
From: Nick Snyder <nsnyder@kcgov.us>
Sent: Thursday, September 4, 2025 4:11 PM
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Subject: RE: IDAPA Rules - Kootenai County

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Good afternoon Marde,

Thank you for providing an opportunity to comment on this important topic which may affect nearly 200,000 residents of Kootenai County. Kootenai County is blessed to have eighteen lakes and rivers with over 45,000 boatable acres available for our citizens to enjoy. Kootenai County also has the highest number of registered boats in the state, along with several thousands of shoreline property owners. These two factors often create conflict between the boating/floating/angling public vs. shoreline property owners. I often receive comments from our recreating citizens that; *"IDL keeps permitting docks, float homes, and other stuff that is ruining our lakes and rivers and the property owners act like they own the public water."* Conversely, shoreline property owners complain that; *"Boats are ruining our docks and shorelines."* I am sure these comments are common in every county in Idaho.

I have had the opportunity to observe changes to our waterways for nearly 20-years in my current position and based on those observations, as well as other factors, I recommend IDL consider adoption of the following language to assist in protecting all state waterways. Idaho lakes and rivers are both unique and magnificent resources that must be protected for future generations. I believe that the language I drafted below will provide IDL with additional tools necessary to address unique circumstances where an application for encroachment may pose significant risk to the items listed below.

REASONS FOR DENIAL OF ENCROACHMENT PERMIT:

“Any application that may change historic public use of a waterway, interfere or adversely affect navigation, degrade public recreational opportunities, limit or otherwise restrict any use by the public, adversely affect commerce, or impact public safety as determined by the County Sheriff, shall be considered when approving encroachment permits.”

Marde, please let me know if I can assist in any way with development and implementation of IDAPA rule that will assist your agency in strengthening its ability to address permit applications that may adversely affect Idaho waterways that benefit the public.

Best Regards,

NICK SNYDER, CPRE



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Sure thing Nick! Happy to oblige.

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Good afternoon Marde,

Will you please add me to the email list as well? I would like an opportunity to provide comment on this important issue that impacts nearly 200,000 citizens in Kootenai County. Kootenai County is blessed to have eighteen lakes and rivers within its boundaries, and the highest number of registered boaters in the state. However, these blessings come with some challenges, and we would appreciate participating in the discussions and rule making process.

Best Regards,

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Subject: RE: IDL's IDAPA Rules

Hi there Leslie,

We have finished up with the rulemaking stage known as “negotiated rulemaking”, and our next step is to start “proposed rulemaking”. The proposed rule will be posted to our [rulemaking webpage](#) at the beginning of September, and a new public comment period will open up on September 3, 2025.

I plan on sending out an email to all my known contacts when the rule is posted, and where to find any additional information. I can add you to my contact list so that you're notified when the rule is posted for review.

Thank you! I'm happy to answer any other questions you may have.

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Thank you, Mike.

Hi Marde,

I am hoping you can tell me where IDL is in the IDAPA rule making process? Kootenai County has some unique challenges and I was hoping to address some things in the rule making rather than taking it to the legislature, which still may be the best option.

Thank you,
Leslie Duncan

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Hello,

Following our discussion this morning I wanted to give you the contact information for our IDL IDAPA contact. Her name is Marde Mensinger and I have CC'd her on this email.

Thanks,



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