

**GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION
PROPOSAL**

PUBLIC WATER ZONING
CHAPTER 41:04:02:11

Commission Meeting Dates:	Proposal	January 28, 2021	Virtual - Zoom
	Public Hearing	March 4	Pierre
	Finalization	March 4	Pierre

(Game Fish and Parks) DIVISION RECOMMENDATION

Recommended changes:

To extend the No Wake Zone at the St. Francis Boat ramp from its current 150-yard distance to 350-yards.

(See attached maps)

Requirements and Restrictions:

(INSERT ANY REQUIREMENTS/RESTRICTIONS THAT APPLY TO THE RULE HERE)

Recommended changes:

- (1) In the North Point Area of Lake Francis Case in the waters of ~~St. Francis Bay~~ and Prairie Dog Bay starting at the center of the respective boat ramps and extending outward in a 150-yard radius ~~are~~ is a "no wake zone"
- (2) **In the North Point Area of Lake Francis Case in the waters of St. Francis Bay and starting at the center of the respective boat ramp and extending outward in a 350-yard radius is a "no wake zone"**

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

Due to a significant increase in beach use, recreational boating, and fishing; staff has seen an increased risk for accidents in this congested area making public safety a concern.

The St. Francis beach is the North Point Rec. Area's largest and most popular swimming beach in the district. Due to the topography it is protected from high winds, making it a very popular area for swimmers and kayakers alike.

From the swimming beach buoys to the opposite shoreline there is approx. 200 yards of distance. This is a narrow area for the multiple recreational boaters that are towing skiers and tubers just outside the swim area, along with fisherman who go back and forth from the boat ramp.

North Point Rec. Area offers four public boat ramps with the St. Francis Bay ramp being the smallest of the four. The other three boat ramps all have larger parking lots and are in close proximity, with St. Francis Bay offering 25 parking stalls, Prairie Dog - 201, North Point Bay - 60, and the Fort Randall Marina at 30.

No Wake buoys would be placed across the bay at approx. 100 ft in distance between each other.

APPROVE **MODIFY** **REJECT** **NO ACTION**



Lake Francis Case

North Point
Boat Ramp

Marina
Boat Ramp

Prairie Dog
Boat Ramp

St Francis
Boat Ramp

Proposed Wake
Zone - 350 yd

Pickstown

South Shore
Boat Ramp

Randall Creek
Boat Ramp

Spillway
Boat Ramp

St Francis
Boat Ramp

**Current Wake
Zone - 150 yd**

200 yd across

**Proposed
Wake
Zone
350 yd**

Swim
Beach

Lake Francis Case

