



# SANTA ROSA COUNTY GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROJECTS

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Marine Advisory Committee

FROM: Sheila Fitzgerald, Grants & Special Projects Director

DATE: June 27, 2016

SUBJECT: Request for continuous no wake zone on Blackwater River from Oyster Pile Boat Ramp to the intersection with Pond Creek

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Marine Advisory Committee discuss request from Doug Lasater, Chairman of the Bagdad Waterfronts Florida Partnership, Inc. for a continuous no wake zone from the existing no wake zone at the Oyster Pile Boat Ramp to the north of the newly opened Bagdad Mill Site Park.

### **BACKGROUND**

A request was made to Commissioner Bob Cole on June 20, 2016 to extend the no wake zone along the Bagdad Mill Site Park on the Blackwater River. A copy of the request is attached for review. The primary reason for the request is to reduce boat speeds in the area to accommodate small craft launching and landing at the new kayak launch as well as giving fisherman and boaters ample time to avoid conflicts around the new fishing pier.

Specifically, it is requested that the no wake sign currently installed just to the south of the Kayak Launch be moved approximately 1,000 Ft. to the north. A map identifying the proposed request as well as pictures are included for review.

The request has been reviewed by Mr. Stephen Furman, Public Works Director, and he has indicated that the Marine Advisory Council should discuss prior to coordinating with FWC on the request.

### **FUTURE ACTION**

If this requested is supported by the Marine Advisory Committee, staff will share the request with FWC and begin the process for the no wake Extension. As with other no wake zone requests, final approvals are contingent upon approval by FWC and the BOCC and will include an opportunity for public comment.

# Bagdad Mill Park and Oyster Pile Boat Ramp Area



## Sheila Fitzgerald

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**From:** Stephen Furman  
**Sent:** Friday, June 24, 2016 9:11 AM  
**To:** Sheila Fitzgerald  
**Subject:** No Wake Zone for the Bagdad Mill Site Park area

Sheila, I understand that the Bagdad Waterfronts is requesting an extension of the No Wake Zone in the Bagdad area to include the new kayak launch at the end of Cross Street, and the area in the vicinity of the new Tee-Fishing Pier at the Bagdad Mill Site Park. I have reviewed the map presented for consideration and recognize that the intent is for the entire area between the island and mainland, from south of the Oyster Pile Boat Ramp to the intersection with Pond Creek, to be the No Wake Zone. I support this request, and suggest that we include this item on the next Marine Advisory Committee Meeting for consideration.

Stephen

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**68D-23.105 Criteria for Approval of Markers.**

(1) Upon receipt of a completed application, the Boating and Waterways Section will determine:

(a) For all markers, whether or not:

1. The proposed markers conform to the United States Aids to Navigation System and this chapter.
2. The proposed markers, if placed in the proposed locations, would create an unreasonable hazard to navigation.

(b) For regulatory markers only, determine whether or not:

1. The markers as proposed would clearly mark the location in which the regulation or restriction is in effect and adequately notice mariners of the regulation or restriction imposed on vessel speed or operation.

2. The regulation or restriction to be implemented by the proposed markers and the message to be displayed thereon are supported by statute, special act, rule, ordinance, or other enactment or order.

(c) For danger markers, isolated danger marks, or inland obstruction marks only, whether or not the danger, hazard to navigation, or obstruction actually exists and, if so, whether or not there are a proper number of markers proposed to be installed in proper locations so that mariners are given adequate notice of the danger, hazard to navigation, or obstruction.

(d) For lateral marks, preferred channel marks, or safe water marks only, whether or not there are a proper number of markers proposed to be installed in proper locations so that the boating public is given adequate notice of channel, preferred channel, fairway, or safe water area.

(e) For mooring buoys only, whether the placement of mooring buoys and the mooring of vessel at the proposed locations may be safely accomplished and whether the mooring of vessels at the proposed locations will unreasonably or unnecessarily constitute a navigational hazard or otherwise obstruct, impede, or interfere with the navigation of other vessels.

(f) For special marks only, whether or not there are a proper number of markers proposed to be installed in proper locations so that the boating public is given adequate notice of the area's or feature's nature, location, and boundaries.

(2) The Boating and Waterways Section is authorized to consult, coordinate, or cooperate with any other governmental entity having concurrent jurisdiction over the waters for which the permit is applied.

*Rulemaking Authority 327.40, 327.41 FS. Law Implemented 327.40, 327.41, 379.2431 FS. History—New 12-23-01, Amended 10-6-10.*











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**Subject:** no wake zone extension



Dear Commissioner Cole:

As per our discussion I am requesting on behalf of the Bagdad Waterfronts Florida Partnership your consideration to extend a no wake zone along the Bagdad Mill Site Park on the Black Water River.

We are making this request due to safety issues with the installation of the new kayak and canoe launch ramp and fishing pier at the new park. I have attached a map showing the location of the existing no wake zone signage and our suggested new location.

This request will provide slower boat speeds in this area to accommodate small craft launching/retrieving at the new kayak ramp as well as giving fisherman and boaters ample time to avoid conflicts around the new fishing pier.

Thank you for considering this request and our organization is willing to provide any additional information you may require.

Regards,

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