
Subject: urgent proposed changes to EL boat launch access

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Hi all

Happy holidays>

Now the news:

Andy B called me yesterday to alert us ELPOI of APA/ DEC proposed changes to the use/access of the EL boat launch- these changes are described in detail, and highlighted by me, on pages 77-82 of the attached document. There are significant other changes proposed in the document and its worth a read.

But in a nut shell the DEC/ APA has already held a preliminary public comment meeting, that from what I was told, (see attachment with my comments) was poorly attended- I was told that one of the local newspapers carried a notice of this but as hard as I tried I found no public notice.

To get the specifics for what is happening I spoke with Tonya from the Town of Ti Clerks office, she was alerted to these changes by our local Forrest Ranger Mark S. It sounds like Mark has reservations with regard to the impact the proposed changes will have to local residents and approached Tonya to get the word out- (I have a call into Mark but have not yet heard back) Tonya contacted Andy B. and a few others in the EL community- but this happened after the close of public comments. Tonya has also been approached or has approached a reporter from the Sun Times to do a news story about this topic- I have reached out to the reporter and left a voice mail if he should be interested in talking with one of us on the topic.

I did speak directly to Corrie (we, Keith, Chris and I) have had good dealings with her in the past, so she is a phone call away. She indicated that she has some reservations with the proposed changes specific to the boat launch, but has to comply, read this as APA!!! is driving/forcing these changes. Per her comments to me, DEC will still take from us written (mail and email) and verbal comments, she would like to here these- I gave here several and could have provided many more (she is the choir) so I held the rest for a written reply. She does have concerns about the beach area and its maintenance (another topic but closely related).

Corrie described the proposed limiting of the boat launch access as a barrier that will limit boats to ones that can be launched over a barrier - no wheels from a trailer will be able to touch the water. i.e you will NOT!!! be able to float a boat off or on a trailer. I mentioned that there were very few if any other options for the long time lake residents to get there long owned boats into the lake as there are only a few private launches and access to these is VERY restricted. I did, with out pause, let here know that this proposal will open a hornets nest of dismay with lake resident and indicated to her that the ELPOI's interest is to work together to resolve any inconveniences before further plans for change are made. She sound pleased with this.

I have also reached out to Senator Betty Little's office and asked for their help as/when we get them further details and we get our thoughts together.

Also attached is a copy of the DEC's proposal- it appears that this is the sketchy notes/info format that was presented at the public hearing

I reached out to Paul B at the end of the day to give him an update as he or LLoyd were also made aware of this 2nd hand and reached out to Pat H. for letting her and Chris know.

Do some thinking about what I've said here, what you read in the proposal, and how you/we want to inform and gather input and ask for help from the rest of the membership. Reply to this message needs to be done timely and by all officers- please use reply all for all replies.

Rolf

PS Corrie is also looking into the completion of the agreement for the dam area maintenance, she indicated that she sent it "up the ladder" and is waiting for the final agreement, but had forgotten to track it for its completion and reply to us.

Attachments

- DEC Seeking Public Input with mark-ups.pdf (111.62KB)
- hpwfdftum_presentation.pdf (713.24KB)
- hpwfump2 plan with mark-up.pdf (9.45MB)