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Sent on: Saturday, December 7, 2024 12:28:18 AM
To: Navigable Waterways <navigablewaterways@idl.idaho.gov>
Subject: New boat slips on the Spokane River at Templins

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To whom it concerns,

I live on Harbor Island on the Spokane River and I have many friends who can't find a slip on the lake for their boat. There is a large shortage for many of those who love to use our waters. 100 slips will barely be noticed on the river, especially on weekdays. I'm support the new slips and look forward to the excellent work that Stan Craft does.

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From: Tami Wickens <tami.wickens6@gmail.com>
Sent on: Monday, December 9, 2024 1:49:59 PM
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Subject: Templins marina expansion

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This river has been overtly exploited along its shores and in its waters. If not protected, it will become another polluted dead body of water destroyed by mankind. Let's give nature a break and not allow the ultra-rich to expand their playground and their pocketbook! They are the only winners in this scenario, unfortunately .

From: barb erbes <erbes2@hotmail.com>
Sent on: Monday, December 9, 2024 5:08:50 PM
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Subject: #L-95-S-3036N

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To whom it may concern; as a resident who lives just east of Templins on the same side of the river, I would like to express my opposition to any expansion at Templins that increases boat traffic on the river.

Having just spent our 6th year on the river we've seen a steady increase in power boating traffic and more recently a significant decrease in kayakers, paddle boarders and fishermen in part due to their safety concerns. The last 2 summers we've seen dead waterfowl floating in high boat traffic areas and have personally witnessed power boats running into and over the top of waterfowl at high speeds. In our yard alone we've had a goose flailing around with a broken neck and another with a broken wing. In addition the last 2 summers we've had dead fish floating on the shore. Obviously lots of things lead to fish dying but the constant destruction of the habitat, by excessive churning up of the river floor may well play a part.

Since Templins has installed the 24 hour gas pumps the boat traffic has also increased in what use to be relatively quiet times. Now boats come racing down the river at all hours to gas up.

Most places; restaurants, hotels, concerts etc all have occupancy limits in place, largely due to safety concerns. Does the Spokane River have no limit? How far will the eco system be stressed before it's too far?

As Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr. so eloquently said: "A river is more than an amenity, it is a treasure"

Thank you for your time,

Barbara Erbes

Post Falls

Sent from my iPad

From: Darren Mabe <darren.j.mabe@gmail.com>
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To: Navigable Waterways <navigablewaterways@idl.idaho.gov>
Subject: Application # L-95-S-3036N

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Mayor/City of Post Falls,

The request to add more slips to Templin/Stancraft Marina is in direct conflict with the interests of every homeowner on the river and those citizens who already use the Spokane river for recreation. I am a landowner with deeded waterfront access and a passionate boater who enjoys our beautiful lake year round. I have lived in Idaho my entire life and learned to respect the beauty it provides while responsibly recreating. I own a surf boat and respectfully only create surf wakes out on the main lake where it won't cause damage and a safety hazard. I use the river as a way to access the lake multiple times a week from March through October - so my comments here are from direct firsthand experience.

IDPAP 20 states that for the safety and welfare of the community, wildlife, and aesthetic beauty we need to regulate access and traffic on waterways. The current traffic levels are already causing enormous damage to boats and docks on the river, eroding the shoreline, and creating an unsafe condition for recreation.

There is already a dangerous amount of traffic on the river. Any given weekend in the summer, you can sit anywhere on the river and within a few hours watch multiple events happen where someone being run over by another boat is narrowly avoided. Towing sports (wakeboard, skiing, tubing, surfing) should already be illegal on weekends as it's just a matter of time before someone is killed. Adding traffic by expanding the docks will make this far worse. Someone will be killed if this continues to worsen.

Our neighborhood has 20 boat slips in a small marina on the river. Every year several of our boats are significantly damaged by the wakes of boats passing by. We are using every reasonable means possible to protect our boats; rubber snub lines that allow stretch in the lines and bumpers everywhere to keep the boats from crashing into the docks. The wakes are so extreme that tie-down lines are being broken, bumpers crushed and damage is still happening - we have had swim platforms ripped completely off, bows cracked from slamming into the dock, and extensive damage to pontoons and hulls from rubbing and colliding with the dock. Proof of this damage available upon request.

The damage to the community, property value and human life that this proposal would entail far outweigh the value to our community that the growth of the Stancraft business and a few public dock slips provide. I appreciate the inclusion of trash removal in their proposal, but it is not clearly outlined exactly how much trash removal they are planning and trash in the river is rarely noted as a problem to any local that I have talked to so it's somewhat superfluous. Traffic is always the number one issue.

If more access to Lake Coeur D'alene is needed, then it needs to be done somewhere on the main portion of the lake. The river is already grossly overtaxed and can handle no more traffic or expansion.

Damage to shorelines and existing property could be mitigated by allowing some form of wake relief/break devices to be installed by all existing docks on the lake but this would come at enormous cost to the community. Safety could be made reasonable by not allowing towing sports on the river. But until BOTH of these things change, adding any more access to the river, especially at the far west end is unreasonable and will cause untold damages to the community.

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I urge you to deny this application.

Thanks for your time,

Darren Mabe

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