

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE

I ask that Robert Whitmyre to recuse himself from any discussion and voting on any closure of Public Trust waters as he is on record via interviews in his support to close waters for private use. And his statements are clearly in violation of Conflict of Interest

<https://www.thepublicopinion.com/story/opinion/2017/04/12/letter-act-on-water/116723628/>

I'm acting by myself. And my statements is as follows.

I'm opposed to the closure of part of a section 8 lake ,Cottonwood lake. Based on his written statement this is a Sheriff issue NOT GFP. Sounds like trespassing was happening on dry land and that requires the Sheriff. According to the SD supreme court ruling, no one has superior rights to public trust waters and if this was allowed to be closed it would give a private person superior rights to that public trust. Then the water law laid out criteria (section 8 lakes) that has to be proven via public records not just a opinion or one persons words. I don't see any of these criteria being met. Plus this lake has a history of recreational use beyond 20 years. And based on past GFP commission rulings that the person filing the petition has to provide the physical proof of waters(not dry land) being affected. Did the person show proof of money loss? If the person is claiming someone got hurt on the water, the state has 100% liability already by law, thus the land owner isn't responsible. Please vote No on this Petition.

We need to remember that the SD Supreme Court said in a ruling that neither private or public have superior RIGHTS to the public trust water. That is a important to remember when talking about our public trust waters over lands.

Thank you for your time, Ryan Roehr

this is from the GFP website :

Opportunities

“ Provide outdoor recreational opportunities. Optimize the quantity and quality of sustainable hunting, fishing, camping, trapping and other outdoor recreational opportunities. “

We shouldn't be closing the opportunities of our Public Trust Waters.