



Seaplane Pilots Association

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Senator Patty Murray
173 Russell Senate Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Murray:

Having reviewed Senate Bill 391, which proposes to create a new wilderness area in the Cascade Mountains, the Seaplane Pilots Association endorses the legislation as introduced.

Considering the wide range of potential interpretations of what might be considered “reasonable” regulation of seaplanes on Lake Isabel, we would appreciate a brief description of what might constitute a “reasonable” restriction in the report language.

Contemplating the sensitivities of a wilderness area, we believe reasonable restrictions could include prohibiting early morning takeoffs that might disturb recreational users, limiting the number of seaplane operations should the number of such operations climb to a level at which observable, measurable environmental harm is being done, and limiting the number of landings any one seaplane could make in a given day.

We would hope to avoid “reasonable” regulations based on fear of the unfamiliar, personal prejudices, or false pretenses.

We commend you for seeking input from the many and varied groups that utilize the area you are proposing to protect, and appreciate the opportunity to participate in the process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Volk', written over a thin horizontal line.

Michael Volk
President