**ATTENTION**

 **LAKE CUMBERLAND RECREATIONAL BOATERS/ANGLERS**

An Environmental Assessment is now available on-line from the Nashville Corps of Engineers ([http://www.lrn.usace.army.mil/Media/Public-Notices/Category/10561/project-planning branch/](http://www.lrn.usace.army.mil/Media/Public-Notices/Category/10561/project-planning%20branch/)) regarding the proposal to expand Lake Cumberland Marina (Alligator II) to include the Russell County Park (Old Alligator I site). The proposal being addressed in the assessment includes:

* 1.26- mile walkway connecting to the Park. Walkway **will be lined** with new boat slips.
* Utilization of the existing free fishing and recreational parking at the Park for dock patrons.
* New fishing pier/courtesy dock connected to the Park for dock patrons.

This proposal was previously denied by the Corps (May 2019) and found to be a **burden to recreation and not in the public interest.** It would occupy a narrow channel in the Wolf Creek arm and compromise use of the Park. Russell County Park is a destination point for many locals and tourists since there are only four large public access points on the lake-not associated with a marina. This proposal:

* + Unprecedented in scope for Lake Cumberland marina development.
	+ Creates a cumulative 1 hour 20-minute (round trip) no wake zone in the creek.
	+ Impedes launching at low water by blocking the low-water ramp built during drawdown.
	+ Creates boat hazards in this narrow channel at low-pool levels.
	+ Parking for fishing and recreational users will be used by dock patrons.
	+ Creates a fishing pier/courtesy dock laying on the ground during low water conditions.
	+ Had **no support** at Summer 2019 public hearing.

The Corps has included an **Alternative #3** in their Assessment to allow the same level of dock expansion on the lake side of the marina. It is a **very reasonable compromise** and allows:

* + Same number of boat slips and floating boat houses-despite 60+ slips currently empty.
	+ Minimizes the no-wake zone expansion.
	+ Provides the same economic/tourism benefits for Russell County.
	+ Full utilization of the Russell Co Park for its intended purpose and ensures free launching.

**To prevent the proposed development from impacting the enjoyment of our lake we need your involvement. Please send your comment by May 1, 2020 in support of Alternative 3 to:**

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