

## OREGON STATE MARINE BOARD

Petition to change boating rule on Gold Lake in Lane Co.

My name is Clint Brumitt and I am asking that the rule of NO MOTOR USE ON GOLD LAKE be changed in the following manner.

Allow The Use Of Electric Motors At A Slow No Wake Speed On Gold Lake, Lane County, Oregon.

Rationale: In the last few years I have developed increasingly more and more pain in each of my thumbs due to arthritis. I can not row a boat but for a few minutes before pain prevents the physical strain of handling a set of oars. However, the best story to illustrate the reason for this change came last fall when I was fishing Gold Lake with a friend who asked if I could row for a while because his back was beginning to bother him. It struck me that my generation (I am 73) still wants to be active but different physical conditions are limiting or interfering with that desire to be active.

I have fished Hosmer Lake, and it has a similar angling regulations of fly fishing only, barbless hooks as Gold Lake. I thought if electric motors work at Hosmer, it should be able to work at Gold lake. One of the attractions of lakes like Gold is that it is quiet, peaceful and a great place to get away from it all. In my mind, the addition of allowing electric motors will not change that aspect of the lake. They are quiet and the motors I have observed, it is hard to get them up to a speed to create a wake in the movement of the boat. The current rule was made in the late 1960's when only gas motors, with their sounds and smells, existed.

In response to those portions of part (5) of the Rule applicable to the nature and purpose of this petition, I submit the following: The change this petition proposes should increase the economic benefit to businesses in Oakridge and the Willamette Pass area because it will open the lake to older and handicapped people who can not row a craft on the lake and therefor are precluded from using the lake under the current rule. In addition, the use of the campground operated by a concessionaire could increase. The proposed rule change would also not disturb the lakes tranquility (one of the principal reasons for the current rule) as modern electric trolling motors are barely audible when operating just a few feet from the watercraft to which they are attached.

As I began the research to change the rule I learned that Gold Lake was in a small group of lakes that technically were managed by the Oregon Legislature. Working with my local representative, Nancy Nathanson and her staff, HB3168 was written, introduced and passed by the 2019 Oregon Legislature.

As a result I am petitioning the Oregon State Marine Board seeking a change to allow the use of electric motors on Gold Lake.

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