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Subject: Waterstone HOA OAH Case #25-320-08 Agency Case No. PH-2025-NAV-22-006
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To Those Concerned,

I live on the Spokane River and have for the past 13 years. The boat traffic has significantly increased to the point that the high waves are very concerning. I just wanted to inform you of my opinion that adding more docks (eg; 225 or more) will greatly affect the traffic on the river.

I am not in favor of increasing the river boat traffic unless all of the river is made a no-wake zone. Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,
Jacklyn Glenn (Bellerive Lane)

From: [STEVE BEHLMER](#)
To: filings@oah.idaho.gov; [Navigable Waterways](#); [Sheri Scofield](#); [Steve Behlmer](#); [L Behlmer](#)
Subject: Fwd: Evidentiary Paper re: Spokane River dock permit applications. Case No. 25-320-08
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Subject: Evidentiary Paper re: Spokane River dock permit applications

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From: [Craig Sheppard](#)
To: [Navigable Waterways](#)
Subject: Water stone HOIA Application to install Community Dock
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To whom it concerns,

I am writing to you about a few concerns I have with this project. It should be known that if the total boat capacity study for the river was completed, and an environmental assessment made of the river these concerns would be alleviated. To put it easier, if we knew how many boats were on the river now and the condition of the river it would probably guide my answer.

My major concern is overcrowding on the river. It seems to me that you're trying to treat this river as a huge lake. Not the entity that it is which is much more narrow and shallower. I live on the river close to this property. When we bought the place in 1984 or Eighty five we approached people to try to put up a lock boom. They told us it would be a navigation danger. This was due to the narrow size of the channel we live on and this project is proposed. If th on. if the log boom was a navigation hazard, Why wouldn't a dock of this size not be a navigation hazard? The log boom would have only been 10 to 15 feet from shore. The channel that we are in has difficulty with more than two boats passing each other. And when it comes to three boats it becomes dangerous especially with tubers or skiers. I just think there's going to be a lot of damage or injury with the amount of traffic that's on the river now in our section.

The other concern is environmental. In the past few years I have noted the fish population is way down, and by appearance, the water quality seems to be down. Much more murkier and darker than the Clearwater we used to know a couple of years ago. Basically I'm asking you did consider to slow down with all these permits, do a few studies about the river and then it could lead us to a safer solution (ie. adding these docks or waiting). If you haven't seen the river during the summer, especially weekends, you really don't have any idea about the congestion that takes place and the wave action that takes place on this river. Thanks for listening to this letter. i'm sure he got many more people like me. Most would be satisfied with the pause and knowing that it would be safe to add these docks with some type of river plan.

Sincerely, Craig Sheppard

From: [sheri scofield](#)
To: [Navigable Waterways](#)
Subject: Waterstone HOA, Inc. Application to Install Community Dock, Encroachment L95S6181 OAH Case No. 25-320-08/
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To Whom It May Concern,

Please know that Concerned Citizens represents 400++ local citizens in North Idaho, and we are all against the full-steam ahead application approvals by Idaho Department of Lands with the Land Board looking the other way. We oppose all three projects; **Waterstone** Community dock, the River's Edge "Marina" for apartment buildings, and 414 PF Hospitality (Templins). We also completely disagree with the precedent IDL is setting by approving large marina/docks for large amounts of homes and apartments that do not have water rights.

These 225 additional boat slips will have an enormous impact on the environment and wildlife, but where is IDEQ?? They receive letters for input on projects, but return "NO COMMENT" - - WHY?

There are so many points that make no sense:

- How is it that The People see that the river is under grave threat, but the IDL ignores their oath to the Public Trust Doctrine?
- Some citizens in Hayden, ID are now considering doing what Michigan and Minnesota are doing - - surveying and studying the impacts!! That's what Concerned Citizens have asked IDL to do - - pause and study the river! But it continues to be about the MONEY.



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- We were told by an IDL employee that if one of the sister departments (Sheriff, IDEQ, Army Corps of Eng, P & R, etc) would raise any concerns, that would cause IDL to pause and re-evaluate application approvals! Well the Sheriff has spoken and said there is a potential safety issue - - but CRICKETS! IDL still approved the River's Edge project !!
- It appears that IDL is about to approve Waterstone, but this area is just as crowded as every other portion of the river!!
- How can the IDL shut citizens out and NOT BE GIVEN STANDING?? We were told in the 414 PF Hospitality case that we didn't file a Motion to Intervene - although IDL never alerted us or told us what we as Concerned Citizens were doing wrong. In Waterstone and River's Edge we corrected what we "failed to do" in the initial case - but WE WERE STILL SHUT OUT.

Something doesn't smell right in Idaho and at the Idaho Department of Lands! WHY DO OUT OF STATE INVESTERS HAVE MORE CLOUT THAN IDAHO CITIZENS??

We hope that IDL will reconsider and do what is BEST FOR THE SPOKANE RIVER! KEEP CITIZENS AND WILDLIFE SAFE, AND PROTECT THE SPOKANE RIVER in accordance with the PUBLIC TRUST DOCTRINE, LAKE PROTECT ACT AND IDAPA!

Best,

Scott & Sheri Scofield
Concerned Citizens Protecting the Spokane River