

Use this script to ask your individual members to help now to deal with excessively noisy motor boats:

**Excessively loud boats are a major problem.
Your help is needed now to do something about it!**

The national Decibel Coalition has been working for over 2 years to get the regulations changed that will allow enforcement agencies to enforce the requirement that all boats have adequate mufflers. The federal government, through Transport Canada, has opened consultations on these regulations.

At this critical and time sensitive point, the Decibel Coalition needs your help to ensure Transport Canada makes the right choice. They are asking individuals across Canada to do just two things to let Transport Canada and the politicians know that these regulations must be updated to limit the amount of motor noise a boat can make.

1. **As an individual citizen, provide your comments to Transport Canada in favour of Option #5:**

Go to the Transport Canada *Lets Talk small vessels noise emissions* web page:

<https://letstalktransportation.ca/svne>

Register.

Scroll down to and Click on the “HAVE YOUR SAY” box.

Scroll down to “What do you think about introducing performance standards for manufacturers and vessel operators to follow?.....”

Click on the “Go to discussion” box.

Using the following **bold** text as a guide, write your comments; Click on “Submit” when done.

- **This is the only proposal that can realistically address excessive boat motor noise levels for both new and existing vessels.**
- **The regulations must be accompanied by internationally recognized standards/decibel limits, and efficient, effective enforcement procedures.**
- **Performance standards (decibels) for manufacturers, importers and vessel operators will create clear, easy to understand, objective standards with decibel limits consistent with the USA and the EU.**
- **Compliance costs for manufacturers and importers are minimal.**
- **Enforcement costs are modest and are much lower than the current regulations.**

Feel free to respond to Options #1-4 and #6 if you like, BUT ensure your comments make it absolutely clear the solution outlined in Option #5 is the only one that will work effectively to reduce excessive boat motor noise in Canada.

2. **Write to our federal MP, asking them to support these regulatory changes.**

This will only take a minute or two. Just click [here](#) . You will be taken to the Decibel Coalition “Email your MP...” web page. Complete the form with your basic info. Be sure to include our lake/river name in the Subject. You can edit the Message if you like. Click on the “Send Email” box, and a letter to our MP and the Minister of Transport will be generated for you.

Numbers matter to politicians and the more they hear about this problem the faster it will get addressed. If you have a residence in the city, send a letter to that MP as well.

Thanks for your help!