



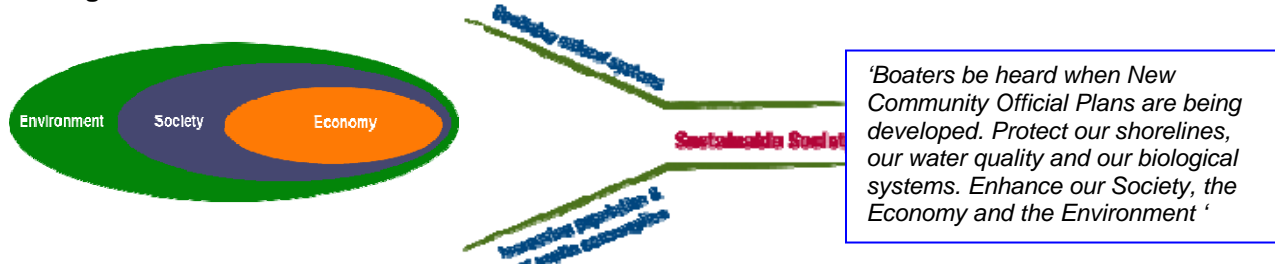
THINK TANK SUMMARY

'Boating in the Okanagan'

WEDNESDAY JUNE 18 – 7PM- THE WESTBANK YACHT CLUB

OVERVIEW: The Major Lakes Recreational Marine Study has completed the first, second and third phases of indexing, verification and assessing boating facilities and amenities on lakes Okanagan, Woods and Kalamalka. The implications of modernizing and expansion have been assessed and the future projections are ongoing.

'Thinking-Out-of-the-Boat'



Updates: British Columbia -Recreational Boating in Canada 2006 Report (derivative)

Boating Economic Impact.06- \$3.3B- With Ripple Effect-\$7.8B New Boat Sales .06 – 13,300 (+2.6%.01)

Paddle- 4,600 Wind- 500 Outboard- 4,300 Inboard- 700 Stern/drive- 2,200 PWC- 1,000

Central Okanagan Regional District- Input-Statistical Findings to date: High Weekend Boat Launch Count-2,781+

Public/Commercial Slips-1,486 Dry Storage Capacity-1,680 Day Moorings- 112 Trailer Parking- 67

Yacht Club Memberships- 1760 Moorage Waiting List- 740 New Boat Sales.07- 794:est.08- 700

EARLY COMMENTS: "Boating is Tourism" "Requires government participation" "Sinking mooring buoys" "Enforcement a BIG Issue"

MAPPING: The participants examined the newest lake mapping and the '66 Points of Interest' for impact and comment

BLUEPRINT: KEY POINTS- Clean water, Places to boat to, Friendly people, Fishing, Weather dependant, Revenue potential

ISSUES: Moorage/Buoy Shortage, Buoy Liability, Buoy placement= public, Boat Wake, Camping Management, Enforcement

2030 HEADLINES: 'OK LAKES SAFEST PLACE TO VISIT', 'CLEANEST LAKES IN THE NATION' 'SUSTAINABILITY REALIZED' others

Trends in the Okanagan- Shrinking Sales/Slips - Commercial/ Private Growth - Shorter Periods of Power Boat Use

Public Sector wary on Tax Spending – Increases Boating Size – Lake Violations/unenforced – Great Youth Programs

Nexus on Lake Jurisdictions Options- LMAC role – CORD coordination – Major Lakes Task Force

Economic Sustainability: District /Major Lakes specific expand with Socio-economic – Further 'model' development

OUTCOME/CLOSING COMMENTS: "Enforcement-Deploy the resources!" "Boating is primer of the pump!" "Act on Noise!"

"Pump-outs and Issue!" "Stealth Technology Available!" "Speed more dangerous than Noise!"

"Organize Speed Events!" "Development Too Land Based!" "Keep Lake Access Affordable!" "Act on More Public Moorage!"

Upcoming- Ipsos Reid Public Opinion Survey Results- Definitive Think-Tank2 Workshop July 23 / Public Meeting1-August 14

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