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Subject: Boat Ramp Observations and Recommendations

Please share with the rest of city council.

RE: Boat Ramp

Fishing should be prohibited at a boat ramp, because it is a safety issue.

Observations:

People fishing are using barbed treble hooks.

I have seen lures get snagged on the bottom and the line is broken off. One hook is embedded in a stick and two hooks are exposed.

People/dogs are walking on the bottom in the same area, while swimming or getting off/on a kayak.

My dog got tangled in a fishing line near the shore and it had a barbed hook tied at the end. I have seen a duck with fishing line tangled around its legs.

I have spoken to the people fishing and they were not aware of nearby fishing designated areas. Half of them drove a car to get to the boat ramp.

Almost all the boat ramps, that I have ever used, have signs that prohibit fishing at that location.

All swimming areas, that I have ever seen, prohibit fishing.

The boat ramp is not set up for boats on trailers, because of the sudden drop off. The wheels will get caught on the edge.

Recommendations:

Post a sign that prohibits: fishing from the ramp; barbed hooks; treble hooks; add a map to show where the designated fishing areas are.

Post a list of other local river access points.

Moving kayaks, canoes and paddle boards to/from the water has priority over any other use.

Place a lockable post at the front of the ramp that will stop cars and/or trailers from going down the ramp. Sign warning of sudden drop-off.

Picnic in the park, not on the boat ramp.

Pump up paddle boards in the park, not on the street, not on the ramp.