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Comments: Grew up in Babbitt and boated, fished and snowmobiled the BWCA growing up. Rules enacted since, have been generally beneficial. I have lived in St Paul area for 40 years since, but still have a cabin near BWCA and made 100s of trips.

Primary comments pertain to;

1. Permit availability for general public
2. Use of motor tow boats

1. More permits must be maintained for general public availability vs local outfitters reserving large blocks of permits. Yes, the outfitters need to maintain their businesses, but general public permit availability should be the driving force for any new rule changes.

2. Motor tows into the BW should be maintained and perhaps even increased to reduce entry point congestion. This is where local outfitters can fit well into any new future changes.

Final thought: My BW trips have been reduced to 1 or 2, at most, short trips per season due to lack of permits and overcrowding. I have chosen instead to enter the Quetico from the N end by Atikokan and non-wilderness trips to the Timber-Frear area instead.