Longer hours for gas pump
- Better access to fishing opportunities.
- Thanks to the Commissioner's for this chance to easily voice our views.
- Another public entry point on the lake.
- We would also support a boating speed limit, since lake Lure is a small lake.
- Please, regulate swimming in the middle of the lake and open areas.
- Commercial fishing boats tied up to personal dock, climbing on board dock, and fishing
- Way, way, way too many boats on such a small lake. You cannot even enjoy the lake anymore, especially on weekends/holidays.
- Wakes of speedboats are both annoying and hazardous to kayaks and canoes.
- Thanks for sending this out. I think Lake Lure is going to grow a whole lot due to COVID and that we should relook at this 5 years from now.
- Recommend amending Lake Use Regulation Section 4.03(G) to read "All water vessels must be operated at "no-wake" speed from 7 pm to 7 am during the months of November through March and 9 pm to 7 am during the months of April through October." With daylight savings time in effect from early March through early November, most boaters routinely violate this regulation in April and October. Perhaps, April and October require a separate 3rd category. With respect to "motorized" watercraft on the lake, we think we should adopt the philosophy that "we want to consider allowing it" rather than "not allowing it." Evolving electrical and battery technologies are greatly facilitating quiet, efficient, clean propulsion for fishing boats, launches, and e-foil craft. We strongly believe that we will encourage new generations of water enthusiasts to enjoy our lake and its amenities and that the future of our town is dependent on positive inclusion rather than the notion that "we have always done it that way." As an example, we think that linking e-foil craft with jet skis is sending an incorrect message regarding a new, innovative, fun way of enjoying the lake. Thanks for the opportunity to comment.
- Many parts of lake Lure are not wide enough to allow other boaters to avoid large wakes of these boats. Also, "no-wake" zone buoys were not originally placed to account for these particular boat's wake. I have been docked well with-in "no-wake" zones in our marina and not able to stand on my boat when the wake from one of these boats passed. Needless to say, damage to docks and marinas is more substantial for these boats.
- Reduce number of rental boats on the lake. I would be fine with eliminating all rental boats. Dry weight for boats 4,000 lbs. when ballast are filled on surf boats, it adds additional 3,000 lbs. I have property damage to my seawall and a huge concrete step going to the beach. Step has separated from the wall and stone veneer on sea wall has been knocked off due to impact of waves created by surf boats. Is the lake going to help in the cost of these repairs? If the owners of the surf boats live in a cove, they have no idea the damage they are creating to people's property and the shore.

- Make sure all boat drivers understand the purpose of the "no-wake" buoys and what the term "no-wake" means.
- With "no-wake" zones along the shore, we do not need wake regulating in the main body of the lake.
- Seems to be many more boats than in the past few years parked at the marina. How crowded will it become? Waves are already constant and wash away our rock.
- I feel more education needs to be looked at prior to jumping to a conclusion. I do not recall receiving a survey prior to the town allowing 110 more boats at the marina. All the additional boat traffic limits the safe operation of tubing, water skiing, and wake boarding. Wake surfing is done at a slow speed (9 mph) and does not require 30 - 40' wake room behind the boat that other water sports require. I am in great hopes that a compromise can be made in this big decision.
- Wake surfing is much less disruptive than skiing, wake boarding, and tubing as it is much slower and does not require navigation around tubers, skiers, and wake boarders from a safety aspect, given the rider is close to the boat. To limit this 1 activity makes absolutely no sense, given the minimal noise, and footprint while not putting restrictions on other water sports. There is no reason to limit time/areas for any of our motorized sports.
- Continue to keep jet skis off Lake Lure.
- Canoes/kayaks in main channel conflict with boat traffic and are in danger of being hit.
- I believe it would also interfere with the other types of boating that the lake is currently used for. The lake is too small, in my opinion, to offer this activity.
- Boat traffic remains very high.
- Speeding boats after dark. Paddle boards/kayakers in middle of the lake. Pontoons from marina have nowhere to go other than just ride around - so they park in the middle of the lake and dump their kids, floats, etc. in the lake. This is dangerous in my opinion. One pontoon tied up to my dock - said he was tired of riding around and wanted to park and go swimming. Thank for addressing these issues.
- No jet skis - too noisy
- Night speeding
- In the last year, noise on the lake has increased exponentially. The reason for having a house on the lake is because it's nice, quiet, and serene. A place to regroup and enjoy peace and solitude.
- Limit the number of tour boats to no more than 1 per hour per tour agency.
- We have a terrible problem with debris washing up under our boathouse. Just where we are on the lake (Charlotte Drive). But we have a tough time getting things hauled off and it is a lot of work getting stuff out from under the boathouse.
- All we need is more control and regulation
- Enforcement of rule against paddle boarders in middle of lake
- Why is there not some requirement for home/land owners to maintain property? Boathouses that are rotting away into the lake are not only unsightly, but also a potential cause of injury and contamination of the lake.

- My children and I myself only want to wake surf. Additionally, I just purchased my permit. This discussion should have happened months ago.
- Please, establish max limits of outboard engine size. The capacity of ballast tank boats to transmit unwanted plant and fungus from other water bodies necessitates the need to ban non-local ballast tank boats from the lake. Please, consider banning non-resident ballast tank boats to preserve the health of our lake. The tour boats require improved management. The size of their wakes and the amount of sediment they stir up is unhealthy for our lake.
- Please, report all people's rights to use the lake to have fun - wake surfing, too. I truly feel if you pass this it's just a matter of time before you move on to the next restriction.
- More "no-wake" signs, especially in coves
- We find it interesting that this survey was sent to all boat owners and not lake front property owners. If the issue with wake surfing is wake size, that has a direct impact on lake front property owners, not boat owners. Wakes produced from ski/wake boarding/tubing boats, especially large pontoons that tow tubes are just as destructive to shoreline as those from wake surfing. Our family owns 2 lake front properties. As such, we were and are fully aware of the erosion issues caused by all boat traffic. We knew that risk when we purchased our properties. We own multiple wake boards and surf boards and have used them for years. The more experienced wakeboarders and surfers want higher wakes, so putting restrictions on or prohibiting just wake surfing isn't really fair, nor will it solve any issues with shore erosion since there will still be wake boarders and tubers. From Boats.com "Wakeboarders want air, and lots of it. But as any accomplished boarder will tell you that to go really "big" you need a launch ramp. Enter your boats wakes - and everything you can do to make them larger." Another important factor to consider is the economic impact to the community. Some lake front property owners buy lake front property not only for the beauty of Lake Lure but also because they love water sports. We need to continue to attract new residents to our area. We should be developing and implementing policies that support the establishment and growth of our community, otherwise our property values will drop and our local economy will become stagnant. We strongly support wake surfing, and personally feel it's much safer than wake boarding. Boat owners who have enjoyed either or both of these sports should not be restricted or prohibited from doing so. We welcome a public forum where these issues can be addressed.
- Safety should be of major concern.
- The lake area by Rumbling Bald Resort boat docks should be a "no-wake" zone. Ski boats constantly come into that area causing boats at the docks to be to bang against the dock and other boats. Establish a larger "no-wake" zone.
- Cleaning and/or dredging silt and removing obstacles around this lake, fallen trees, etc.
- Education about what "no wake" zones mean. This is not enforced and even the lake patrol disregards it.
- Better enforcement prohibiting boats on lake with no permit.
- Do not lower the lake more than 2 feet unless a 30 day notice is given to the public.
- Regarding safety on the lake this summer, could the police be more present and visible? There are many boat renters with no boating skills. Please, help keep our residence safe.

Lake Use Survey:

Additional Comments

- Seems very unsafe for boaters on small lake.
- Too much wake on the lake
- It seems to me that our lake is far too small to allow this activity. It already is very rough when there are skiers and wake boarding. This will only make it rougher.
- Lake not big enough for wake surfing, just like jet skis
- We bought our boat specifically for wake surfing 4 years ago and live on the lake.
- Fishing, too
- There are enough regulations in place.
- Fishing, also.
- Wake surfing creates tremendous waves that endanger people, rocks, and boats at marinas
- I also participate in sailing, barefooting, and floating
- Lake Lure is changing - not any consideration for residents - too many boats, marina is crowded and very unattractive
- You forgot Fishing in the list.
- My pontoon boat has been damaged by a wake boat coming close to my dock in Lake Lure Village Resort
- Disappointed in large pontoons breaking wake and speed limits. Too many boats on our lake now.
- At times, it is difficult to enjoy lake due to being tossed around by waves of boats pulling tubes. Nearly been thrown overboard many times.
- Firmly oppose wake surfing and the damage the large wakes creates.
- Our lake is a bit tight for wake surfing. It is ripe for an accident from a sudden stop
- Lake is not wide enough or big enough for that. Too disruptive for leisurely boating.
- Would like to see some entertainment, as we had the El Tango years ago that had Tams, Drifters, and local bands on weekends.
- The wakes created by tubing, wake boarding, and wake surfing are dangerous and disturbing.
- The lake is too small and crowded at times to allow wake surfing.
- Do NOT attempt to make Lake Lure a pontoon-only lake.
- Lake is very mall and dangerously overcrowded in summer.
- If you cancel wake surf boats because of waves, then you have to cancel the Town tour boats that create as big of wakes.
- Wakes damage seawalls.
- Surfing wakes are created at a slower speed and thus create no more impact on the shoreline than faster traveling craft. Surfers stay directly behind the boat - which is safer for them and all other boat traffic.
- I think the lake needs to maintain its serene atmosphere.
- Perhaps you could provide guidelines for wake surfing for permit holders. There are many ways to wake surf responsibly.
- You charge a lot of money for the "privilege" of using this small lake. Lake James is calling us or Lake Bowen - much cheaper, bigger, and less restrictions.
- Fishing.
- Thank you for inquiring and getting feedback.
- I participate in fishing.

- I only fish.
- Lake is very congested with tubes, skiing, and pleasure boating, while fisherman and kind of left out.
- Fishing, also. Boats with big waves affect fishing boats and small boats, paddle boarding, canoeing, kayaking, and rowing.
- Wake surfing is destructive to shorelines, huge waves, Lake Lure is too small.
- I just fish, any decision is ok with me
- Lake is too small for wake boats. Presents dangers to smaller vessels.
- Mainly fishing
- Thank you for considering our opinions in this matter.
- Fishing, also. I have a 14-ft Jon boat and it can be difficult when there is a lot of wake.
- Fishing only
- Fishing only
- It is difficult to support a recreational activity that so adversely impacts anyone on the lake, nearby, and virtually all property, docks, boathouses, seawalls, shoreline, and beaches.
- I feel that if you would cut back and limit the amount of lake permits you are extending to non-property owners of Lake Lure you wouldn't be having to address this issue. The lake is too crowded.
- I like to paddle board early in the morning and almost always lose my balance due to the wake the wake boarding boats create - no fun.
- No PWC! No jet ski! Lived on a lake that allowed them and they were a nuisance. They never respected other boaters.
- We only fish on leisure boat rides - hoping this won't limit the size of boat motors on the lake.
- The Town Council should be ashamed of themselves for putting this out with such a short timespan to return it. It's a one-sided survey.
- The wake in Lake Lure is already too much on weekends. I think limiting motor boats in general is a good next step.
- Our lake is too small for these activities - if allowed, it should only be in certain areas.
- We are fine with wake surfing, but do know it creates a lot of waves. If it's causing erosion, then we support restrictions.
- Boats should not be allowed to broadcast loud music while operating on the lake.
- Lake Lure is too small for wake surfing. Wakes are too big.
- Lake is not large enough for boats that generate large wakes - whose wakes create erosion.
- I own a wake boat that I bought specifically for Lake Lure, as my mother has a house on the lake. My kids enjoy surfing over wake boarding given the slower speed. Hopefully, they will be able to continue having fun.
- Add fishing to the list of activities.
- Lake is too small for wake surfing. We have seen it on much larger lakes.
- I believe that wake surfing would create too much wake and therefore make it unsafe for paddle boating/canoeing/kayaking.
- Fishing, too
- Lake is not large enough for wake surfing
- The Town needs to focus on the real issues of the lake. The dam and sewer needs to be addressed.
- These wake surfing boats create huge waves that damage onshore facilities and shoreline and disrupt normal traffic. Lake is too small and narrow for these boats.
- Fishing is an important lake activity that is dramatically affected by wake surfing and should be considered a part of question 2.

- I do not appreciate how this matter was handled by our Town Council. Something this impactful should not be handled as a non-agenda topic, ignoring the Lake Advisory Board recommendations, using a slanted survey, with inaccurate information, provided to a select group of residents, with poor delivery and extremely quick turnaround time for decision making data. Not good legal practice.
- My 14-year-old son asked if he could learn how to wake surf this summer and I look forward to teaching him.
- The LAB was asked to provide their recommendation to the Marine Commission on what to do about wake surfing. The LAB provided a unanimous recommendation to allow as long as it happens at least 200' from shoreline or structures. The recommendation was completely disregarded as the Town Council has predetermined the direction they would like to go, which is to ban it.
- Wake surfing damages the shoreline and lake bottom. It also interferes with the safe operation of licensed non-motorized watercraft including SUP's. It will get worse.
- No new restrictions are necessary and certainly not for lake property owners. I own 2 homes on the water.
- Small lake warrants some safety measures.
- Lake Lure is such a small lake and wake destroys our shorelines - too much wake and traffic already on the lake.
- Lake Lure is too small for wake surfing - destroys shoreline, huge waves, etc.
- Fishing only
- Fishing, too
- I would like to understand more about erosion impacts of wake surfing vs other motoring activities.
- Fishing is my only activity. Kayakers and paddle boaters need to have lights and flags. Can't see in rough water.
- The Marine Commission has already limited the weight of boats. I've never had an issue with wake surfers. I have had issues with tour boats coming within 5 feet of boat while anchored up fishing with grandkids at the western point of Firefly Cove. The guy who drives the little yellow hybrid car with the chops was driving. I should've reported him and the people on his boat were shocked at how close he came.
- Wake surfing is much less of an issue than tubing.
- Limit non-resident boats. Require boat driving course for anyone driving/renting boats.
- Fishing only. The tour boats all need to be at idle speed, they make waves as big as wake boats.
- The size and empty weight of the surf boats needs better review before being allowed on the lake. Even when their tanks are not filled and are not being used for surfing, they are putting out large wakes.
- Wake surfing is safer and less impactful on environment than water skiing, tubing, wake boarding, and tour boats. You should be attacking those activities before attacking wake surfing. First, water skiing and tubing are done at speeds of 20-30 mph. Additionally, the rider is more than 50 feet behind the boat. Moreover, they are usually outside of the boats footprint which creates even more danger. The boat usually needs to swerve side to side to make the ride better. Finally, the rider is usually attached to the board, so when they fall, they could break a leg or foot. In contrast, wake surfing is done at only 10 mph. The rider is usually only 10 to 15 feet behind the boat which has a propeller well under the boat for safety. Additionally, they do not go beyond the footprint of the boat. The rider is also not strapped to the board, so when they fall they won't break their foot or leg.
- Bass Fishing
- Large wakes will cause shoreline erosion! Large wakes are needed to wake surf, this is not a good idea.
- Yeah, get Jews out of the media and politics - save America
- Non-motorized boats should have the right-of-way. Limit boats horse power. No water skiing.
- Many other vessels on the lake are impacted by the larger waves, making it more difficult.

- Fishing, too. Wake board riders have less control of their direction, therefore more dangerous.
- The wakes, especially from ballast boats, are detrimental to the lake and erosion.
- While kayaking, these waves threaten to turn you over. Even in the pontoon boat, the waves they make are terrible and we always take on water.
- We don't see a major difference in the waves of various water sports by the time they reach the shore.
- Thank you - you're doing a great job.
- More "no-wake" zones and slower speeds on the lake
- If changes are going to be made and there is an opportunity to grandfather certain types of boats, it would be great to know ahead of time.
- We have enough rules now. Not any more are needed.
- The heavy boats on this small lake should be addressed immediately. Is there a weight regulation including adding water?
- I don't feel Lake Lure is a large enough lake for wake surfing. Too much shoreline damage.
- I do not believe one lake activity should take precedence over the other. If someone wants to seek smooth, undisturbed waters for fishing, kayaking, etc. then they can find that in the early morning every day. Moreover, wake surfing is performed at low speeds (10 mph) and the wakes produced are extremely similar to wake boarding; one could argue that due to the lower speeds, it may be a safer activity to participate in on busy days.
- Would like to see another public access for boats other than the Marina and ABC Store.
- 2 years ago, I spent \$5,000 shoring up my seawall and piers. I feel like a lot of the damage was caused by large wake action.
- My biggest concern is the large wake produced by the boat that causes terrible issues with sea walls. If restricted to some distance from shoreline, it is acceptable.
- Should consider only allowing wake surfing for a limited number of operators and regulate areas/times.
- We moved to this lake because it was quiet, no large boats, no new jet skis allowed.
- I've wake surfed since 1963. It's the ballast boats that are the issue.
- Please, acknowledge those already on the lake with lake-surfing capability. In some way, this should be grandfathered.
- Minimize wakes; definitely don't have activity that amplifies them
- Stop the tubing
- Wake boarding is safe as long as riders have appropriate PFD. It should be limited to an area.
- The lake Lure Police have been very friendly and polite whenever our boat has been stopped to check permits and fire extinguishers.
- Still see 3-4 people being towed. Paddle boards, canoes, and kayaks do not stay within "No-wake" zones, as required.
- Possible answer to #1 is "A" but seems too restrictive.
- This needs to stop - causing thousands of dollars in damage to seawalls.
- The weights in the stern of the boat puts the boat so low that the waves are huge.
- I don't want to stop someone from enjoying the lake, but as a kayaker, I'd like to not have to deal with boaters creating big wakes that would prevent me from enjoying my activity.
- Thanks for asking - we just spent over \$10,000 due to the much larger wakes now coming from larger and fully weighted boats. Had to rip rap entire shoreline. 2 years ago, we had a 20' beach.
- I paddle board on big lakes with wake surfing. It is loud and most of the time, sends me swimming. Lake Lure is just too small a lake.
- I will be extremely upset if the Town does anything that materially restricts my ability to use my boat for activities for which it was designed and allowed by Lake Lure.

- If Lake Lure were larger, I would not have an issue with wake surfing. Safety is my major concern to surfer and boats.
- In my opinion, the lake is not big enough to support this activity and still be safe for leisure boats.
- Also, floating in the lake around my dock
- Wake surfing would make the lake very dangerous for small watercraft and accelerate erosion.
- All wake boats should be banned. They create erosion and unpleasant boating conditions.
- Wake surfing needs to stop. The size of the waves has grown tremendously over the last couple of years. Wake surfing and tour boats. Slow tour boats down.
- There is too much traffic to allow towing sports.
- Our biggest damage to our shoreline is from the tour boats. They need to slow down and stay in the center of the channel.
- Wake surfing damages seawalls, stirs up the water. The lake is too small. Go to bigger lakes to do this.
- We often watch and enjoy all the different activities from our lake front property.
- Boats large enough for these size wakes will make it difficult to paddle board.
- Being a kayaker, the less powerboats, the better.
- Based on my observation, none of the current boat regulations are being enforced.
- The waves created by wake surfing just pummel any boat just drifting or fishing.
- Used to be a quiet, peaceful lake. Too much fast annoying boating and surfing.
- Wake surfing should not be a problem by regulating times/locations.
- As much fun as it looks, the sport further encourages large wakes. Lake Lure is too small for this level of activity.
- All "wake" activities are similarly disruptive and destructive to the shoreline. Lake's wave "acoustics" are wrong for this type of use.
- Wake surfing causes shoreline erosion and damage to people's docks, boathouses, and parked boats.
- I'm not a fan of any water skiing type activities, but this does not seem worse than the others.
- We also support prohibiting wake boarding activities, altogether.
- The large wake can cause damage to seawalls.
- Lake is too small, very destructive to seawalls and has torn a support that a boat was tied to, has caved in a boathouse door.
- There was no chatter or conversation when several docks were installed at marina and leased to outside residents. Terrible move for the town. Someone is going to get hurt/killed very soon - too many boats.
- Swimming, also.
- Wake surfing negatively impacts all the above listed activities due to large wake created in a narrow lake.
- Enjoy watching those who ski, boarding, surfing, and tubing.
- I think additional waves will wash my wall away. I already had to ad rock barrier. We live on the main channel.
- This survey is not clear. Are you regulating "wake-surfing" or the boats?
- Regulations should be considered for tubing if considered for wake boarding.
- Also fishing
- Fishing
- The boats that wake surf cause congestion due to slow speed and massive wake. Not good for high traffic days.
- The wake is very destructive to our seawall. We have noticed deterioration due to wake surfing.
- I don't think the wake that is generated by a boat designed for wake surfing is healthy for the shoreline or the properties on the lake.

- If you have a friend visiting and has his boat tied to your dock and a wake surfing boat comes by, your friend's boat might get yanked off/away from the dock.
- Please allow wake surfing anytime
- Wake surfing boats move slowly, obstructing other traffic. The powerful wakes disrupt kayaks/canoes and shorelines. Lake Lure is too narrow for the wave to dissipate adequately.
- Boats are going so fast the waves break my seawall. I love and support water sports, but want participants to respect the lake and home owners on the lake.
- We need another fueling station on the lake, at least during the summer months.
- We see no problems with wake surfing. We had best be careful when trying to place restrictions.
- Fishing, too
- We have seen a huge increase in boat activity the last 2 years - difficult to kayak at times with wake.
- We purchased our boat for wake surfing only. To limit now is not fair to those that spent over \$85,000 on a boat.
- Fishing
- Lake Lure is far too small to accommodate large boat wakes.
- Please allow people that want to wake surf to continue to do that. We are being regulated to the point of being excessive while raising the rate of living here.
- This is a small lake surrounded by mountains which amplifies loud noises. The commission should do more to protect activities such as fishing, canoeing, and kayaking which have less impact on the lake.
- I think with the amount of skiers and boats circling to pick them up, we don't need surfing.
- Large waves threaten boater safety and do greater harm to shoreline and seawalls! Wake surfing is hazardous to surfer who is not accompanied by boater and subject to other boat traffic. Our lake is too small and narrow due to boat density.
- We are very concerned and disappointed over how this issue is being handled by the Town Council. There is nothing in the April agenda addressing wake surfing, which makes it appear that council has already made a decision based on "back room politics" with no transparent discussion. The biased wording of the survey leads boat owners to choose between allowing wake surfing restrictions or prohibiting, and didn't even include a choice to fully support wake surfing. In addition, we received our survey in the mail April 26th with a due date of April 30th, which is a unrealistic short response time for a survey.
- Allow as much freedom as possible as safety allows.
- Too much wake on lake now.
- Regulate speed of boats on the lake!
- Discourage amplified/recorded music in all spaces adjoining the lake and teaching about how sound carries
- Small lake. I recommend lake surfing early morning hours.

Lake Use Survey:

"C" Answer Explanation

- Allow wake-surfing on Lake Lure just like any other recreational sport at all times
- Allow wake surfing without regulating times or areas.
- Not removing any boater or skiers rights
- Up to Town if damages shoreline/seawalls
- Allow wake-surfing with no regulations
- Lake is too small for this sport
- Promote good etiquette, don't surf if it's too busy, don't be an asshole
- Live near the dam and Lake Lure Adventure - too much boat traffic/wake already
- Lake is not big enough. That is the last thing we need. Our lake is crowded enough with pontoon boats and speed boats.
- Enforcement of "no-wake" zones
- I think it is fine! I like to watch them!
- Perhaps limit wake surfing to weekdays, M - F between Memorial Day and Labor Day.
- I don't mind regulating it as long as it is reasonable and still allows wake surfing.
- Allowing in all non no-wake areas. It's a small lake, so where could it be restricted?
- I think the lake is too small for additional activities. Perhaps allowing it off-season.
- Allow wake surfing
- Too dangerous and annoying to other users.
- Let them have their fun; they're not bothering anyone.
- Fine with it at any time
- Love the present serenity of Lake Lure. Makes it special and unique from other lakes.
- Limit times for water skiing/tubing
- There is too large of a wake as it is. Plus, it will erode the bank more than it already is.
- I only fish - doesn't make a difference
- Large waves deteriorate banks and make it unsafe for canoes/kayaks and totally disrupts fishing.
- I just fish, any decision is ok with me
- No action
- If people are paying their boat permits, then why regulate the use? Let them surf wherever and whenever.
- Do not limit wake surfing at all
- Allowing out 100 feet from buoys.
- Allow wake surfing
- See other comments
- Leaving it alone. Quit messing with people having fun.
- Lake Lure is a small lake. Wake surfing is potentially damaging to seawalls, boathouses, and natural shorelines.

- Having a Town Hall meeting with ample notice to residents to discuss impacts of all watersports and tour boats. I'm 100% against the banning of wake surfing and any other watersport currently allowed.
- Do nothing, there is not a wake surfing problem on Lake Lure.
- I support not changing current regulations.
- No new restrictions are necessary
- Limitations to proximity of shoreline and other boats or weekday/weekend restrictions may be appropriate
- No restrictions at all
- They aren't an issue. Leave people alone to have fun on the lake.
- Allow in all areas of the lake
- Allow anywhere/anytime
- 100% against any further restrictions regarding wake surfing. Leave it alone!
- Not the right kind of lake. Go surfing at the ocean.
- Too much boat wakes at Lake Lure already.
- Lake Lure is not a large enough lake to support this sport.
- No additional restrictions
- I am not opposed
- The damage being done to our seawalls and water frontage.
- No wake surfing on summer weekends
- Leave rules as is: All watersports can occur past the no-wake buoys. No time restrictions.
- Residents and permit holders should enjoy all their sports.
- I support current rules in place.
- Center of the lake where 4 bays converge
- Not sure
- What problems does wake surfing present?
- As a boat operator, you are responsible for your wake. Enforce "no-wake" areas and damage caused by boats.
- It is tearing up our shoreline.
- The wake required is enormous.
- Wake from regular water sports cause big waves where we live with small children and no cove, it would be dangerous for them to be on the water.
- I would support regulating times and/or areas of the lake for tubing, as well.
- It increases erosion and homeowners bear the cost to repair lakefront property.
- Already spent \$40,000 on replacing a wall due to wake damage.
- We support everything listed under item 2, including wake surfing.
- I don't own a motor boat on the lake.
- More security/limit number of boats
- People who own expensive houses/boats for years should be able to do what they moved here to do - to each their own!
- Yes, from 9 am to 5 pm and only in deep water - The "big water" where tour boats RPM's are not restricted.

- It does not matter the time or area on the lake. Lake is not wide enough for waves to dissipate before hitting the shore.
- No restrictions on wake surfing
- Big waves wash away walls.
- Allow anywhere and anytime as wake boarding or any other wake producing activity is allowed on the lake.
- Allowing wake surfing with no restrictions
- No restrictions
- Allow wake surfing anytime
- Allowing wake surfing with no restrictions
- Support it
- Allowing wake surfing
- I support wake surfing.
- Do not understand the issue enough to voice an opinion.
- I support wake surfing anytime
- I don't think you should restrict time or location
- The lake is too small, particularly in some narrow areas, to safely allow wake surfing. This is an activity that disrupts swimmers, canoeists, and kayakers.
- Fully support wake surfing
- Allow wake surfing unrestricted - too much regulation now
- Keep 50' distance from a stopped or moored boat.