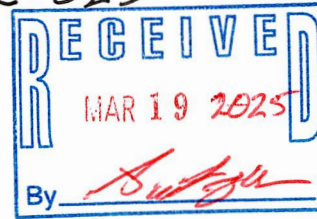


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Natural Resources Commission  
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Indianapolis, IN 46204-2273



RE: Petition for Rule Change of Idle Zone in an area commonly known as "Party Cove" on Morse Reservoir, Noblesville, Indiana

To Whom This May Concern,

This petition is being submitted by Leo A (Tony) Vogel on behalf of myself and my neighbors, all residents of the Party Cove area on Morse Reservoir. I have been designated as the primary contact and may be reached at 211 Edgewater Drive, Noblesville, IN 46062 or at (314) 378-9718.

Party Cove is a very popular spot for recreation on Morse Reservoir. Parts of it are quite shallow which makes it an ideal spot for boaters to anchor while floating and swimming in the immediate area around their boats. During the summer months you will typically find at least several boats anchored in the cove during daylight hours. On the weekends you will find 50 - 75 boats at times anchored throughout the cove. There is a small island in this cove that is also a popular spot for boaters to visit.

The current idle zone regulation for Party Cove is widely judged to be inadequate for the protection of those using this area for recreation. Indeed, the size of the current idle zone seems inconsistent with other coves on Morse Reservoir and on other lakes governed by **312 IAC**. This petition seeks to normalize the idle zone for Party Cove, making it consistent with those more commonly found throughout the state.

Specifically I am recommending the replacement of subsection (3) in **312 IAC 5-9-3** for Morse Reservoir with the following new language:

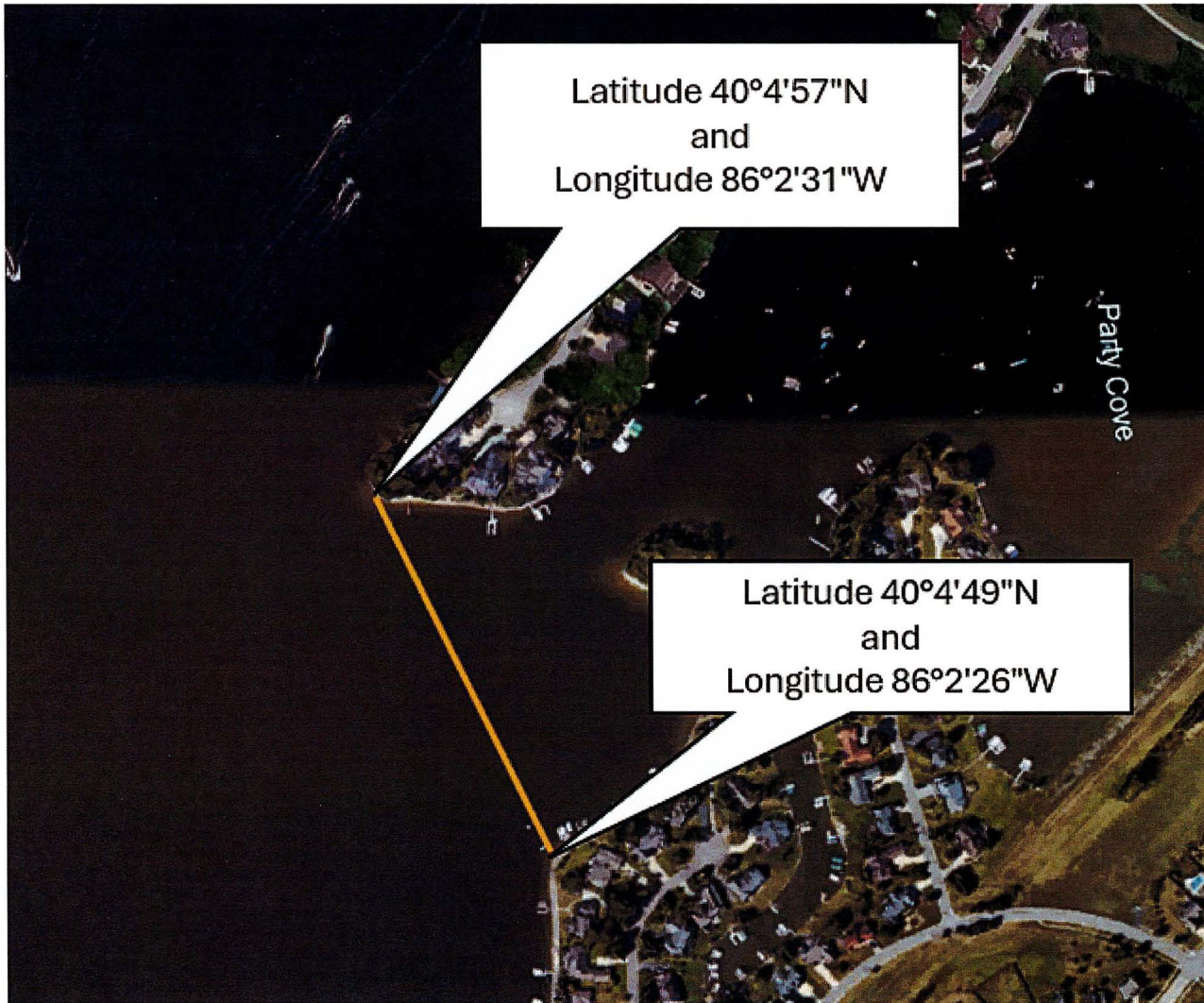
***(3) In an area known as Party Cove and more particularly described as an embayment located east from a line extended shoreline to shoreline beginning at a point described as latitude 40° 04' 57" north and longitude 86° 02' 31" west; and extending southeasterly to a point described as latitude 40° 04' 49" north and longitude 86° 02' 26" west.***

The attached exhibits will hopefully clarify the location of this area on the reservoir and specifically outline the idle zone changes that are being recommended. Attachment A is a satellite view of the general area of Party Cove and its position in the reservoir. Attachment B reflects the current idle zones in the immediate area; it highlights the current inconsistency of the idle zone for Party Cove and its inadequacy for providing a



ATTACHMENT A





ATTACHMENT C