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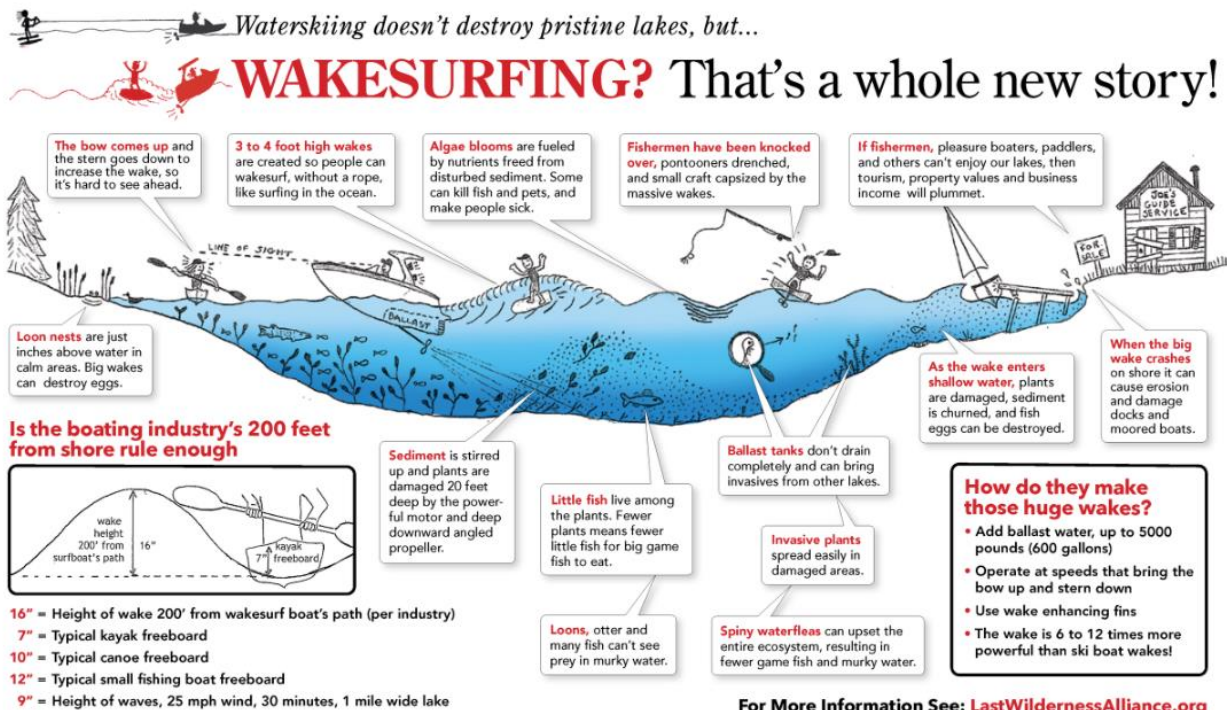
Subject: Wake Board Surfing Education Presentation October 11, 2023 by Jeff Meessmann ,P.E., Director at Last Wilderness Session Notes

Last Wilderness Alliance

Our mission is to advocate for the protection of our natural resources to support the long term viability of Wisconsin’s Northwoods. We are committed to sound environmental practices and the principles of democratic decision making. The Last Wilderness Alliance is a 501c4. Further information is available on the presentation topic at: [www.lastwildernessalliance.org](http://www.lastwildernessalliance.org)

Jeff Meessmann, the presenter, is one of the director members from the Board for the Last Wilderness Alliance. He has an extensive engineering background with 38 years of engineering and management experience. Jeff has experience with water bodies and is actively involved with lake management.

Jeff brought copies of two brochures that are available on their website. (“Is Wakesurfing Runing Your time on the Water? brochure” and a pictogram “WAKESURFING? That’s a whole new story!”





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### Meeting Summary

The meeting welcome and overview was presented by George Hauser, President of the Wapo/Bear Trap Lake Association. George welcomed the lake residents and guests were introduced. Members from Polk County, Town of Lincoln, Amery City Council, Chisago City, and several other guests.

Jeff Meessmann used a PowerPoint that incorporated a video showing a Wakesurfing boat operating on the lake. He explained about the Last Wilderness Alliance and what the volunteers do for the organization. His presentation highlighted the specific use of wake board boats which can be used to cruise the lake, pull on a rope water toys or skiers and to wakesurf.

He explained his engineering background and how he has used it for his research and lake protection efforts. His engineering experience helped to explain details as to how the wake boats are designed and used on our lakes.

Wakesurfing was pointed out as doing damage to smaller sized lakes and to those that did not have deep water depths. Examples were provided using scientific based studies using several lakes in Wisconsin as well as others.

The Wakesurfing Pictogram illustration (as shown above) summarizes much of the points that Mr. Meessmann made during his presentation.

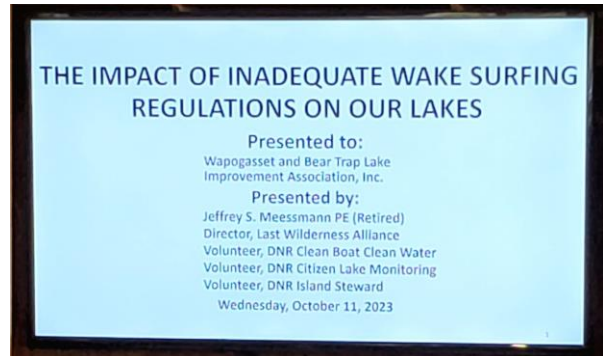
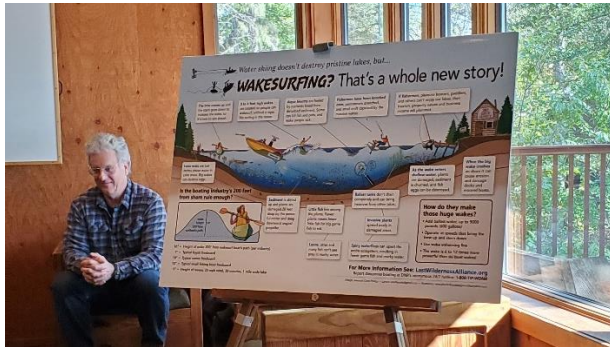
The Question-and-Answer session followed which was monitored by George Hauser and Jeff Meessmann. Questions came from lake property owners, Wakesurfing boat suppliers and users, and government entities. Several questions from the attendees were taken, discussed, and answered. President George Hauser closed with comments of appreciation for everyone's attendance, thanking Jeff Meessmann for his presentation and an explanation that our lake association will continue efforts to improve our two lakes.

George Hauser  
President, Lake Wapogasset Lake Improvement Association, Inc.

(Photographs follow)



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Jeff Meessmann, Speaker, The Last Wilderness Alliance



George Hauser, President Introduction





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