

TOWN OF SAMPSON ORDINANCE #2-1998
DNR #620

An ordinance to regulate water traffic, boating and water sports upon the water of Two Island Lake and to provide penalties for the violation thereof.

The Town of Sampson Board of Chippewa County does ordain as follows:

Section I - Intent

The intent of this ordinance is to prevent pollution of the water and to provide safe and healthful conditions for the enjoyment of aquatic recreation and wildlife consistent with public needs and the capacity of the water resource.

Section II - Applicability and Enforcement

The provisions of this ordinance shall apply to the water of Two Island Lake within the Town of Sampson, Chippewa County and shall be enforced by the Chippewa County Sheriff's Department and other authorized officers.

Section III - Restrictions

A. No person shall operate any boat which is powered by an internal combustion engine upon the water of Two Island Lake. No person shall operate any electric powered boat at a speed greater than a slow, no wake, speed, upon the water of Two Island Lake.

B. Outboard motors may be used briefly for launching and loading boats 30 feet along the shoreline of the designated loading area and 50 feet from the designated loading area on Two Island Lake.

Section IV - Posting

A. Sign(s) Posting: The provisions of this ordinance shall be placed at the point of public access to the water of Two Island Lake and such signs shall be maintained by the Town of Sampson.

B. Interference with Posting: No person shall without authority remove, damage, or destroy the sign(s) posting the provisions of this ordinance.

Section V - Penalties

Wisconsin state boating penalties as found in s. 30.80, Wis Stats., and deposits as established in the Uniform Deposit and Bail Schedule established by the Wisconsin Judicial Conference, are hereby adopted with all references to fines amended to forfeitures and all references to imprisonment deleted.

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Section VI - Effective Date

This section will become effective upon passage and the day after publication.

By Order of the Town Board
Town of Sampson, Chippewa County
Veda Reed, Clerk

Michael North

Michael North, Chairman

Attest: *Veda Reed*
Veda Reed, Clerk

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ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS OF "ELECTRIC MOTORS ONLY"
FOR TWO ISLAND LAKE

Two Island Lake, T32N, R8W, Sections 20 and 29, Town of Sampson, Chippewa County, Wisconsin is about 30 acres in size with a maximum depth of 18 feet. It is a soft water seepage lake with a fish population of largemouth bass and panfish. Woodducks nest in the lake area.

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Surface Water Resources of Chippewa County
Wisconsin Conservation Department 1963

Currently, there are two year-round residences and one seasonal cottage fronting on the lake. There is a well established public landing on the East side of the lake. The lake occasionally receives inflow from Snake Lake to the North and during periods of very wet weather has an intermittent outlet leading to a small lake to the South. Public use of the lake consists almost entirely of day use for bass and pan fishing. Because of the small size of the lake, volume of use is quite limited both in summer and winter.

Two Island Lake is presently limited to "no wake" for motors by Wisconsin Statute because it is less than 50 acres. Changing to "electric motors only" would be a relatively minor regulatory change with significant aesthetic and biological benefits. The reduction in noise will make the lake a more hospitable environment for nesting ducks and the Loons that regularly feed and rest on Two Island Lake. Eliminating waste combustion products and oil from gasoline powered outboards will improve water quality and would be expected to result in a healthier food chain and slight increases in food and fish production. Soft water seepage lakes as small as Two Island are by their very nature ecologically fragile and particularly needful of protection. Limiting motor use to electric only will impose a slight hardship on anglers but the overall benefits far outweigh that effect. No significant economic effects either positive or negative are expected to result from the proposed change. Most anglers will probably appreciate both the need and the ultimate benefit to their own use of the lake from the increased protection of this small but beautiful part of the Blue Diamond Lakes area.