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**MEMO**

To: Aitkin County Board of Commissioners

Date: July 14, 2016

From: Sheriff Scott Turner

Re: Elevated Lake Levels

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Following the significant rainfall events that we have seen over the last several days, the elevation of a number of our lakes is extremely high. Some county residents have asked about a "No-Wake" status for area lakes to help prevent further degradation of their lake shores.

In the past, I have requested a "No-Wake" status for lakes immediately following a significant rise in lake levels for public safety concerns. The high water has also resulted in dock sections, trees and other debris being set adrift in many lakes posing a hazard to watercraft operators.

It is also a concern from a resource management perspective. Resource management concerns are best answered by those who deal with those types of issues on a daily basis.

The authority, under Minnesota Rules, now grants the county board authority to enact restrictions for up to 30 days.

**6110.3700 WATER SURFACE MANAGEMENT STANDARDS.**

**Subp. 9. Emergencies.**

In situations of local emergency, temporary special controls may be enacted by a county, city, or town for a period not more than 30 days without the commissioner's approval. The commissioner shall be notified, however, as soon as practicable during this 30-day period.

Other Guidance from the MN DNR:

**Please notify your members:** The typical restriction is a slow no-wake either across the entire water body or at a 150 foot or 300 foot distance from shore.

# Emergency Meeting

## Aitkin County Board of Commissioners

### Board Meeting Attendance Record

Date: July 14, 2016

Name	Please check the boxes that apply.		
	Aitkin County Citizen	Aitkin County Employee	Company Representative – please list.
Ronald Fudala	Yes	Yes P.T.	HAMMEL LAKE
Ruth Fudala	Yes	No	Hammal Lake
Taylor Hochstein	No	No	Conservation Officer (Mills Cass Park)
Cheryl McDonough	Yes	No	Farm Island Lake Treasurer
Jim Hansauer	No	No	Farm Island Lake Pres
Gordon Prickett	Yes	No	ACHARA Pres.
Adam Hoagwaller	✓		Aitkin Independent Age
Steve Hughes	✓	SWCD	Aitkin Co. SWCD
Nathan Benum	Yes	Yes	Aitkin County Attorney's Office