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Whatcom County Council  
311 Grand Avenue #105  
Bellingham, WA 98226

RE: **Support for proposed ordinance AB2019-479/480**

To whom it may concern:

My name is Gary L. McHenry and I live at 921 Autumn Lane #251, Bellingham 98229, and my family has lived in the Lake Samish area for more than 17 years where we enjoy various water recreation activities.

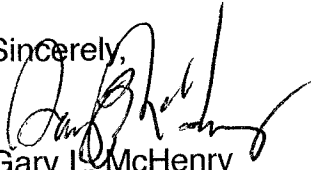
AB2019-479/480 is aligned with a grassroots proposal to change aspects of the recently passed Whatcom County Ordinance #2019-046, originally introduced as AB2019-306. The grassroots effort resulting in changes represented by AB2019-479/480 present a more practical approach for reasonable boating regulations desired by a majority of Lake Samish residents as represented by over 400 petition signatures.

The enactment of AB2019-046 resulted in increased safety hazards as all vessels were forced into the center of the lake due to the operational parameters established by that ordinance.

The revised parameters embodied in AB2019-479/480 will result in fewer watercraft being pushed to the center of the lake, and thus greater safety for all users, docks and shoreline concerns. Specifically, by moving the No Wake Zone closer to the bridge and reducing the 300 feet from shore/dock back to 150 feet for most activities, it won't be as congested in the smaller area that the current Ordinance created. Also the bigger wakes created by wakesurfing and wakeboarding boats will be mitigated by having them operate at least 300 feet off shore/docks.

For all the reasons mentioned herein, I request that you support enactment of AB2019-479/480 when it comes before the Whatcom County Council for approval.

Sincerely,



Gary L. McHenry