



SITE APPLICATION AND PERMIT FOR COMMON MERGANSER CONTROL PROGRAMS

Required under the authority of the Wildlife Conservation Order, Chapter V, Sections 5.51c and 5.51d.

This form is the site-specific application and permit for harassment, egg/nest destruction and capture and transport of Common Mergansers. After being approved and signed by the Director's authorized representative, it becomes a valid permit. A permit is required to participate in any Common Merganser Control activity.

| APPLICANT INFORMATION | PROPERTY INFORMATION (IF DIFFERENT FROM APPLICANT) | | |
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| Applicant | Property Contact | Property Contact Telephone | |
| Applicant Mailing Address | Property Address | | |
| Applicant City, State, ZIP | Property City, State, ZIP | | |
| Applicant Telephone | Name of Site (lake, waterbody, etc.) **One site per application** | | |
| Applicant Email Address | Township/City | County | T/R/S |
| Name of Contractor | | | |
| TYPE OF APPLICATION | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LAKE ASSOCIATION, LAKE AND/OR SITE WITH MULTIPLE PROPERTY OWNERS (must have resolution or petition) | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE | | | |
| REQUIREMENTS | | | |
| <p>To obtain a site permit for Common Merganser Control Programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Letter of Authority is required for each site that applies for the program. The Letter of Authority must include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Documentation of the swimmer's itch lifecycle present on the lake, including presence of the swimmer's itch parasite and evidence that Common Mergansers are the host associated with the parasite's lifecycle on the lake. 2. Evidence of the presence of Common Merganser broods on the lake. 3. Evidence of increasing swimmer's itch cases or severity of the cases. 4. A description of the lake's plans for Common Merganser control activities for the 3-year period of the site permit. The Letter of Authority must indicate what control activities will take place, where control activities will take place, when each type of control will take place, and who will be conducting control activities. 5. <u>One</u> of the following criteria must be met to be eligible for participation in Common Merganser control: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Snail infection rate for the lake is greater than 0.5% with a minimum sample of 1,000 snails taken from a minimum of 5 sampling locations. ▪ A qPCR assessment of the lake that is greater than 50 cercariae/25 L of water with a minimum of 5 sampling locations. • Only one site permit will be issued per lake. If more than one application is received per lake, applications will be returned, and applicants will be asked to submit one application. • Applicant is responsible to notify all site landowners of the Common Merganser Control program activities. • Permit only allows for Common Merganser (<i>Mergus merganser</i>) control activities. • Permittees must adhere to all requirements within the Wildlife Conservation Order, Common Merganser Policy and Information Circular. • Only DNR permitted Contractors can be used for control activities. • Permits are valid from the date of issue to the third March 31 after issue. | | | |

ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS

Permits for lethal take, harassment, nest and egg destruction, and roundup relocation may be issued only to those that meet one or more of the following definitions:

1. 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:

- **Resolution:** A resolution approved by the county commission or local government official (township, city etc.), which represents the property owners on the subject lake, body of water or site, approving Common Merganser control activities for their site. Resolution must specify what control activities are approved. Copy of resolution must be sent with application. Resolutions will be considered valid for 6 years. When proposed control activities will affect more than one unit of municipal government with an interest in the waterbody, resolutions must be obtained for each unit.
- **Petition:** Applicant is a lake, lake association or site, which has public approval consisting of a signed petition from at least 70% of the lakeshore property owners. The petition presented to lakeshore landowners must specify the Common Merganser control activities that are proposed. Petitions must certify that the names on the petition have been verified by the township or other local unit of government, and that the governmental unit has a list of all eligible property owners. Petitions must also certify that a reasonable attempt was made to contact all lakeshore landowners, and must indicate when and where the petition was available for public review. Petition forms are available from the Michigan DNR. The petition will be valid for a 6-year period. A copy of signed petition must be on file with the Michigan DNR.

2. SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE: Applicant is an individual with sole ownership and control of the subject lake, body of water or site, with no public access.

FEE STRUCTURE (NON-REFUNDABLE)

SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE: \$100.00 Non-Refundable (i.e. a residence that owns a pond)

ALL OTHERS: \$200.00 Non-Refundable (includes all lake associations)

CERTIFICATION

I have read, understand, and will comply with the terms and conditions of the permit and the Michigan DNR Common Merganser Control Policy, Information Circular, and Wildlife Conservation Order. If applicable, I have provided a copy of the petition to the Michigan DNR, and at least seventy percent of the lakefront owners have signed the petition authorizing Common Merganser Control Programs, or a resolution approved by the county or local municipality.

I understand this permit does not authorize trespass.

Further, I assure the Michigan DNR that lake land owners or sites with multiple property owners have been notified of all Common Merganser Control activities.

Applicant Signature

Date

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MARCH 31.

Make check or money order payable to the "State of Michigan" and mail with completed and signed application:

**CASHIER'S OFFICE
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
PO BOX 30451
LANSING MI 48909-7951**

| DNR USE ONLY | | | DNR CASHIER'S OFFICE USE ONLY | |
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| Director's Authorized Representative Signature of Approval | | | | |
| Issue Date | Expiration Date | Permit Number | | |
| Law Enforcement District | | Wildlife Region | | |