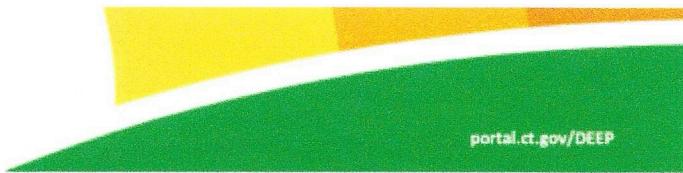
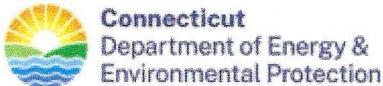


EXHIBIT A



October 6, 2025

First Selectman James L. Brinton
Town of Washington
Bryan Memorial Town Hall
2 Bryan Plaza, P.O. Box 383
Washington Depot, CT 06794

RE: Approval of Ordinance Restricting the Use of Wake-Enhancing Devices on Lake Waramaug

Dear First Selectman Brinton:

Thank you for submitting the attached boating ordinance on August 7, 2025, to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) for review pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes (CGS) Section 15-136(a). DEEP received identical ordinances from the towns of Kent, Warren, and Washington restricting the use of wake-enhancing devices on vessels being operated on Lake Waramaug.

After receiving the ordinance, the agency conducted a thorough review pursuant to its authority to disapprove any ordinance or part thereof that the Commissioner finds to be arbitrary, unreasonable, unnecessarily restrictive, inimical to uniformity, duplicative of any state law or regulation or inconsistent with the policy of Part II of Chapter 268, CGS. After applying each factor to the ordinance at issue here and considering a range of facts, such as those that follow, the agency did not find grounds for disapproval.

The ordinance is not arbitrary because, for example, the preamble to the ordinance indicates that the ordinance responds to concerns about increased use, safety risks, and environmental harms. The approach taken by the town is consistent with restrictions placed on a similar activity — waterskiing — on water bodies throughout Connecticut, some of which were enacted by municipal ordinances that the Department has found to be reasonable. Lake Waramaug lacks robust statewide public access, and so the ordinance is not as restrictive to statewide recreational users as it would be if employed at a water body with statewide motorized/trailerized public access and use. All three towns submitted uniform ordinances to DEEP, thus the ordinance is not inimical to uniformity. Because Connecticut has not adopted any statutes or regulations specific to wakesurfing or wake enhancing devices in public waterbodies, the ordinance does not conflict with or duplicate state policy, nor does it create any inconsistency with the part of the CGS that addresses boating safety in particular.

DEEP will publish a summary of the new ordinance in its 2026 Boater's Guide pursuant to CGS Section 15-138, and upon such publication the ordinance will become effective. Alternatively, if you require that the ordinance becomes effective prior to the publication of the 2026 Boater's Guide – expected in February 2026 – your town must follow the posting requirements set forth in CGS Section 15-138 and in Section 15-121-A16 of the Regulations of the Connecticut State Agencies.

DEEP's Environmental Conservation Police do not have the authority to enforce municipal boating ordinances. As the DEEP Boating Division previously advised, this ordinance does not prohibit the activity of wakesurfing but rather only the employment of devices to artificially enhance or increase a wake, and therefore should be enforced accordingly.

Thank you for submitting this ordinance for review and approval. If you have any questions, please contact Peter Francis, Director, Boating Division, by telephone at 860-424-3651 or by email at Peter.Francis@ct.gov.

Sincerely,



Katherine S. Dykes
Commissioner

Attachments (Ordinance)

CC: Peter Francis, DEEP Boating Division
Alison Rau, DEEP Office of Legal Counsel

EXHIBIT B

Office of State Ethics
Client Lobbyist Registration
2025-2026



Pursuant to Chapter 10, Part II, General Statutes
 ETH-1B

Client Lobbyist Information

Registration Number 66518

Client Lobbyist:	Lake Waramaug Friends for Common-Sense Regulation, Inc.		Registration Period:	2025-2026		
Street Address 1:	47 West Shore Rd.		Street Address 2:			
City:	New Preston		State:	CT	Zip:	06777

Responsible Person Information (Person at Client Responsible for Oversight of Client's Lobbying Activities)

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Phone:	(917) 456-5575	Cell Number:			
Email:	cvaulman@gmail.com				

Additional Email Address

Email:

Is the Client Lobbyist Incorporated: Yes

Place of Incorporation:	Connecticut	Principal Place of Business:	Connecticut
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Are you formed primarily for lobbying? Yes

Do you use in-house communicators? No

Do you use outside communicators? Yes

Business Organization:	Roy & Leroy		
Member Name:	Email Address:		
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Dodge Dallas	dallas@royandleroy.com		

Business Organization:	Roy & Leroy				
Terms of Compensation:					
Particular	Amount	Period	Time Period	Total Anticipated	Categories of Work (other than lobbying)
	\$8,000.00	Monthly	09/01/2025-12/31/2025	\$32,000.00	
Do you use subcontractors? No					
Types of lobbying					
Activities registering for:	Both				
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Legislative					
Department of Energy and Environmental Protection					
Office of the Governor					
Name of Executive and Quasi-Public Agency	Contract or Procurement Award Soliciting				
Issues in which you expect to Lobby					
Nature of Client's Business					
non-profit organization					
Issues					
Athletics and sports					
Conservation, zoning, land and water use					
Public lands, parks, recreation					
CERTIFICATION					
I do hereby swear or affirm, under penalty of false statement, that:					
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I am authorized to file this registration with the Office of State Ethics on behalf of this Client Lobbyist . 2. I have personally reviewed the information herein and the information contained in any attachments hereto. 3. The information contained in this form and all of the attachments hereto (if any) are true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief. 4. If, at any point in time, I become aware that the information contained herein, or on any attachment, is inaccurate or incomplete I will timely amend the form so that the information is true, correct and complete. 5. Any amendment made to this form in the future will be true, correct and complete. 6. Any reports required to be filed during the period for which this registration is active will be true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. 					

Name:	Cathryn Vaulman
Submitted Date:	09/16/2025 11:03:17
Prior Fee :	\$ 250.00
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I have read and agree to all above certifications.

YOU ARE OBLIGED BY LAW TO AMEND YOUR ETHIC FILINGS TO ENSURE THEY ARE CURRENT AND ACCURATE. LOBBYING UNDERTAKEN BY MEMBER(S) WHO HAS(HAVE) NOT CERTIFIED THIS REGISTRATION MAY RESULT IN PENALTIES OF UP TO \$10,000.

EXHIBIT C

From: Shepard, Christopher Christopher.Shepard@ct.gov
Subject: Voicemail to Mason Trumble 12/9
Date: December 11, 2025 at 3:43 PM
To: Kelly Williams kellywilliams77@icloud.com



Hi Kelly,

Thanks for chatting yesterday to follow up on your voicemail to Deputy Commissioner Trumble on Monday. You asked about Scott Stewart's submission to the public comments on the planned scope of DEEP's [Wake Boat and Wakesurf Study](#), confirming with a screenshot in a subsequent text message that you were referring to page 19. Specifically you asked what meeting Mr. Stuart referenced in the third sentence.

At his (or his colleagues') request, he and colleagues met with the Commissioner and members of her staff on July 15, and I assume that was his intended reference. DEEP did not meet with advocates regarding the three towns' wakesurfing ordinance on Lake Waramaug during its regulatory review of that ordinance, i.e. the period from when the towns transmitted their ordinances to DEEP to when DEEP transmitted its review to the towns.

Feel free to reach out if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Christopher

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Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection
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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that a copy hereof was mailed in a properly addressed, first-class postage pre-paid envelope on January 8, 2026 to the following persons at the following addresses:

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Ban Wake Surfing Association

By: 
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