

# NEW HAMPSHIRE COMMISSION'S REPORT ON WAKE BOATS

On June 30, 2020, [the final report issued by a commission](#) established to study the effects of wake boats in New Hampshire confirmed what the recreational boating community has continually advocated for: **Education is the key to safe and responsible boating.** Additionally, the commission concluded that **recreational boating is a significant economic driver in New Hampshire and all citizens have the right to access New Hampshire's waterways.**

## Key Findings

- **The recreational boating community is actively educating tow boat users** on ways to minimize any impacts on waterways—including shoreline erosion, aquatic invasive species, and safety—and will continue to bolster these efforts.
- The commission supports legislation to improve general safety practices for wakeboarders and wakesurfers.
- Wakesurfing farther from shore reduces impacts on shorelines and **the recreational boating community strongly encourages all users to stay at least 200 feet away from shorelines and docks.**
- Every citizen has the right to use the state's waterways, and **the waters of New Hampshire can accommodate all water sports.**
- **Recreational boating** generates \$1.2 billion of economic impact annually in New Hampshire and **supports nearly 300 businesses and 7,000 jobs in the state.**

## About the Commission

Established by [legislation](#) signed into law by Governor Sununu in 2019, the commission was charged with gathering data and information on the effects of wake boats, specifically, aquatic invasive species, shoreline erosion, the economic impact of recreational boating, and safety. The 15-member commission included representatives from the public, nonprofits, environmental organizations, law enforcement, water sports enthusiasts, industry, and shorefront property owners.

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