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Comments: Oppose Gold Lake Amend OAR 250-020-0221 Boat Operations on Certain Waters.

Dear Oregon State Marine Board,

I Oppose & Disagree to Amend OAR 250-020-0221 Boat Operations, Gold Lake, Oregon Handicap Access to Protected Waterways as Written. Submitted to Public Record for Rulemaking on Gold Lake. Please also submit this Public submitted record for All Oregon Lakes & Waterways. Quiet Sacred Waterways Currently Protected from Modern Humans Noise & Propeller Contamination. Already Protected Designated Non-Motorized Boating, Electric Motor's Unwanted.

I support Handicap Access, which is Equal to current Non-Motorized Usage. We must find & solve quiet non-motorized access challenges for the Handicap with continued usage of current OAR's. There has to be ways to accomplish.

I do have some critical concerns as to allowing any usage of Motorized & Propeller Boating, not allowed under current Laws & OAR's. I feel strongly there should be a extreme limited, if any motorized access. There must No Disturbance Exceeding Current Use. There are great considerations that have long been decided, as to the boat size, noise & power of electric motor or disturbance to indigenous waters by the size & power of the propeller. There should No Acceptations. Yes, Equal Handicap Access is Extremely Important. But, does not mean that motorization should be allowed for Handicap. There is already rules & regulations that limited access to Non-Motorized Boating. This is to prevent the least disturbance to Gold Lake Ecosystem. Enjoyment by other Non-Motorized Tribal, Recreational Visitors & Indigenous Nature in this and many other already protected OAR's area through out the State of Oregon.

I have been permanently disabled for 30 years. I can understand exactly why the handicap want access to these Special Quiet Biodiversity Ecosystems. I agree, even though I can not canoe, yet. I don't have the financial opportunities to have an electric boat, canoe or kayak. I have strongly supported Safety of Non-Motorized Water Transportation on the Oregon Coast. Please don't ruin the high quality of gentle silent canoeing in Gold Lake. There are many other highly valued Ecosystem protected & very limited access, if any Noise of Modern Man. There has been many government & local reviews to have reached the current legal status OAR's of Gold Lake. Principals of Current OAR Status of Non-Motorized Waterways & Lakes helps to Protect Rights of Quiet & Sacred to Indigenous Tribal Traditional Water Transportation. Non-Motorized Lakes, Estuaries & Waterways are Highly Valued Tribal Traditional Use & also Recreational Use&gt; Laws & OAR's rules & regulations for the intended original usage by the Public of Non-Motorized Boating. Allowing Motorized Boats for Handicap is not equal rights usage of already Protected OAR's areas.

These Protected Indigenous & Restoration of Oregon Lakes & Waterways are Sacred to Indigenous People's of Northwest & West Coast to Plains Indigenous Peoples of Buffalo. There is something very precious about canoeing in Mother Nature's Ecosystem of Biodiversity. The only noise you can hear is a gentle quiet swoosh of a paddle and Mother Nature Singing. Yes, there should be ways for the Handicap to Live the Full Experience of Indigenous Mother. But is allowing Electric Motors the Best Answer for All Canoeing & Kayaking Lakes, now protected. Absolutely not, IMO. Maybe there could be a better

system of helping the Disabled with Grants for equipment to enjoy Oregon Waterways Recreation. I fully support Recreational Handicap Use with Equal Access compatible to the currently used OAR rules & regulation. Handicapped Access Motorized with Propeller Disturbance is against the Principals of the Original Intent of OAR's. There are exponentially more Oregon Waterways that Allow Motorized Boating, than there will ever be Non-Motorized Protected Lakes, Estuaries & Waterways. Create more opportunities for Non-Motorized Disabled usage.

So how can we provide equal access to the Handicap in Oregon Waterways? State of Oregon Agencies should provide help for Handicap Assurances. How? By asking Oregon Universities to help design mobility systems for Handicap Assistance for Canoe's & Kayaks that meet the original OAR's intent for the use of Whisper Quiet Recreational Area's, Un-Motorized. Ask for designs for low or no cost for the Handicap to provide more recreational experiences very similar to normal recreational users. Oregon needs a much better system to help the Handicap to Experience the Miracles of Mother Nature's Ecosystem Biodiversity. Whether it is on Gold Lake or any other Waterway in Oregon. Let's Do It The Oregon Way. Cooperation & a Public/Private Long Term Partnership to Help All Handicap's to Better Enjoy & have Equal Access to most of Oregon's Wonderful Outdoors Experiences, whether abled or disabled users.

There are many Indigenous Oregon Lakes that should be Handicap Accessible without Electric Motors. Electric Motors are Not Quiet as a Paddled Canoe. Motor's & Propellers have the Whine of Modern Man, artificial sounds. The sound effects the whole Ecosystem that is beginning protected prior decision well planned & designated as Quiet Un-Motorized Recreation Areas for Canoeing & Kayaking. I can only sit on the edge, watching & listening as canoes pass by like the Whisper of an Owl. Almost pure silence is experienced with the canoeing use by Indigenous People's water transportation methods. Uncontrolled Electric Motorized Boats & Propellers for Handicap Boating is Not the Better Answer.

I really do understand the desire to be able to have access to Biodiversity of Indigenous Flora & Fauna of Mother Nature. Protection & Restoration is beginning to bloom again with Indigenous Abundant Life. Being Restored, many times from the Abuse of Humans Contamination. Earth's Ecosystem of Climate caused by the 7 billion cuts by Modern Man's Pollution. Healthy Ecosystem Biodiversity with Clean Water, Air, Soil, Food & Ocean, by using Ecosystem Best Management Principals, First. Then apply, Ecosystem Best Management Principals to Practices, Policies, Prevention, Protection & Restoration on Oregon Waterways. Whether, navigated by boat or not for the Protection of Nature, too.

If OSMB allows special rules changes for Handicap, all user should be required to have standard handicap permit from any state. No Motorized Access Allowed, Without Inspected Handicap Boats with Low Cost Permits. Protection with extreme limits on sizes of boats, electric motors & propellers with strict noise limits regulated for above & below indigenous water lines. Peace for Indigenous of Flora & Fauna, Ecosystem Whispering Quiet of Nature. Yet sometimes, very loud with Mother Earth's Indigenous Fauna Singing Their Praises. Naturally quiet of noise pollution by humans & just the noise of Mother Nature Singing. Not the Whine of Modern Man's Contamination with Noisy Electric Motorized Engines & Propellers for the Disabled. Better solutions, which can apply Ecosystem principals of non-motorized & disabled opportunities on Oregon Lakes, Estuaries & Waterways.

Thank you for your full consideration of these critical Ecosystem Best Management Principals. Designated Waterways usage of Whispering Owl Quiet Canoes & Kayaks used by Tribes, Recreation & Disabled Visitors alike.

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