



Minnesota Department of Natural Resources  
Division of Enforcement  
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Gary Fish  
Sheriff  
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You have informed the DNR that due to extraordinary weather conditions, record high water levels continue on all lakes within Lake of the Woods County. Lake of the Woods County currently has a 30 day temporary control in place on lakes within the county that will expire on June 11, 2022. The special control in place currently is no person may operate a watercraft at any time at speeds greater than no wake.

A request has been made by Lake of the Woods County to grant an extension of this special control. The DNR has approved your request which may remain effective until October 31, 2022 or until the high water levels have subsided.

Motorboat wakes during high water periods may cause erosion, lake sedimentation and property damage. Due to the urgency around these facts, the State Boating Law Administrator has evaluated temporary approval of this item. After review, your request appears to be a measured and reasonable action to the current and potential future conditions. As a point of clarification, should water levels subside enough for the controls to be lifted and then reach high water levels again prior to October 31, 2022 the temporary slow no wake controls would resume.

Please post notices at public access sites and on the county website at times when the restriction is in effect and when it has ended. This approval is valid until October 31, 2022.

Sincerely,

COL Rodmen Smith  
Enforcement Division, Division Director

CC: CAPT Phil Seefeldt – DNR Region 1 Enforcement Manager  
LT Eric Benjamin – DNR Enforcement Supervisor

