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Emergency Slow No Wake Ordinances

Nuts and Bolts

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Why are they needed now?

- Increased water levels
- Increased boater traffic
- Increased size of boats
- Increased wakes



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Things to consider

- How urgent is the issue?
- How well can you illustrate the problem?
- Level of support among key stakeholders
- Level of support among lake users



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Who can pass the ordinance?

- Counties
- Local municipalities (city, village, town)
- Lake Districts
- Town Sanitary District



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Method

- State of Emergency
- Creation/amendment of boating ordinance



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State of Emergency

- Declared by local govt unit under Ch 323
- Not available to lake districts
- Debatable legality!!



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Creating/Amending a Boating Ordinance (Ch 30)

- High water standards trigger emergency slow no wake
- Permanently declare slow no wake
- Set hours for slow no wake or particular activity
- Can be a section in an existing ordinance



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Process to create/amend Ch 30 ordinance

- Public hearing 30 days before vote after 30 days notice
- Ordinance submitted to DNR 60 days before vote
- Post ordinance after passage
- Provide copy to DNR for inclusion on website



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Problem of Enforcement

- Who has authority to enforce?
- Is the ordinance easy to enforce?
- Will the authority *actually* enforce it? Capacity to enforce?