

Comments from Survey Monkey

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We have seen jet skiers on the pond chasing ducks. Jet ski use is inconsistent with the quiet, peaceful atmosphere cherished on Wilson Ponds.

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Relative of land owner and board member

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Thank you! Thank you!

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We did an extensive search for a camp on a Maine lake or pond. Any properties without Above Average water quality were eliminated. Any properties with excessive noise issues were eliminated. Any properties that did not allow for peaceful kayaking or canoeing were eliminated. Lower Wilson Pond met our criteria, PW& will negatively effect water quality and peace and quiet. Frankly we were concerned this summer when our daughter, son-in-law and 3 year old grandson were out in kayaks and aggressively operated jet skis were in their vicinity. We also observed them near a fishing kayak. There really is no place for them on the pond.

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I'd prefer not to make rules dictating how other folks enjoy our pond. However, I strongly feel that these watercraft are not only a nuisance, but also dangerous.

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Stay in [REDACTED] and let your tears flow freely down there. We go to camp to have a good fun time with family and friends. We are sick and tired of being told what we can and can't do. We live and pay tax's in this state and enjoy this state year round unlike many of you "summer folks". Are we going to have to build a bigger dam after another offensive vehicle or fun source of activity strikes your feelings. Maybe we should ban the airport sense it is roughly a quarter mile from lower Wilson. Live and let live,

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Checking the system from my ipad. Kay Johnson

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Working the system test!

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The Upper Wilson Pond is a lake that is shallow with many rocks in it. You have to know where they are in order to be safe. I would say it's not suitable for jet skis. The loons nest here and often have babies. We usually have a family of eagles too. It's a wonderful pond to kayak in for quietness and watching the wildlife. I believe jet skis would disrupt this in a big way. Plenty of space on Moosehead if need to go jet skiing.

11/13/2018 6:32 PM

I despise jet skis. We do a lot of photography from our kayaks. Jet skis are a menace to loons and mergansers, not to mention peace and quiet.

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I am concerned about the impact on wildlife, and the safety of boaters and swimmers.

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Water is for fun

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They ruin my time at the lake.

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From personal experience while kayaking on other lakes nearby I have been too intimidated to cross certain waterways due to high speed & erratic jet-skiers actively criss-crossing the areas while I was out. So I cut short or detoured from my route. I was too concerned they may not see me. Also I've seen them pay zero attention to loons and loons with chicks, giving no space or consideration to the disturbance they cause to the loons.

11/11/2018 5:22 AM

Responsible use of PWCs should not be a harm anyone or the environment. If not used responsibly the violators should be spoken to by law enforcement rather than a full ban. There is no difference in a boat or a jet ski. Boats have a larger impact to the wildlife, noise pollution and bank erosion.

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Safety is the biggest concern with lots of families using kayaks and paddleboards

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If prohibited, would signs for the major access roads be put up?

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PWC should be allowed for use on the ponds

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Last summer three of my friends went to Moosehead Motorsports bought three jet skis, filled them all with fuel, registered them in the sate of maine. They also bought trailers for them. They are all knowledgeable people that have good jobs pay their taxes and spend their extra money to put back into the places they love aka GREENVILLE MAINE. Everyone that is respectful to the pond should be able to drive any watercraft/boat that Is registered to ride on the waters. We all love the pond just as much as the next guy. Live and let live.

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Why ruin fun on the lake for a majority vs. making a couple ██████████ happy

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I am located right near the public boat launch. I have never witness any excessive noise or neglect from Jet skis. I don't see that they make any more noise or wake then boats or planes. Probably less actually. I also enjoy seeing the fun of all water items. Such as jet skis, sport boats, and planes.

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Jet ski's are a water activity and should be allowed on waterways as well as boats. They are some of the reasons people buy property on water in addition to relaxing, spending time with friends and family, etc. just because you don't like them does not mean that others should not be able to enjoy them. You only own property, not the water. If you don't like them perhaps you should not own water on the water. Buy a camp in the woods. Let people who appreciate all aspects of the water enjoy it!

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We frequently visit Wilson Pond with friends. This would be a tragedy for future summer memories we make there.

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Most folks, as I see it, come to the Pond for serenity. If you want to ride your jet ski, go to Moosehead Lake!

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What's Next, float Planes and no takeoff/landing at the airport? PWC owners pay taxes for registration and have every right to operate on a public pond

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prohibiting water craft in the summer is equivalent to prohibiting sleds in the winter.

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This is ridiculous!

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PWC are no worse than power boats, why specifically ban one and not the other?

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As a taxpayer that has been on Wilson pond for more than 30 years jetskis have never been a problem or a noise issue. Float planes on Wilson pond are very noisy so are we going to ban them next? Just live and let live things could be a lot worse.

11/8/2018 11:10 PM

PWC are dangerous and destructive. ps. I am both a property owner and a member of FWPA.

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As owners and tax payers we should be able to enjoy a ride on a water craft, aka jet ski! We are Americans, land of the free! Free to enjoy kayaking, swimming, boating, jet skiing, floating ... I can not comprehend why anyone would want to ban hard working, tax paying people from enjoying the water just because they may enjoy it differently! The sound of children playing on the water is noise that carries also, is that to be banned next? All the nation talks about is diversity and acceptance yet they want to rip rights away from people whom have different interests?!?! This is absolutely Hypòcritical!! I happen to find peace, like many others in going for a ride on a jet ski! Why does this need to be any different then a water plane, boat, kayak, children splashing and laughing !!??

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Most newer jet skis are powered by emission controlled 4-strokes that pollute far less than most boat outboards.

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The cited data is twenty years old and no longer valid as all PWC manufacturers produce four stoke motors only.

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My family has had a place on Lower Wilson Pond for over thirty years and have cherished every minute we have spent there. We utilize the pond for lots of recreating including fishing,

ice fishing, snowshoeing, kayaking, stand-up paddle-boarding, swimming, boating, tubing, water skiing, and jet skiing. I own a Sea Doo Spark that goes up to 40mph. I have never and would never put myself in a position where I as the driver was out of control, and at speeds and areas where I possibly could not see where I was going, nor do I think any sane person would. I don't think this is an issue of a machine, but rather the controller. Putting stipulations and rules on something is totally understandable and even expected, but to totally eliminate a certain kind of watercraft from Wilson Pond based on a set of statistics seems unnecessary. It's a shame that the fun we have had and memories we have shared over the past thirty plus years in this beautiful area can be seen as a nuance. If people are being just as respectful and cautious as boaters and kayakers they should be able to be here doing what they enjoy as well. There are already a lot of quieter ponds and areas that don't allow motors and such, which we also enjoy for certain activities; it would be very disappointing to see this beautiful pond lose the harmless, fun activity it has seen and the people that enjoy it each year.

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Personal Water Craft is too noisy!!!!

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Personal watercraft = jet ski (is this definition inclusive of the 'boats' that use the same jet propulsion system as jet skis? rather than standard propeller motor?)

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Perhaps a time of day requirement would work? A couple hours in the evening maybe? But otherwise, a ban is reasonable.

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The fuel leaking into the water issue is the largest. I actually planned to vote to allow PWC from 9am - 5pm. It is noisy, I don't like the noisy, and I'm never going to own one for myself. But, I do think it's important to allow people to enjoy the area in their preferred way. Thanks!

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Wilson Pond is so peaceful and idyllic. Don't ruin its main attraction!

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I do not support jet ski use on Wilson Pond. That type of motorized water craft is incredibly dangerous to the operator as well as those swimming/paddle boarding/canoeing nearby and they are disturbing and loud.

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I worry for my family during swimming and kayaking and canoeing time. They are noisy and disruptive and everything I am trying to avoid at Wilson Ponds.

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The speed and noise of the jet skis is a danger and annoyance

11/5/2018 11:53 AM

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PWCs are noisy and dangerous.

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Thank you for this survey

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Ten thousand thanks to you and The Friends for taking this up!! If we aren't already members (I don't recall if we are) please notify me!

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Spoils the serenity of this quiet wilderness pond and has a negative impact on our loon population.

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I'm very supportive of banning jet skis on Wilson Pond.

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Prohibit PWC on the Ponds.

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No PWC, thank you.

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I love Wilson Pond for the peace and quiet and the lack of loud boat noise. I find jet skis intrusive and disruptive, destroying the tranquility that Wilson Pond offers and is so rare to find in the world today. Jet skis are welcome on numerous bodies of water in Maine. Let the jet skiers go to those where they are prevalent, not to Wilson Pond where my neighbors and I relish the serenity.

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I have seen them disturbing wildlife and the quality of life we all value as property owners.

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There is a time and a place for everything, and Wilson Pond is neither the time nor the place for jet skis. They do not promote the peace and quiet that is so valuable, unique, and sought after on Wilson Ponds. There is also a safety concern that comes from the speed and larger wakes of jet skis.

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To peacefull for loud,super fast watercraft. Keep it ok, please.

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I have written an extensive academic literature review on the harmful impacts of noise pollution on wildlife, with a specific focus on breeding forest birds. If any of the information can be useful in bolstering the argument against personal water craft use, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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