

Today there is no law preventing any boat, (including wakeboarding boats) running >100 feet off the shore, regardless of water depth. So the worst case scenario is a wake boat, in wake surfing mode, following the shore at 101 feet off the shoreline in shallower water.

About Wakeboats

- Larger & heavier than normal ski/fish boat – seats more, made for “a day on the lake”
- Have 4-6 ballast tanks. Push a button to fill, push a button to drain ballasts
- 1000 – 3000 lbs of ballast via 400 – 1200 Gallons of water
- Can run as a normal boat to cruise, ski/tube. Don't have to fill ballast
- Boats are very expensive - \$70K to \$300K
- Ordinances are not a ban on wakeboats, they ban using ballast system to create wake

Issues – #1 Environment Damage

- Prop wash - **Re-Suspension of sediment**, up to 20 feet below surface (phosphorus, heavy metals etc) algae blooms
- Prop wash rips up and scars the **lake bottom weeds**
- 3'-4' waves **Shoreline Erosion**
- Ballast tanks transport water (2 gal per tank)– introduction of Aquatic Invasive Species (**AIS**)

Issues –#2 Safety and Noise

- **Large Waves damage** parked boats and docks
- **Large Waves, endanger** swimmers, anglers, kyakers, etc
- **Safety**, bow is up in wake mode, harder to see out when driving
- **Noise pollution**, (Loud Stereos, slow moving, long running, hours on end)

The concern is not as much with 1-2 property owners on the lake who seem responsible

- **Its Transients boats coming to BSL**. Because of BSL size, will be a target as other lakes ban
- BSL only has only two longer 50 foot sections you can logically run one boat each in when wakesurfing – what happens when 3rd boat comes?
- AIS introduction Scenario is: Twin Cities boat comes for a day on Big Sand Lake, last filled/draind ballasts in an AIS infected lake. Recall, ballast tanks, even draind retain some water from previous lake. Guy fills his ballast tank back up in BSL. Wake surfs all afternoon, then draind ballast into BSL when leaving. This is how AIS is introduced into the lake.

About an Ordinance

- ~10 of 21 Towns in Burnett Co are exploring ordinances
 - **Scott** has (aka Fish Lake) (Kitty corner to us NE)

BSLA Board Meeting Input 18Dec2024 on Wakeboats Summary

- **Swiss** has (re: article in paper)
- **Union** may be next (yellow lake) - was discussed at Nov 20 town board mtg
- **Blane** - was discussed at Nov 13 town board mtg
- If ordinance is enacted, affects all lake in the Town(ship)
 - Sand Lake Town
 - 15 named Lakes
 - 7 Lakes > 50 acres inside boundary
 1. **Big Sand**
 2. **Viola (265a)**
 3. **Mallard (163a)**
 4. Owl (127a)
 5. Austin Lake (83a)
 6. Buck (66a)
- Lakes < 50 acres are already no wake by law examples include: Pratt (19a), Baker (26a), Tucker (48a), Lost (34a)