

Michigan Public Act 72 of 2020, MCL 324.80112a, provides that if a political subdivision (local unit of government) believes a temporary ordinance is needed for the use of vessels on a water body subject to its jurisdiction, the political subdivision



Michigan Department of Natural Resources – Law Enforcement Division

## TEMPORARY LOCAL WATERCRAFT CONTROL APPLICATION



*By authority of part 801, 1994 PA 451, as amended and 2020 PA 72.*

may submit an application and a resolution for a temporary ordinance to the department. The statute further provides for a temporary (6 months) Local Watercraft Control (LWC) to regulate the use of vessels and other contrivances on waters within their jurisdiction. Completing and submitting this application is part of that process. *Local Watercraft Control* is state terminology. When a local unit of government adopts a temporary LWC they may use the term ordinance.

Submitting an application and resolution does not guarantee approval of a LWC.

Complete the following:

Name of Local Unit of Government <b>Board- Blue Lake Township Board</b>		
Address <b>10599 Twin Lake Road, Mancelona, MI 49659</b>	Township <b>Blue Lake Township</b>	County <b>Kalkaska</b>
Point of Contact <b>Blair Shearer</b>	Title <b>Supervisor</b>	
Email <b>blsuper@torchlake.com</b>	Telephone <b>231-587-5698</b>	Alternate Telephone
Water Body <b>Starvation Lake</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private
Water Body Size <b>125 acres</b>	Historical Depth <b>47 feet</b>	Current Depth <b>62 feet</b>
Is there an Established Lake Level? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	Established Lake Level <b>January 11, 1966</b>	
Are there Multiple Jurisdictions? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Jurisdiction(s) <b>Blue Lake Township</b>	
Geographic Location <b>T28N, R 5 W, SECS 5,6,7,18</b>		
Amount of Vessel Traffic <b>Estimated at 45 boats per hour during the currently established high speed boating hours(11:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on summer weekends. With the closure of Big Twin Lake Public Boat Launch it is anticipated Starvation Lake will be subjected to additional boat traffic.</b>		
Historical use and potential future use of the water body: <b>Currently: All sports lake with established NO HIGH SPEED BOATING hours from 7:30 p.m. to 11:00 a.m. Proposed: Per Department of Natural Resources Public Act 72 of 2020. Temporarily establish Starvation Lake as a No Wake Lake. Temporary 'No Wake' will be in effect for 6 months.</b>		
Any user conflicts on the water body?  <b>No</b>		
Status of any accidents that have occurred on the water body: <b>None</b>		
Complaints received by local law enforcement agencies regarding activities on the water body: <b>Marine Patrol has taken complaints regarding high water and speed</b>		

Circumstances that justify the need for a temporary Local Watercraft Control (LWC): Unprecedented high water levels are putting the entire shoreline at immediate risk. Any and all wakes will cause additional extensive irreparable shoreline and property damage.

Will the activities subject to the proposed special rules pose any issues of safety to life or property?

NO

Are there any identifiable problems or conditions for the activities subject to the proposed special rules, such as rocks, pier heads, swimming areas, public access sites, shallow waters, and submerged obstacles?

NO

Will the proposed special rules unreasonably interfere with normal navigational traffic?

NO

Does existing law adequately regulate the activities subject to the proposed special rules? If not, please explain.

NO

We are requesting this TWLC because the present law does not restrict wake which is necessary due to unprecedented hi water.

Explain how the local unit of government will provide for and fund the public notice of the temporary LWC, including, but not limited to the purchase, placement, removal, and maintenance of any buoys and signage:

Signage will be provided at the Starvation Lake Public boat launch area by Blue Lake Township.

Explain how the local unit of government will enforce the temporary ordinance:

Kalkaska Sheriff's Office Marine Patrol

Provide any additional information that may be relevant to justify the need for a temporary LWC:

Attached are pictures of Starvation Lake properties with water encroaching upon structures and at risk shore lines. Additionally there are serious E-coli concerns that boat wakes will exacerbate problems caused by saturated septic fields leaching into the lake.

Did you attach the following?

Yes No

A copy of an official resolution approved by a majority vote of the governing body of the local unit of government following a public hearing, that is not part of the local unit of government's normal scheduled meetings.

A copy of the hearing minutes.

A complete list of all current LWCs, rules, regulations and ordinances on water body.

All the above topics must be thoroughly addressed. Incomplete applications will delay the investigative and review process. If additional information is needed, the department shall request the additional information.

**SUBMIT COMPLETED APPLICATION, RESOLUTION, HEARING MINUTES, AND ANY ADDITIONAL PAPERWORK TO:**

**Michigan Department of Natural Resources  
Law Enforcement Division  
Recreational Safety Education and Enforcement Section  
P.O. Box 30031  
Lansing, MI 48909**

**OR**

**Email: [DNR-LED-RecSafety@michigan.gov](mailto:DNR-LED-RecSafety@michigan.gov)**