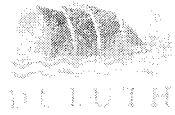


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To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for extending the public comment period regarding the establishment of safety zones on the Great Lakes for the purposes of live-fire weapons training.

While we understand the dedication, and certainly the obligation, of the Coast Guard to protect our shores especially in time of war, surely there must be a better to do it than to cordon off portions of the lakes for live-fire exercises.

I oppose any action that might lead to environmental damage to the Great Lakes, and I believe militarization falls within that framework. I strongly suspect that a great many of my fellow Duluthians do as well.

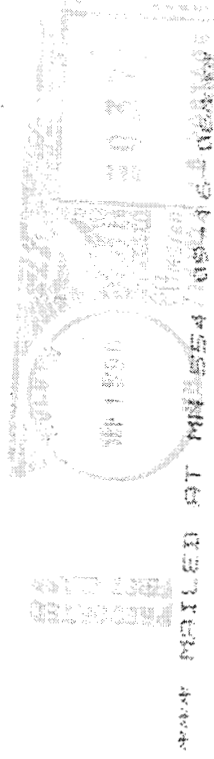
I ask that the Coast Guard hold a public meeting at which the reasons for this action and potential hazards to the lake and the safety of its users may be explained, and citizens allowed to express their viewpoints. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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