



# City of Seattle

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Seattle Parks and Recreation  
Timothy A. Gallagher, Superintendent

October 27, 2008

Friends of Green Lake  
c/o Gayle Garman  
P.O. Box 30544  
Seattle, Washington 98103

Dear Ms. Garman and Friends:

As you are aware, there was a recommendation before the Board of Park Commissioners to amend the Supplemental Use Management Guidelines for Green Lark Park to remove authorization for waterskiing tournaments on the lake.

Last week the Board of Park Commissioners unanimously recommended that we discontinue permitting the waterskiing tournaments at Green Lake and I concur with their recommendation. The urban landscape in the surrounding area has changed such that Green Lake, which is a small, heavily used lake in an urban area, is no longer appropriate for this type of activity. Given that all other motorized uses, aside from safety and maintenance boats, has been banned from the lake, it is time for waterskiing tournaments to be moved to a more appropriate location. Therefore, I will be moving forward on the amendment to the Supplemental Use Management Guidelines for Green Lake Park to remove the provision for waterskiing tournaments.

The Board of Park Commissioners public review process stimulated a very passionate and thoughtful dialogue on this issue. I wanted to take this opportunity to personally thank you for your participation in this process and your thoughtful input on this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Timothy A. Gallagher".

Timothy Gallagher  
Superintendent