



# Knee Deep Club

OF LAKE HOPATCONG, N. J.

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Mr. Edward Harrison, Jr.  
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Dear Mr. Harrison,

The Knee Deep Fishing Club of Lake Hopatcong has been made aware of a proposal to prohibit anchoring of vessels within 200 feet of the shoreline between May 15 and September 15. We are opposed to this proposal, NJAC 13:82-3.11(l) note 1. The following are reasons we oppose the current wording:

- It is a common fishing practice to anchor within 200 feet of the shoreline to fish the shallower water that holds certain species of fish during this period. This lake is maintained by the state as a warm water fishery and most of the prime habitat for warm water species is found less than 200 feet of the shoreline.
- During this time period it would be a safety concern trying to anchor beyond 200 feet of the shoreline in areas of heavy boat traffic. An anchored boat would present a navigational hazard to other boaters beyond 200 feet from the shoreline. The existing no wake regulations around anchored boats would further diminish the area available for other recreational boaters.

The Knee Deep Fishing Club is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization dedicated to preserving and promoting the natural resources of New Jersey's largest lake, Lake Hopatcong. We have a membership of approximately 800 and are active in the local community. More information on the club can be found on our website [www.kneedeepclub.org](http://www.kneedeepclub.org).

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposal.

Sincerely,

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