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Glenda Booth
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Dear Glenda,

We are writing in response to the Friends of Dyke Marsh (FoDM) request regarding the enforcement of National Park Service (NPS) Regulations on Jet Skis and other Personal Watercraft (PWC) in the Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve.

Since receiving your request for signage on November 11, 2023, park staff have spent time examining jurisdiction and marina operations throughout the entire park to inform our decision making. In preparation for the 2024 boating season, we have provided Belle Haven Marina additional information for public use regarding PWC. We provided it in on park letterhead this month to assist with appropriate public use. Marina staff do not have any enforcement authority but they fulfill an important role of public education.

We have provided the same information to the U.S. Park Police to aid their efforts as they have primary enforcement responsibilities within the park.

We have a shared goal of preserving Dyke Marsh and protecting nesting Osprey and the other species that call the protected area home.

Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention.

Sincerely,

Charles
Cuvelier

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Superintendent



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No Wake Zone and Boating Limits in Designated Areas of Belle Haven Marina and Dyke Marsh

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. §§1.5, 2.2(a)(2) and 2.3(a), and in order to further management objectives including preservation and protection of wildlife, within the boundaries of Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve (1) no vessel wakes are allowed and (2) during Marsh Wren and Least Bittern nesting season from 15 May through 25 August, designated areas are closed to the use of internal combustion engines [while a vessel using electric trolling motor, sail, or paddling is allowed] and for groups of three or more water craft.

Furthermore, CFR 36 §3.9 prohibits the use of Personal Watercraft (PWC) such as jet skis from being operated within NPS waters which includes Belle Haven Marina and Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve.

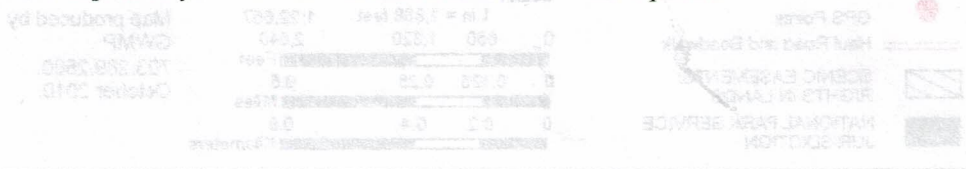
Attached is the map which also contains supplemental GPS points to help identify its boundaries to boaters as well as the area that is restricted. The boundary of Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve is based upon Public Law 86-41(a)'s NCPC map 105.22-415.

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Attachment: Map of Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve w/ GPS points



Attachment



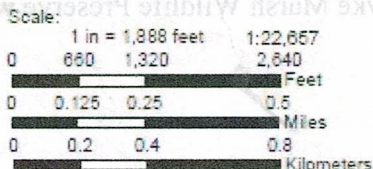
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Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve



- GPS Points
- Haul Road and Boardwalk
- SCENIC EASEMENTS/
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