

5.2.9 Boat Sticker Program

The Project Owner acknowledges that Candlewood Lake is overcrowded, particularly on summer weekends and holidays, and that steps should be taken to more actively manage recreational use of the lake. To better control boating activities, the Project Owner shall institute a program requiring that all registered boats using the lake on summer weekends and holidays display a Candlewood Lake Boat.

Seasonal stickers will be available for purchase on-line, through the Project Owner or its agents, and at select boat ramps and marinas. The fee for a Boat Sticker shall initially be set at \$30 for a season pass.

Revenues generated through the Boating Sticker program will be used to support on-water enforcement and patrols as well as other management activities intended to promote public safety and reduce user conflicts, including placement of navigational markers and removal of illegal moorings.

The Boat Sticker Program will be implemented for the 2008 summer recreation season extending from Memorial Day to Labor Day. During the first three years of the program, there will be no limit set on the number of stickers issued. Based on the results of monitoring, limits may be placed on the program in the future.

5.2.10 Moorings

Except as previously licensed, the Project Owner shall prohibit the establishment of moorings. All existing, unlicensed moorings shall be removed. Beginning in the summer of 2007, the Project Owner or its contractors shall identify, mark and physically impound and remove all illegal moorings. The illegal moorings will be marked with fluorescent spray paint then numbered and dated with indelible marker. Known owners will be notified in writing that they have three weeks to remove the mooring, or the mooring will be removed and impounded.

5.2.11 Fishing Tournaments

Candlewood Lake is a popular location for fishing tournaments. The lake supports more fishing tournaments than any other lake in northeast. Concerns have been expressed regarding conflicts associated with this use including noise, crowding of ramps, and fishing activity in the vicinity of docks, swimming areas and moored boats. Fishing tournaments are permitted and regulated by the State of Connecticut, Department of Inland Fisheries. This use is not regulated or controlled by the Project Owner. However, policies and programs established in this SMP will be applied to tournament users including requirements for Boat Stickers, increased boating patrols, and improved education and outreach. In addition, the State has recently submitted legislation making it illegal to cast into a swim area.

5.2.12 Derelict Docks

All licensees shall be responsible for maintaining their docks in safe working condition. If a dock is to be removed or replaced, the old dock must be disposed of properly. Issuance of any replacement dock permits will be contingent upon proof that the existing structure has been properly removed and disposed of. Fees collected through the licensing program shall be used in part to fund efforts by the Project Owner or its contractors to remove and dispose of docks that break loose during the year. If the owner of the dock can be identified, they will be charged the cost of recovering and disposing of the dock and may be subject to loss of their license if there is evidence that the dock was purposefully released into the lake.

5.2.13 Candlewood Lake Watershed Management System

The Project Owner shall support the development of a Candlewood Lake Watershed Management System as described in Appendix A. The system will be designed to aid in shoreline management, including monitoring and enforcing licensing of shoreline structures.

5.2.14 Lake Advisory Committee

The Project Owner, working with other stakeholders shall establish and convene a Lake Advisory Committee to serve as a forum for the identification and pursuit of specific management measures to reduce crowding and user conflicts over time. Measures may include joint pursuit of additional on-water controls designed to reduce congestion and conflicts, and increase public safety. The Project Owner shall work through the committees to explore and submit requests to DEP, and as appropriate draft legislation that complements the intent of the SMP.

The Lake Advisory Committee shall consist of one representative from the following:

1. Project Owner
2. Candlewood Lake Authority
3. Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Boating
4. Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Inland Fisheries
5. Each of the five towns around the lake.

Lake Advisory Committee representatives shall be nominated by their respective constituency and shall be established and convene it's first meeting no later than May 2007. The Committee shall meet a minimum of once a year. Staffing for the Committee shall be provided by the Project Owner as needed. Activities of the Committee may be coordinated with the License Review Board as described in Section ____.

5.2.15 Education Program

The Project Owner shall publish materials regarding the SMP and associated regulations on a project website. The Project Owner will also work with CLA, the Towns, and the State to develop appropriate education materials for use at boat ramps and other public access points.

The Project Owner will periodically conduct classes for contractors that are interested in doing work for adjacent landowners on project land. These classes will educate contractors regarding SMP policies regarding construction and vegetated buffers. Classes will result in a list of trained contractors. Upon request, the Project Owner will provide this list of contractors to property owners filing applications to do construction within the project. The Project Owner will also periodically conduct classes for real estate brokers to ensure requirements of the SMP are communicated to new property owners adjacent to the project.