

**Great Hosmer Pond  
Problem Solving Process  
July 2016 Update**

A small group met on Wednesday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, to continue the conversation begun in the large meeting on July 20<sup>th</sup>. Present were Heidi Krantz (facilitator and process expert), Sarah George (shoreland property owner), Judy Geer (Craftsbury Outdoor Center owner), Bob Griffiths (process expert), Russ Shopland (Game Warden), and Perry Thomas (DEC).

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Summary

We started the meeting by reviewing goals, including the need to more fully define a process for moving forward toward a schedule that works for multiple lake users. We also identified the different sculling groups that use the lake: COC's Sculling Camps, Green Racing Program, and Community Rowing Program.

We recognized that even when scullers were observing quiet time there were other sources of noise that disturbed the peace on the lake—this is one of the challenges we hope to address. We noted that simply recognizing the way that noise travels across the lake and making sure all users are aware of quiet times would go a long way toward solving this problem.

Another challenge is the extent of time scullers are scheduled to be on the lake. We agreed that everyone who wants to have an opportunity to use the lake should have a turn, factoring in that some uses are compatible and some are not.

Bob suggested we consider what parameters need to be taken into account. How can we more fully share the resource? Is there a principle we can agree on to divide time?

Two suggestions for alternative paths were to:

- 1) Consider dividing the lake into northern and southern sections for part of the week, with scullers using one end and water skiers the other on a given day, and then vice-versa another day.
- 2) Look into whether certain groups could be scheduled to use Little Hosmer, thereby taking some of the pressure off Great Hosmer.

We decided to continue reflecting on these questions and suggestions.

This small group will meet again on August 10<sup>th</sup>. We still anticipate meeting with representatives from other user groups, such as the fishing community and Hosmer Point Camp. Our next meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 24<sup>th</sup>.

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