

## **Boaters advised to stay clear of air tankers on Skaha Lake**

(Penticton, BC – August 19, 2020) – The City of Penticton is requesting the assistance of recreational boaters on Skaha Lake amid the Christie Mountain Wildfire.

Air tankers responding to the nearby wildfire are collecting lake water to support their efforts. When aircraft are approaching lake surfaces for this purpose, it is requested that boaters refrain from operating water vessels in any portion of the lake where air tankers are refilling and maintain operational awareness of air craft in the area.

“It is important that these aircraft be given space to perform their job and boaters do not operate in the areas of the lake where air tankers are operating,” said City Manager, Donny van Dyk.

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