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Re: Round Lake Usage

Dear Bill Gentes:

It has come to our attention that one individual from the Riparian Owners of Illinois organization has been contacting newspapers, lake and homeowner associations, and other individuals throughout the County claiming that Lake County Health Department staff and a local representative have an "agenda" or desire to control recreational use of Lake County lakes. We **unequivocally reject** this claim.

The County of Lake has no intention to change what citizens, lake associations and municipalities have agreed upon regarding lake usage issues. Instead, we desire that when citizens face lake usage problems, that they decide together what they would like to do rather than relying on government to arbitrate disputes. Many citizens that live on lakes have come to agreements on what constitutes their idea of "reasonable" use and have self-imposed regulations in the form of "gentlemen agreements." These agreements range from "no motor" to "no wake" to no use restrictions.

The center of the "agenda" assertion is Wooster Lake in Ingleside. There, the majority of lake residents and lake bottom ownership desired to maintain "no wake" as the ideal "reasonable" use. In response to numerous requests from Wooster residents, Lake County Health Department staff and a local representative assisted and supported the Village of Round Lake in their creation of an ordinance to maintain the lake as a "no-wake" lake as desired by the majority of Wooster Lake residents and lake bottom ownership. As stated before, this is not our preferred method of governing and government only became involved when the citizens were at an impasse and could not devise their own solution or collective agreement. The County of Lake has no "agenda" or plans to intervene on any other lake in Lake County.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions regarding this matter. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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