

SLOW NO-WAKE ORDINANCE

In the spring, when ice melts off lakes, many lakes in Chisago County experience high water conditions. During high water conditions, fast moving watercraft close to shore can increase shoreland erosion into the lakes. As a result, in 2015 Chisago County adopted a slow no-wake ordinance covering the larger lakes in the county.



Partners:

- Chisago County
- Water Plan Policy Team
- Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

The proposed ordinance temporarily restricts boat speeds within 300 feet of shore during high water conditions, permanently restricts boat speeds in many channels connecting the lakes, and establishes Bull Lake as a non-motorized lake.

2016 water levels did not necessitate implementation of the temporary slow no wake ordinance in southern Chisago County lakes. However the ordinance was implemented in northern Chisago County lakes due to higher lake levels.

