

Summary of Stakeholder Feedback
 Informational Meeting: How best to address watercraft noise
 May 3, 2012

Summary of Group Discussions

The following are the primary sources of noise identified by participants. Other sources of noise identified were animals; wave jumping, waterskiing and boat horns.

<i>Type of Noise</i>	<i>How Best to Address</i>	<i>Who Should Address</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jet Ski Engines • Stereo/Music (bass) • People/Voices • Boat Engines • Seaplanes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slower speed • Hour limits • Restrict where they can be • Establish no wake zone • Limit hours • Regulate by decibel level; regulate amplified sound • Regulate by distance • Restrict rafting • Limit alcohol • Limit hours • Be more considerate • Slower speed • Hour limits • Restrict where they can be • Establish no wake zone • Take no action • Greater patrol presence • Boaters to practice general boating safety • Boating safety education • Regulate exhaust system • Signage on lake notifying boaters of noise rules • Regulate type of stereo speakers and rack design 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of Kirkland • Boat Captain; Operator; Owner • Personal responsibility • Law enforcement

Miscellaneous comments

- Noise is louder on sunny days
- Excessive noise was described as heavy bass from music, what time of day its being played, noise is so loud you have to go into your house, noise is loud and clear beyond 50 feet; must be able to quantify the noise level.
- There is a reluctance to call 9-1-1 to report noise; sense that 9-1-1 did not want to deal with call
- If you're on the water you may not realize how loud your noise level

Other suggestions offered by participants

Education

- Create educational materials to make available to boaters
- Use media to get out Kirkland's boating messages and rules

Volunteer Program

- Create a volunteer program where volunteer boaters keep an eye on unsafe boating and report it.

Noise Monitoring Device Installed on Lake

- Similar to the "Speed Watch" monitor device, install a noise meter on the lake that would show boaters that their noise level is too high.

Funding

- Additional funding needed for additional resources (increased patrol)
- Kirkland Police Department should patrol on wave runners