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GOVERNOR

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENT  
LANSING



REBECCA A. HUMPHRIES  
DIRECTOR

June 18, 2010

Dear Canada Goose Program Participant:

Permits for the 2010 Canada Goose program have been issued and the program is up and running. Now it is time to start looking forward to next year. One of the biggest problems with this year's program was confusion on the petition and government resolution requirements.

A document from a Lake Association approving the program is not acceptable. The petition must have at least 70% of lakefront land owner's signatures. A Lake Association president cannot sign for the homeowner. The government resolution is only accepted if it comes from an elected county, city, or township official. A Lake Association is not an accepted form of government.

The petition and resolution must contain language specific to the goose programs you plan to participate in. For example, if you plan to participate in the Nest/Egg Destruction and Round Up/Translocation programs, you must clearly indicate that on the petition or resolution. The document must also include a statement saying the landowners are aware geese may be killed.

We are sending this letter to you now so you have ample time to re-do your petition or resolution for next year. Some exceptions were made this year but will not be made next year.

**WHO DOES THIS AFFECT?**

**LAKE, LAKE ASSOCIATION, OR SITE WITH MULTIPLE PROPERTY OWNERS, SURROUNDING THE LAKE/SITE:**

This will require one of the following to be submitted with your application:

- **Government Resolution:** A government resolution approved in writing by a local government official (county, township, or city), which represents the property owners on the subject lake, body of water and/or site, approving Goose Programs for their site. It must also state that the government office is aware that the animals may be killed. Contact your local township/city clerk to request a resolution. Resolutions are usually valid for one year, but can be valid for up to five years. (It must specifically state how long it is good for.)
- **Petition:** Approval consisting of signatures of at least 70% of the lakeshore property owners, which clearly states that those signing understand the geese may be killed. The petition will be valid for a five-year period, though the applicant must apply annually for the program. A copy of signed petition must be on file with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment (DNRE). In the top right hand corner of the form, it gives an option of goose programs to participate in. Please mark the programs the petition is for.

**PETITION TO REQUEST PERMIT TO  
PARTICIPATE IN CANADA GOOSE PROGRAMS**

*Required under the authority of the Wildlife Conservation Order,  
Chapter V, Sections 5.51, 5.15a, and 5.51b.*

**CHECK ONE**

- ☐ NEST DESTRUCTION  
(ONLY ELIGIBLE SITES)
- ☐ ROUND UP
- ☐ BOTH

We the undersigned, are riparian (waterfront) lot owners on \_\_\_\_\_ Lake in \_\_\_\_\_ City/Township. We request a permit from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment (DNRE), Wildlife Division to: destroy nests and eggs on our properties, or roundup and capture and hold Canada geese from our lake or site. We understand that these geese may be killed and/or processed for use as charitable food donations. We assure the Michigan DNRE that all lakefront landowners have been notified of the program. These signatures will be good for a period of five (5) years, but we understand that we must apply annually for this program. Attach additional sheets as necessary.

NAME (PLEASE PRINT)	SIGNATURE	ADDRESS

I, \_\_\_\_\_ do swear that the names on this petition represent at least seventy percent (70%) of the lakefront owners on \_\_\_\_\_ Lake.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (please print)

(      )  
Telephone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

October 4, 2010

Rush Lake Association Members  
Moon Shadows Association Members

Dear Members,

This letter is to inform members of the changes made to the DNRE goose round up program. The Department of Natural Resources & Environment (DNRE) has made enhancements to the program that directly impact Rush Lake and Moon Shadows residents.

For the past four years there has been a combined effort between Rush Lake and Moon Shadows Association to participate in a DNRE sanctioned goose round up. This round up was approved by over 70% of the Rush lake front owners as required by the DNRE.

This year, the DNRE made changes to the program in order to reduce some the State associated costs with the goose round up. The DNRE has implemented a nest and egg removal program. (See attached DNRE letter). The nest removal program is now mandatory for previous permit holders that have removed 25 or more geese per year for the past three years. The Rush Lake area has been designated as a mandatory participant site. It should also be noted that if our community does not participate in the nest and egg removal program it will NOT be allowed to participate in the goose round up program. The DNRE feels the nest and egg removal method is the preferred way to control the geese rather than relocating the bird's to other state locations.

Both Rush Lake and Moon Shadows residents participated in the past to gather the signatures required on the petition. Moon Shadows also plans to continue to obtain all permits and costs associated with this program.

The goose round up program has proved to be successful in controlling the goose population in our community. The feedback from our residents has been overwhelming in support. It is our intention to continue to work with the DNRE to help control the goose population in our community.

The future plan is to continue to utilize both the nest and egg removal program and the goose round up options until the geese population reaches tolerable limits.

In the future, our intent is to utilize a resolution from Hamburg Township. This resolution given by the Hamburg township clerk will allow the DNRE goose control program to continue without getting signatures continuously. Notification of any changes to the programs in the future will be communicated via Rush lake or Moon Shadows newsletters.

Attached for your review is the approval from the Hamburg Township Board to continue to participate in both the nest and egg removal and the goose round up programs (See attached resolution).

Please call or send emails to the contact information below.

Sincerely,

Gary M. Cammarata  
Rush Lake/Moon Shadows Resident  
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734-954-0468

## **TOWNSHIP OF HAMBURG**

### **RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE ROUND UP OF THE CANADIAN GEESE ON RUSH LAKE.**

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Township of Hamburg, Livingston County, Michigan (the "Township") held at the Hamburg Township Hall Meeting Room on Tuesday, July 6, 2010, beginning at 2:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, there were:

PRESENT: Carlson, Dolan, Hahn, Hohl, Menzies, Neilson

ABSENT: Semprevivo

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Hohl and seconded by Dolan.

**WHEREAS**, residents of Rush Lake have requested that the Township approve both the Canadian Goose Egg and Nest Destruction and Round Up/Translocation programs provided by the State of Michigan, Department of Natural Resources and Environment (the "DNRE"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Township realizes that the geese may be relocated within the State or killed; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township wishes to engage in a Canadian Goose Management Program on Rush Lake;

#### **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:**

The Township of Hamburg hereby approves the Canadian Goose Egg and Nest Destruction and Round Up/Translocation programs provided by the State of Michigan and the Department of Natural Resources and Environment (the "DRNE") for a period of five calendar years beginning 2012 through the calendar year 2016.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** this resolution applies to Rush Lake, its inlets and outlets, located in Hamburg Township, Michigan.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** any all conflicting provisions in previous resolutions are hereby superseded and replaced.

A vote on the foregoing resolution was taken and was as follows:

YES: Carlson, Dolan, Hahn, Hohl, Menzies, Neilson

NO: None

ABSENT: Semprevivo

Resolution declared adopted.

CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

The undersigned, being the duly appointed Clerk of the Township, hereby certify that (1) the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Township Board at a meeting of the Township Board on July 6, 2010, at which meeting a quorum was present and remained throughout, (2) the original thereof is on file in the records in my office; (3) the meeting was conducted, and public notice thereof was given, pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act (Act No. 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1967, as amended) and (4) minutes of such meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required thereby.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "James A. Neilson", written over a horizontal line.

James A. Neilson  
Hamburg Township Clerk