



Elk Township - Lake County, Michigan

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ELK TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION # 2020-01 -

In Support of Michigan Public Act 451 of 1994, Amended, Sections 324-41325 § et. seq. - Invasive Species, and MI DNR Fisheries Order 245

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan recognizes an invasive species is one that is *not native* and whose introduction *causes harm*, or is likely to cause harm to Michigan's economy, environment, or human health,

WHEREAS, the Elk Township Board recognizes the need to stop or contain the spread of destructive invasive species in Elk Township bodies of water,

WHEREAS, P.A. 451 of 1994, Am., Section 324-41325, in effect as of March 21, 2019, established a law that all watercraft, trailers or any conveyances used to move watercraft into and out of any of Michigan's bodies of water, and all equipment used that has been exposed to any body of water such as fishing poles, waders and various items associated with water recreation, shall be cleaned, drained, and dried prior to entering any body of water. Upon removal of the watercraft and its conveyances, and any equipment that is exposed to a body of water, the same shall be cleaned, drained, and dried prior transporting any watercraft over land. The purpose of which is to insure that aquatic animals and plants are removed before moving across land or re-entering another body of water. Draining water from bilges, ballast tanks, live wells, and motors and removing any aquatic plants or animals, and drying the watercraft and trailer, greatly reduces the chance of transferring an invasive species from one body of water to another body of water.

WHEREAS, MI DNR Fisheries Order 245, states that a person shall not release any bait fish into any Michigan waters. Additionally, any person who catches fish or other aquatic animals in a given lake or stream, and wishes to release same, must do so into the same lake or stream, and no other.

WHEREAS, the Elk Township Board deems it necessary for any citizen observing a violation of this public act, to report such violation to a DNR Conservation Office or the Lake County Sheriff's Office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Elk Township Board supports the requirements contained in P.A. 451 of 1994, Am., Sec. 324.41325, and MI DNR Fisheries Order 245, and enforced by DNR Conservation Office or Lake County Sheriff's Office.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution is properly adopted by the Elk Township Board, at its regular meeting on February 11, 2020.

The foregoing resolution is offered by Board Member: Louis Fitz

Supported by Board Member: Karen Fickies

Upon a roll call vote, the following voted:

Totals: Ayes 5
Nays 0
Abstained 0

Board Member	Vote	Board Member	Vote
1. Louis Fitz	yes	4. Jack Hankiewicz	yes
2. Karen Fickies	yes	5. Dave Bass	yes
3. Brandy Myers	yes		

The supervisor declared the resolution adopted. Signed: Louis H. Fitz
Louis Fitz, Elk Township Supervisor

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of Elk Township, Lake County, Michigan, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of certain proceedings taken by the Township Board of Elk Township at a meeting held on the 11th day of February, 2020.

Signed: Karen Fickies
Karen Fickies, Elk Township Clerk