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Dear KC Commissioners, Sheriff Norris, Mr Ahmer, Mr Miller and DEQ,

We are writing today in opposition to the new permit applications for boat slips on the Spokane River between the Spokane Street bridge and Lake CDA, ID. Specifically, Atlas/River's Edge, Permit# L95S6163A and The Estates at Waterstone, Permit# L95S6181.

This plus the 120+ boat slips planned for Templins marina puts at least 200 additional boats traveling on the Spokane River between Post Falls and Lake Coeur d'Alene.

The basis of our opposition is 2 fold: 1. SAFETY--for the people using the waterway, those living along the river and for the river itself and the environmental impacts on the river and shorelines with increased boat traffic overcrowding, excessive wakes, and erosion.

2. LACK OF CONSISTENT ENFORCEMENT OF IDAHO WATERWAY RULES--there are established regulations and rules for the Spokane River. All the boating laws are included in The Handbook of Idaho Boating Laws and Responsibilities. Yet as a homeowner along the river, we see on a regular basis: speeding boats, dangerous passing of boats and jet skis, excessive wakes near docks and shorelines and we have witnessed "close calls." We live near Greensferry which is a very narrow portion of the river. Both of the above Permit #s are on very narrow areas of the river.

We support:

- * A PAUSE on the permits being issued
- * SAFETY by increasing marine sheriff patrols
- * STUDIES of the maximum carrying capacity of the river
- * RESEARCH on the water quality, the heavy metals that are being stirred up in the sediment. More boat traffic means more wakes, more erosion and stress and damage to shorelines
- * TRANSPARENCY for local residents who want a say in how our Spokane River is being managed

We support calling for a public hearing in order to hear from local and interested citizens.

Thank you for your time and attention on this matter.

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