

**LAKE WYLIE MARINE COMMISSION**  
**Procedures for Applying for A No-Wake Zone**  
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Policy Considerations for No-Wake Zones

- 1) No-Wake Zones are a type of regulation which affects behavior of the boating population within a specific area. The decision to approve a no-wake zone could impact other portions of a particular lake.
- 2) A request for a no-wake zone should be seriously considered for approval for reasons of safety or environmental which cannot reasonably be resolved through other means.
- 3) No-wake zone requests should not be considered until a law enforcement investigation and recommendation has been completed and submitted to the Marine Commission. The law enforcement recommendation is provided to the Marine Commission as information only. The Marine Commission may accept recommendations from other sources.
- 4) A public notice will be given of no-wake consideration. A public hearing may be held at the discretion of the Marine Commission.
- 5) Applicant(s) (or authorized designee) for a no-wake zone will be required to attend a Marine Commission meeting to explain the request.
- 6) The Marine Commission may establish a time period before an area can be reconsidered.
- 7) Marine Commissioners having a potential conflict of interest such as but not limited to; living in the area, having relatives living in the area, etc. should bring this conflict of interest to the full Commission's attention and request to be exempt from voting.
- 8) The Commission may encourage applicants to pay for the initial cost and maintenance of the buoys. The Marine Commission will arrange for the purchase and installation.
- 9) A regular inventory of official no-wake zones should be conducted by the Marine Commission.
- 10) The Marine Commission's role in establishing no-wake zones shall be to make a recommendation to the state wildlife resources department. In special cases the Marine Commission may approve a no-wake zone under any legislative authority which allows such action.
- 11) The Marine Commission may serve as an initial applicant for no-wake zones.
- 12) Restrictions may include revisiting, requiring payment, practical payment, etc.

## **PROCEDURES FOR APPLYING FOR A NO-WAKE ZONE**

- 1) Any citizen or group of citizens may apply for a no-wake zone by completing a Request for No-Wake Zone form which is available from the Lake Wylie Marine Commission. Incomplete forms shall not be accepted by the Commission.
- 2) A request for a no-wake zone will be considered for approval for reasons of safety or environmental concerns which cannot be reasonably resolved through other means.
- 3) Applicants should be as specific as possible in their request identifying the cove and recommending where the markers should be placed. This recommendation is provided to the Marine Commission as information only.
- 4) A map must be included showing the proposed no-wake zone area and where buoys should be placed. Ten copies of the maps, photos and any other evidence should also be submitted.
- 5) Applicants (or authorized designee) will be required to appear before the Commission to explain his or her request.
- 6) The Commission may hold a public hearing on any request.
- 7) No-wake zone requests will not be considered until a law enforcement investigation and recommendation has been completed and submitted to the Marine Commission. The Marine Commission will request this law enforcement investigation. The law enforcement recommendation is provided to the Marine Commission as information only. Recommendations from other sources may be received by the Marine Commission.
- 8) The Marine Commission may establish a time period before an area can be reconsidered.
- 9) Applicants may be required to pay for the cost (including replacement and maintenance associated with the buoys) of the buoys in any no-wake zone. The Marine Commission will arrange for the purchase and installation.
- 10) Approved applications will go to N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission for review and consideration.
- 11) The Marine Commission shall assume no liability relating to the approval/denial of any no-wake request or relating to the purchase, installation or maintenance of any buoys.
- 12) These procedures shall take effect on January 1, 1996.



