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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Planning Public Email address](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: NO MORE BOATS OR BOAT RAMPS
Date: Wednesday, July 11, 2018 5:31:56 PM

Hello from Salmon Arm,

PLEASE, PLEASE, consider the quality of water, the **GENERAL PUBLIC**, and the fish in our area, when you are proposing more boat traffic on Shuswap lake. It is my contention, and that of many others, that we do not need or want any more boats on the lake. as it brings with it more problems than any dollar benefit. Keeping the lake that we drink from pristine , and keeping it clean so that it supports the fish population is more important than allowing a few wealthy people the **PRIVILEGE** of racing up and down the lake in their expensive toys.

I have a rule of thumb that Should be followed in cases like this:

WHENEVER A CHANGE IS BEING PROPOSED, OR LEGISLATION BEING CONSIDERED, ASK YOURSELF...

1. What problem are we attempting to solve?
2. Who stands to benefit?
3. Do we have the agreement of those who will be most negatively affected.

PLEASE consider using these three steps in this situation.

I'm sure you will see this is a benefit to a few people, and a detriment to many others (who have not given agreement), including our precious SALMON.

Thanks,

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Planning Public Email address](#)
Subject: Protect Shuswap Lake
Date: Wednesday, July 11, 2018 11:15:30 PM

Columbia Shuswap Regional District,
555 Harbourfront Drive NE,
Salmon Arm, B.C.

To whom it may concern:

We in British Columbia have been exploiting our land and waterways to the point now that we risk the health of our soil and waters that sustain all life. It is time that we protected all our lakes, rivers, aquifers, and coastal waters from the fouling excesses of industry and tourism. We need regulations and guidelines to ensure that in the decades and lifetimes ahead those who follow us will live in a healthy environment with clean water, healthy soil, and abundant wildlife. We cannot continue to mindlessly treat the natural environment as a commodity to exploit for quick monetary gain when the consequences can be devastating and permanent.

There must not be increased boat traffic on Shuswap Lake or any other Lake. In fact some lakes should have engine hp. limits. Someone must be charged with holding the population to a high standard of respectful behaviour towards the magnificence that is entrusted to all of us. Please assume that responsibility. There are limits to growth, development and expansion if we are to preserve a quality of life into the future!

Yours truly,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Planning Public Email address](#)
Subject: More boat launches planned
Date: Wednesday, July 11, 2018 3:07:04 PM

While I might appreciate not having to risk twisting an ankle while dragging my kayak into the lake, a formal boat launch will not be for canoes and kayaks so much as for more noisy motor boats.

There is concern about invasive species. Tiny mussels, this time. I remember that in the early 70s there was no Eurasian Milfoil. Boats were inspected. Signs warning, and requesting caution were on every boat launch. But we got the milfoil!

It seems that the only real sure way to keep the mussels out would be to keep out the travelling boats. And actually that would be a great idea. It might help a few local boat rental places in their business!

A local business is doing well renting out various paddle boats (kayaks, canoes) in the park. Such a good idea! Guided tours could travel the lake in peace and safety without the danger of being run over by an intoxicated motor boat pilot. We all know this has happened.

Quite apart from invasive species, the oil and gas spilled from motor boats is also damaging.

In the connection of water and fish, I am reminded of my late dad telling the story how as a young boy he visited a local flour mill on the river Elbe and noticed an old framed contract on the wall — being kept as a curiosity then. It was a written promise by the miller's grandfather to not feed his workers salmon for lunch more than 3 times a week!

Today there isn't a minnow nor a self respecting carp in those waters! Could this be writing on the wall for us — pardon the pun!

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Marianne Mertens

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, July 29, 2018 10:02 PM
To: Planning Public Email address
Subject: Proposed Celista Boat Launch

Dear Sir or Madam;

[REDACTED] It is located across Bristow Road from the proposed boat launch. We survived the recession of 2008 and the decline/decimation of Alberta oil prices. During this time we have employed a minimum of 7 local people year-round.

The proposed marina will, hopefully, increase our summer business. We will then be able to reinvest in our store and the community. The boat launch will also be a sign of a positive future. Celista does not want to be a dying community. Change, as overseen by the CSRD's plan for a boat launch, can only be beneficial.

Other than at the Provincial Park, there is no good boat launch on the North Shore. People often come into the store asking where they can launch their boat. "The Park" is the only response we give.

Summer residents may be impacted for several weeks. But then they LEAVE!! Much thought and planning went into this decision, aided and supported by the LOCAL advisory board. That is the most important factor of all.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Planning Public Email address](#)
Subject: Re boat launch planned at/for park at Scotch Creek
Date: Sunday, July 15, 2018 4:13:21 PM

To Whom this may concern at the CSRD,

A local resident and friend brought this concern (re Subject) to my attention last week. Please, let's not encourage more power boats on our beautiful (still more clean than most) Shuswap Lake--or any water body, for that matter!

I could list the particular reasons to oppose, but I respect your time and intelligence. I'm sure you not only have heard them all before, but are likely in agreement that more boats make for more pollution and problems for the lake.

Please take the lead on this issue rather than choosing to maintain the status quo: the generation coming up must live in the world we have left them; let's do all we can to ensure that it's one that is vital and alive at all levels--plant, animal, aquatic life and human life. Most young people and millennials "get it" and will endorse stricter measures for a cleaner environment.

We can *and will* find other ways to keep our local economy not only growing, but *thriving*!

Thank you for hearing me on this issue.

Sincerely,

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Marianne Mertens

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, July 29, 2018 10:05 PM
To: Planning Public Email address
Subject: Submission re: Public Hearing August 1, 2018 re: Celista Park and boat ramp.

TO: COLUMBIA SHUSWAP REGIONAL DISTRICT
[REDACTED]

Sirs/Madams:

More boats for Shuswap Lake?

When considering another boat ramp anywhere on this Lake is anyone considering the health of the Water?

We may have boards and organizations who are tasked with monitoring 'lake water quality' but so far, they do nothing to prevent further pollution of the water.

At some point we have to either become realistic about what it is that actually attracts the tourists who we say our economy depends on. It is a fairly clean lake and quiet, beautiful rural lifestyle. But those who come are here to use it and leave without having to think about the affects of their activities which are in reality more noise, more garbage, more gas and oil in the water, more encroachment on what remains uncaded, unsundered Indigenous Lands and Waters.

Once again I wish to present these statistics about the toxic nature of gas and oil from speed boats: This quote is from Energy and Environmental Affairs, Massachusetts:

Oil doesn't dissolve in water. It lasts a long time and sticks to everything from beach sand to bird feathers old and petroleum products are toxic to people, wildlife, and plants. ONE QUART OF MOTOR OIL CAN POLLUTE 250,000 GALLONS OF WATER. ONE GALLON OF GAS CAN POLLUTE 750,000 GALLONS OF WATER.

This information was presented on March 30, 2016 at the Gateway public hearing and again at the Finz Marina request for expansion in Blind Bay last year. To the deaf ears of all who consider playing on the water more important than protecting it!

And now we are looking at the invasive species of mussels coming in from other lakes. The only way to prevent this is to stop allowing boats to enter the lake from other areas. Period. And to do the research into Ecotourism which will attract the high-end tourists with the big money who are seeking clean, pure Water and protected areas to enjoy.

All of the fresh water on Earth was once fit to drink. Now there are very few lakes, streams and rivers which are not poisoned. We teach our children at home and in school about the importance of not polluting, of respecting the environment and then our decisions about how to behave reflect the opposite behaviour. Is it so ridiculous to consider how our actions today are going to impact future generations?

Shuswap Lake is THE REASON we all live here. We have a duty to preserve and protect it. More boats is a continuation of business as usual which is going to eventually destroy the very thing which sustains all of us, all of our businesses, waters our gardens, pets, livestock, refreshes and cleans everything; is the first line of defence in all diseases.

People in all areas of the world are beginning to realize the danger of continuing to treat the Air, Land and Water as if they are endless resources which can be used as though they can sustain ongoing disrespect and poisoning forever. We still have the

unbelievably wonderful gift of clean water here and not protecting it is unthinkable to those of us who can see what is going on as a result of putting personal profits before health and life itself.

The word 'sustainable' has now become a catchword for going ahead with business as usual without restoring what has already been damaged and then appointing more boards of directors and advisors and doing nothing.

Leadership which upholds profit over life is no leadership at all. At some point we have to take a break from endless growth economics and do the hard work of finding new and better ways of living with our habitat, not against it. Just pause for a while and think. Consider the facts. Consider the outcome of continuing on the path of destruction we are on right now.

Other lakeside communities are facing the same dilemma. There are already fish being caught with tumours in this lake. How bad does it have to get? One little boat ramp - a few more little boats - here and there - until this lake is added to the list of dead lakes. Clean water is not an issue to put to a vote. It is like voting about whether it's ok to bring in a deadly disease. Majority wins because the disease would provide more jobs? This is insane thinking.

Making the right decision is always the right decision; whether it was 100 years ago or 100 years in the future. The right decision is to protect the water by any and all means necessary.

Thank You for this opportunity to have my say on behalf of those who have no say.

