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RE¹ 004

DATE RECEIVED: 01/31/2001

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. ROBERT P. BYRD

SUBJECT: EXPRESSES CONGRATULATIONS AND REQUEST TO SUPPORT NBF PROGRAMS

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February 05, 2001

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TO: DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

ACTION REQUESTED: APPROPRIATE ACTION

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

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MEDIA: LETTER, DATED JAN 08, 2001
TO: PRESIDENT BUSH
FROM: MR. ROBERT P. BYRD
PRESIDENT
NATIONAL BOATING FEDERATION

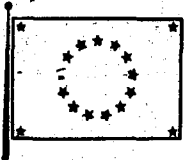
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OFFICE OF RECORDS MANAGEMENT - THE WHITE HOUSE



NATIONAL BOATING FEDERATION

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ROBERT P. DAVID, PRESIDENT

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JAN - 8 2001

3 January 2001

President-Elect George W. Bush
Bush-Cheney Transition Headquarters
1800 G Street, NW
Washington, DC 20270

Dear President-Elect Bush:

On behalf of the two million recreational boaters represented by the member associations of the National Boating Federation, please accept our congratulations as you assume the Presidency of the United States and our best wishes for success during your term of office. We fully recognize that you will face many challenges and pressures from various groups that can become onerous. However, I would like to acquaint you briefly with the National Boating Federation, and its purpose.

The Federation, formed in 1966, is composed entirely of volunteers, who, to this day manage NBF affairs on a small budget consisting entirely of recreational boaters' contributions, augmented by occasional modest Coast Guard grants for specific independent studies. Our mission is threefold:

- To further recreational boater education, and safety on our nation's waterways;
- To protect our membership from unjust taxation and over-regulation;
- To present a clear and proper image of the recreational boater, namely a person vitally interested in the aquatic environment, a hobbyist of modest means.

I am enclosing a copy of our membership brochure which describes a bit more about who we are and what we do and a copy of our bi-monthly publication, The LOOKOUT.

At this time I would like to call to your attention and that of your team two critical boating safety issues of concern to NBF members.

First, the Aquatic Resources Trust Fund (Wallop/Breaux) for sportfish restoration and boating education and safety, a true *user pays-user benefits* program, will be coming up for re-authorization and drafting negotiations will begin shortly. Currently, the motorboat fuel excise tax for boating recreational boating is authorized at \$70 million in TEA-21, but is effectively capped at \$59 million because it is part of the Coast Guard budget. Both the Coast Guard and all boating interests are hurt. Two issues need action; 1) a more equitable 50-50 allocation between sportfish restoration and boating should be established and 2) the "scoring" issue versus the Coast Guard budget must be resolved or eliminated.

Second, several years ago the Federal Communications Commission abolished the marine radio license, after an aborted attempt to increase the fee, and has effectively eliminated policing of VHF radio use (more hoax distress calls). The result is a serious weakness in emergency communication on our waterways which is not effectively covered by cellular telephones. Significant attention should be given to reinstating the marine radio license at a modest fee, increasing the policing and education efforts, and supporting the rapid modernizing of Coast Guard equipment.

Thank you for your consideration at this busy time and feel free to have your staff contact me if more information or assistance is desired. We of NBF look forward to a growing working relationship with all Federal and state agencies on behalf of recreational boaters.

Sincerely yours,

Robert P. David
President

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Mr. Robert David, President
National Boating Federation

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Dear Mr. David:

On behalf of President Bush, thank you for your letter of January 3, 2001, regarding the National Boating Federation and the interest of your organization in Boat Safety funding.

In your letter you rightly point out that motorboat fuel taxes paid by boaters into the Aquatic Resources Trust Fund are a true *user pays-user benefits* program. The efforts of the federal-state partnership developed through this matching grant program have been successful in lowering recreational boating accidents and deaths substantially, even as the boating population has significantly increased. I also believe that more needs to be done to reduce recreational boating accidents, thereby lowering the number of injuries and deaths suffered by Americans seeking to enjoy our nation's waterways. I will look carefully at this funding issue as we approach TEA-21 reauthorization.

Current law requires an offset of \$70 million to other programs to provide an additional \$12.6 million to the State Recreational Boating Safety Programs, which has been very difficult to justify. While your suggestion of permanent indefinite appropriation status for the Boat Safety Account appears to satisfy the objective of providing additional funding, I need to review all of the funding alternatives, as well as their impact on the effectiveness of the State RBS programs, before recommending its adoption. I will work closely with the boating safety interests leading up to TEA-21 reauthorization, scheduled for 2003, in an effort to address the funding allocation and scoring issues.

The Coast Guard is aggressively pursuing a modernization of our distress communications system. I expect to deploy the first installment this new distress and response system in FY 2003 and follow shortly after that with Coast Guard-wide deployment.

I look forward to working with both the National Boating Federation and other boating safety interests in the next few years as we pursue our mutual goals. Please contact Captain Ron Weston, the Coast Guard's Chief of Boating Safety, at (202) 267-1949, if you require further assistance.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. E. Justice".

W. E. JUSTICE, Capt, USCG

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DATE RECEIVED: 09/26/2002

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE SHELLEY BERKLEY

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RE004*

SUBJECT: REQUESTS THE PRESIDENT TO ISSUE AN EXECUTIVE ORDER TO PREVENT THE BAN OF PERSONAL WATERCRAFT ON LAKE MEAD FROM TAKING EFFECT ON SEP 16 02

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October 15, 2002

Dear Representative Berkley:

This is to acknowledge the receipt of your letter to the President requesting that he issue an Executive Order to prevent the ban of personal watercraft on Lake Mead, which took effect on September 16, 2002.

I have shared your letter with the President's advisors and the appropriate agencies who have been formulating policy recommendations in this area. Your letter is receiving their close and careful attention. You will be receiving a more detailed response in the near future.

Thank you for your comments.

Sincerely,

Nicholas E. Calio
Assistant to the President
for Legislative Affairs

The Honorable Shelley Berkley
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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-2801

September 3, 2002

The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the National Park Service's (NPS) pending ban of personal watercraft (PWC) on Lake Mead in Southern Nevada beginning September 16, 2002. A rule issued on March 21, 2000 (65 Fed. Reg. 15,077) set a deadline for parks to establish regulations governing PWC or impose a blanket ban.

In April 2001, litigation between the Interior Department and a San Francisco-based environmental group, Bluewater Network, led to a federal court settlement. Pursuant to the settlement, Lake Mead National Recreation Area agreed to complete the required environmental impact report and pursuant regulations for continued PWC usage by September 15, 2002 – or face a ban until the report and regulations were completed and published in the Federal Register.

I am dismayed that NPS failed in its clear duty to complete the requisite study on time – despite having had 17 months in which to comply. This letter reflects the widespread concerns of thousands of Southern Nevadans who will be negatively affected should this ban take effect on September 16. My office contacted Lake Mead's Superintendent, Mr. William Dickinson, on July 22, 2002, to voice our concerns and offer our assistance – but we have not seen any movement or signs that this matter has been expedited.

I am most concerned about minimizing any economic damage to our business community, as well as minimizing any inconvenience to the thousands of recreational users of Lake Mead. Accordingly, I respectfully call upon you to issue an Executive Order, or any other Administrative action, to prevent the ban from taking effect on September 16, 2002. I also urge you, in the strongest possible terms, to fully expedite the completion of the requisite environmental impact process.

I respectfully ask that you pursue this matter in a timely fashion and inform me of your progress. I look forward to hearing from you. Should you have any questions, please contact me or Joseph L. Morana, of my staff, at (202) 225-5965.

Sincerely,



SHELLEY BERKLEY
Member of Congress

cc: The Honorable Gale A. Norton, Secretary of the Interior
The Honorable Margaret LaMontagne, Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy

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October 24, 2002

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TO: DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

ACTION REQUESTED: APPROPRIATE ACTION

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

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MEDIA: LETTER, DATED SEP 03, 2002

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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OCT 11 2002

The Honorable Shelley Berkley
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-2801

Dear Ms. Berkley:

Your letters to the President and Secretary of the Interior Norton concerning the banning of personal watercraft has been forwarded to this office. We have consulted with Lake Mead National Recreation Area (Lake Mead NRA) Superintendent Bill Dickinson in the preparation of this response.

The proposed September 16, 2002, ban on personal watercraft was averted with approval of the September 9, 2002, stipulated modification to the Settlement Agreement negotiated by the National Park Service and the Bluewater Network in the District Court of the District of Columbia. This stipulated modification extended the unrestricted use of personal watercraft until November 6, 2002, and allowed continued restricted use until December 31, 2002. After December 31, 2002, personal watercraft use will be prohibited until a final rule is published specifically allowing their use at Lake Mead NRA.

We have made the completion of the personal watercraft compliance and rule making a priority for the National Park Service and the process of completing the environmental compliance and rulemaking for Lake Mead NRA is well underway. The Lake Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (LMP/DEIS) was published in April 2002, with public comments accepted through June 26, 2002. Over 10,000 comment letters were received. The preferred alternative in the draft provides for the continued use of personal watercraft on the majority of the lake waters.

The draft rulemaking was published in the Federal Register on September 5, 2002, and the 60-day public comment period extends until November 4, 2002. The draft rulemaking is based on the preferred alternative in the LMP/DEIS providing for continued use of personal watercraft on Lakes Mead and Mohave.

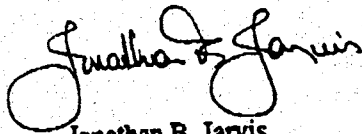
We are currently preparing the Lake Management Plan/Final Environmental Impact Statement (LMP/FEIS) incorporating the suggestions and comments provided through the public comment period. The LMP/FEIS is scheduled for release in December 2002 and the final rule is scheduled

for publication in January 2003. Under this schedule, personal watercraft will be part of the boating mix by the next boating season beginning in April 2003.

Please be assured the completion of this process is a priority for the National Park Service. The environmental compliance timeframe provided in the court settlement was extremely optimistic and we are doing everything within our ability to bring it to resolution.

We appreciate your interest in Lake Mead National Recreation Area and should you require additional information, please contact our office or Superintendent Bill Dickinson at (702) 293-8920.

Sincerely,



Jonathan B. Jarvis
Regional Director, Pacific West Region

October 15, 2002

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