

A special note from the Lake Management Committee.

There has been misinformation about the goals of the Lake Management Committee (LMC) and their focus on the fishery. It implies that the LMC is trying to stop non-residents from fishing Island Lake or using our parks and beaches.

**This is FALSE information!**

The truth behind the current proposal is to consider sensible restrictions for fishing with respect to non-residents while **UPON** the waters of Island Lake. The key word here is **UPON**.... This means on a boat or upon the frozen waters (ice) during the winter months. All parks, beaches, islands, boat launch, and pier WILL REMAIN 100% ACCESSABLE FOR ALL NON-RESIDENTS to use under this proposal. This includes special events such as fishing derbies that will be held on our lake.

Our focus is the fishery and protecting our lake for future generations. We are suggesting non-residents be accompanied by a resident of Island Lake in order to harvest fish from our waters or fish while **UPON** the waters. We also understand there may be certain circumstances where you, the resident, may not be able to accompany your guest. The committee has taken input and discussed the possibility of obtaining guest tags as an option.

As a resident, your tax dollars maintain the lake, stock the fish, spray for weed control, maintain the boat launch, the pier, our parks, and even provide lake patrol by the Island Lake Police Department. This is a community investment and a privilege for our residents. Although we are a community of friendly people, we are not a careless community. Therefore, by asking non-residents to be considered as guests, it will help prevent over harvesting and illegal possession of fish from our waters. Being proactive instead of reactive, will also help eliminate the potential of aquatic invasive species from entering our lake, which could result in tens of thousands of dollars to address.

Non-residents have expressed disappointment with this proposal, which was expected. Feedback from Island Lake residents however, has been positive.

For additional information or to share your suggestions and ideas, please contact:

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Sincerely,

The Island Lake, Lake Management Committee.

Focusing on the health, viability and enhancement of Island Lake for future generations.