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TO: Aitkin County Board of Commissioners

DATE: June 22, 2012

FROM: Sheriff Scott Turner

RE: Slow No-Wake Zone

Due to extraordinary weather conditions, including excessive rainfall and a flooding Mississippi River system in Aitkin County during the last few weeks, record high water elevations prevail on many of the County's lakes. Wave action from wind and watercraft has exacerbated shoreline erosion and caused damage to real and personal property. High water levels coupled with increased wave action had led to the inundation of low-lying yards and structures. In an effort to protect property and limit damage from shoreline erosion I am proposing that the board take action pursuant to county ordinance and place a temporary restriction of "slow no-wake" on all Aitkin county lakes for a period of time.

I have been asked by a number of constituents, living on a number of different lakes for the county to take this step.