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I couldn't find Tim's prior post, but I saw this in the On-line edition of the Post-Gazette this morning:

*Fishing Notebook: Life jackets move finds rough water*

*Sunday, November 12, 2006*

*By Deborah Weisberg*

*Despite a year in which boating fatalities on Pennsylvania waters are, so far, double the 10-year average, a move to make life jackets mandatory for kayakers, canoeists and others in boats less than 16 feet long has hit rough waters.*

*The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission has received 376 comments opposing year-round mandatory wearing of life jackets and just 14 supporting it. According to commission data, boating fatalities usually involve un-powered watercraft and boaters who aren't wearing life jackets.*

*Statewide, 24 people have died in boating-related accidents this year. The public comment period ends Wednesday. For more, visit [www.fish.state.pa.us](http://www.fish.state.pa.us).*