

1 [Jet Skis]

2 URGING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO TO ENCOURAGE THE OTHER EIGHT BAY
3 AREA COUNTIES TO ADOPT ORDINANCES TO CONTROL THE USE OF JET SKIS IN THEIR WATERS.

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5 WHEREAS, Jet skis are two-stroke engines which run on a mixture of oil and gasoline and
6 discharge as much as one-third of this mixture; and,

7 WHEREAS, Jet skies impose a greater impact upon wildlife because they are capable of traveling in
8 shallow areas where wildlife are most prevalent and most sensitive to the pollution and the disturbance of
9 noise and wave action; and,

10 WHEREAS, These areas are home to many organisms at the base of the food chain; fish eggs,
11 algae, shellfish and zooplankton; and,

12 WHEREAS, The disturbance of waterfowl by jet skis noise tends to cause birds to expend energy
13 reserves in a flight response; and,

14 WHEREAS, These expenditures of energy reserves are costly in terms of birds' readiness for winter
15 and by disturbing birds during their feeding cycles; and,

16 WHEREAS, The normal noise of jet skis is in the range of 85 to 105 decibels per unit and can be
17 compounded by the practice of 'wave hopping'; and,

18 WHEREAS, This level of noise can be comparable to that of a busy street which can serve to ruin
19 the recreational experience of other Bay users such as kayakers and sail boat users; now, therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That City and County of San Francisco urges its eight neighboring counties to adopt
21 ordinances that will control the use of jet skis in their waters; and, be it

22 FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of the resolution be sent to his Honor, the Mayor, with the
23 request that he transmit copies to the eight Bay Area Counties.

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Ayes: Supervisors Ammiano Bierman Brown Kaufman Leno Medina
Newsom Yaki Yee



Absent: Supervisor Katz Teng

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution
was adopted by the Board of Supervisors
of the City and County of San Francisco

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Clerk

Mayor