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Dear SPA Members

We are writing to thank you for the support you have given in the past for the SPA and Columbia Seaplane Pilots Association (CSPA) efforts to retain seaplane access to Waldo Lake in Oregon. You may have heard that our legal action about Waldo Lake against the US Forest Service was 100% successful. The federal judge ruled that the Forest Service had no right to deny seaplanes access to Waldo Lake. Unfortunately, now the Oregon Governor, Ted Kulongoski, apparently believes that his desired legacy as "the environmental governor" requires him to circumvent established public process and pressure the Oregon State Marine Board into implementing a ban on all outboard motors and seaplanes.

Bill Wainwright, SPA F.D. for Oregon and Idaho and John Chlopek, both CSPA officers, attended the public hearing in Eugene Oregon where it became very clear to them that we will lose access to this lake if we do not make a concerted effort to stand up and be counted. **Please write a letter to the Oregon State Marine Board and the Governor via the attached links, below! The comment period is short and ends December 15.** You should mention some of the following points along with any others you think of (in your own words of course). Do it right now while you are at your computer!

- Seaplanes do not pollute the water like motor boats because the engine is not in contact with the water.
- We do not use seaplanes to tour the lake. We use them simply to get to the lake, just like a car.
- We actually have less impact than cars on our environment.
- Seaplanes are allowed access to primitive areas in other parts of the U.S.
- Seaplane pilots, you in particular, are very respectful of the environment.
- Like the Forest Service Forest Plan, this action has no documented basis to outlaw seaplanes for safety or environmental reasons.
- The Marine Board should work with the seaplane association to designate an operation protocol that will minimize impact on non-motorized users.
- Or, simply request that the proposed rule exempt seaplanes.

Please include any other comments and history you have with Waldo Lake.

Send your comment to this e-mail address: osmb.rulemaking@state.or.us

Use this link to contact the Oregon Governor: http://governor.oregon.gov/Gov/contact_us.shtml

Also, please copy us at FlyWaldoLake@C-SPA.org and the national SPA at SPA@Seaplanes.org .

Thank you again for supporting SPA and CSPA and our efforts to ensure future generations of seaplane pilots the ability to experience the wonders of float flying.

Sincerely,

Board of Directors, CSPA

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