



Bring Decibel Limits to Canada

Excessive boat noise is a persistent and pervasive problem on Canadian waterways

Muskoka, Okanagan, Shuswap, Big Rideau, Memphremagog

67% want muffler laws enforced, 61% want decibel legislation (SQL 2017 survey of 3300)

Canada Small Vessel Regulations (SOR/2010-91)

Muffler law only, no noise limits

Police cannot and will not enforce

Waterways are federal jurisdiction - Municipalities and Provinces cannot legislate

US and EU have had decibel legislation for many years

Decibel levels are consistent across US States

Legislation has been effective in US

Preliminary support is strong

OPP, National Marine Manufacturers Association (NMMA), MLA

Proposed Legislation

Based on National Association of State Boating Legislators Association (NASBLA) Model Noise Act

Straight forward / uncomplicated for law enforcement

Measurement procedures are simple and use SAE standards

Equipment and training costs are low

Exemptions for sanctioned practice/racing only

Compliance for most current excessively loud boats is not difficult

US market must comply (27 states already have this legislation)

Numerous vendors offer relatively low cost solutions to adapt mufflers - Costs \$1,500 +

Extreme boats may require more sophisticated/costly solutions – probably don't belong on many waterways

Decibel Project

Safe Quiet Lakes to gather broad coalition in support of marine decibel legislation

Police, cottage associations, marinas, boat manufacturers, tow-boat sport associations, Municipalities, Transport Canada

Target for passing into law Q3 2021 - Q2 2022

How Can You Help

Communicate re Decibel Project to your Members

Partner with us and lend us your expertise

Encourage your members to support the Decibel Project directly

Officially support the Decibel Project

Donate to help fund the project