



STAFF REPORT

DATE: December 6, 2016
REGULAR
ITEM #: 19

AGENDA ITEM: Lake Shoreline/Boating Study

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BACKGROUND:

In August the City Council referred the no wake high water level issue to the Environmental Committee for review and recommendation. The Environmental Committee heard from property owners and other interested lake folks as well as members of the DNR over the course of two meetings in October and November.

Consistent with what staff had shared previously, the DNR continued to suggest some form of study be done and asked what has changed since the no wake level was last determined in 2013. The Environmental Committee members agreed that a third party should be engaged to conduct a study of the lakes and the impact of boating on shoreline erosion.

ISSUE BEFORE COUNCIL:

Should the City engage an engineering firm to conduct a study of the impact of boating and the no wake level on the shorelines of the four recreational lakes (Olson, Demontreville, Jane and Elmo)?

PROPOSAL DETAILS/ANALYSIS:

Staff has reached out to the Washington Conservation District as was discussed at the November Environmental Committee meeting. The WCD is not able to provide these type of services, however they did assist in suggesting engineering firms to contact. Staff contacted three engineering firms and expects to receive a scope of services and rough cost estimate from each of them. At the time of the staff report, all of the firms had not yet submitted their proposals. Staff will provide them to the Council prior to the meeting on December 6th.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact is not known at this time. Funds for the study could come out of the general fund balance. Additionally, the Council may wish to ask for a cost share from the Lake Associations similar to the premise for other lake quality improvement project cost shares included in the 2017 budget.