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Comments: I would like review increasing the HP restrictions for motors within the boundary waters. I was told by old timers that the intention of the HP restriction was to based on sound decibel dB levels. When this was implemented a person sat on land while a boater drove by with different motors. At this time outboards were loud 2 stroke engines with a high ratio for dB level/HP.

In modern times the dB levels/HP of engines has dramatically decreased while the items transported via motorized watercraft has not. If we increased the HP restrictions or limited this by dB level, we have the opportunity to reduce noise levels below historical levels by means of fewer trips. The restriction to 25 or even 15hp motor means that boats travel slower and often require multiple trips to transport a family and gear across the lake. Not only does this improve the noise by a boat on plane creates less wake which helps for calmer waters for canoers and wildlife.