



**Welcome to the Michigan Waterfront Alliance**

**Update for Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022**





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**Michigan Waterfront Alliance (MWA) is a 501(c) 4 non-profit corporation formed over twenty years ago in order to effectively advocate for the creation or preservation of state laws, and/or policies designed to protect, preserve, and promote the sustainable and wise use of our state's immense treasure of high quality freshwater resources. Our primary mission will be accomplished by pro-active participation in Michigan's legislative process (lobbying), by participating in court cases whose outcomes may have significant statewide ramifications, and/or by direct involvement with natural resources management, or environment focused state agencies or departments.**

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## **State Senate Pondering Passage of Controversial MI House Passed Short-term Rental Enabling Legislation**

**MI [House Bill 4722](#) Currently Being Hotly Debated in the Michigan Senate**

**by Scott Brown**

Representing the continuation of an intense discussion that has been on-going in our state capitol for well over a year, advocates representing local units of government and Michigan's powerful real estate industry have thus far failed to reach a compromise in regards to controversial short-term rental property targeted legislation that was passed by the Michigan House of Representatives in October of 2021.

The debate in Lansing over how to regulate the steadily increasing number of homes listed on popular sites like [Airbnb](#) and [Vrbo](#) comes as many Michigan property owners, particularly those with homes located in popular lakeshore communities, have earned a substantial amount of money in recent years while serving as increasingly popular alternatives to hotels, motels, and bed and breakfast sites.

The bill currently being debated in the Michigan Senate is [House Bill 4722](#) that passed after an extended period of intense debate in the Michigan House of Representatives last year. The legislation acts to designate short-term rentals as residential properties that are exempt from special or conditional use permitting. House Bill 4722 is now being considered by the [MI Senate Committee on Regulatory Reform](#).

It is important to point out that although the bill is very popular with Michigan's real estate industry the controversial legislation is adamantly opposed by several state associations and

organizations, including [Michigan Townships Association](#), and the [Michigan Municipal League](#).

Following the lead of the [Michigan Association of Realtors](#), for example, the Grand Haven-based [West Michigan Lakeshore Association of Realtors \(WMLAR\)](#) strongly supports passage of the bill.

Michigan Waterfront Alliance would like the readers of this e-newsletter to know that we are firmly committed to the idea that all decisions regarding short-term rental policy within a particular community should be made at the local level by local officials, and is therefore adamantly opposed to House Bill 4722 becoming state law. Our readers should also know that Michigan Waterfront Alliance will direct its Lansing-based lobbying firm, - Karoub Associates - to pro-actively lobby members of the Michigan state senate against passage of this unfair legislation.

Michigan Waterfront Alliance would also encourage our readers to contact their respective state senator in regards to this important statewide issue.

As currently written, Michigan [House Bill 4722](#) has four main components that would act to:

- Bar local governments from enacting or enforcing ordinances that would place an outright ban on short-term rentals;
- Limit the total number of short-term rentals to 30 percent of all residential units;
- Allow local governments to continue to have the authority to limit an owner or ownership group to two short-term rental properties;
- Allow local units of government to regulate and inspect short-term rental units for noise, advertising, traffic, or other disruptive conditions.

[Click here](#) to read a summary of MI House Bill 4722 as passed by the MI House of Representatives.

To find your MI State Senator, and their contact information, [click here](#)

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## Wake boats: concerns and recommendations related to natural resource management in Michigan waters

James Francis, Joel Nohner, John Bauman, Brian Gunderman



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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The operation of wake boats in a manner that creates large waves and increases bottom scour is an emerging threat to natural resources in inland lakes. Wake boats can produce waves with 1.7–17 times the energy of other comparable-sized powerboats and their propellers generate enough turbulence to resuspend bottom sediments in water up to 33 feet deep. The large waves generated by wake boats take between 225–950 feet to dissipate to heights and wave energies observed 100–200 feet away from similar boats operating at cruising speed. Further, the use of ballast tanks in wake boats results in a dramatic increase in risk for transporting Dreissenid mussels and other aquatic invasive species and pathogens among water bodies. The cumulative negative effects of wake boats on natural resources can lead to loss of habitat, resulting in the decline of aquatic ecosystems and angling opportunity.

To download a complete copy of MI DNR Fisheries Division Fisheries Report 37, [click here](#)





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this e-Newsletter to Others Who May Also Have an Interest in  
Protecting Michigan's Incredible Fresh Water Resources**

**Please Consider Sharing Your e-Mail Lists with  
Michigan Waterfront Alliance**

The overall capacity of Michigan Waterfront Alliance to positively influence freshwater resource conservation related public policy in Lansing is ultimately dependent upon our ability to effectively communicate via this virtual newsletter with as many citizen stakeholders as possible.

Lake associations, and/or fresh water resources protection focused non-profit organizations willing to share their membership or affiliate e-mail lists with Michigan Waterfront Alliance may rest assured that under no circumstances do we ever sell or otherwise make our e-mails lists available to commercial marketing entities.

Those willing to learn more about sharing your organization's e-mail distribution lists with Michigan Waterfront Alliance, and therefore improving our ability to positively influence freshwater resource management in Michigan, should contact newsletter editor Scott Brown at e-mail [scottb1952@gmail.com](mailto:scottb1952@gmail.com)

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## ***DNR News***

September 28, 2022

### **Upcoming DNR public meetings; vacancies on trails subcommittee, waterways commission**

The Department of Natural Resources is committed to providing Michigan residents the opportunity to share input and ideas on policy decisions, programs and other aspects of natural resource management and outdoor recreation opportunities.



One important avenue for this input is at meetings of the public bodies that advise the DNR and, in some cases, also set policies for natural resource management. Frequently check the [DNR boards, commissions, committees and councils webpage](#) for updates.

The links below will take you to the webpage for each group, where you will find meeting details such as location and agenda (when finalized). Please check these pages often, as meeting details may change and sometimes meetings are canceled.

#### October meetings

- [Belle Isle Park Advisory Committee](#) – Thursday, Oct. 20, 9 a.m. (Contact: Barbara Graves, 517-284-6135).
- [Eastern Upper Peninsula Citizens Advisory Council](#) – Joint meeting – Wednesday, Oct. 12, 3 p.m. EDT (Contact: Stacy Welling Haughey, 906-226-1331).
- [Equine Trails Subcommittee](#) – Wednesday Oct. 26, 1 p.m. (subject to change) (Contact: Anna Centofanti, 517-331-6219).
- [Forest Management Advisory Committee](#) – Wednesday, Oct. 12, 1 p.m. (Contact: Kimberley Korbecki, 517-582-3220 or 517-284-5876).
- [Lake Erie/Lake St. Clair Citizens Fishery Advisory Committee](#) – Thursday, Oct. 6, 10 a.m. (Contact: Jim Francis, 517-242-3593).
- [Lake Huron Citizens Fishery Advisory Committee](#) – Tuesday, Oct. 4, 10 a.m. (Contact: Randy Claramunt, 231-622-3820).
- [Michigan Freedom Trail Commission](#) – Friday, Oct. 14, 11 a.m. (Contact: Sheri Giffin, 517-231-1299).
- [Michigan Natural Resources Commission](#) – Thursday, Oct. 13, coffee with the commissioners, 8 a.m.; meeting, 9 a.m. (Contact: Victoria Lischalk, 517-599-1067).
- [Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Board](#) – Wednesday, Oct. 19, 9 a.m. (Contact: Jon Mayes, 517-284-5954).
- [Michigan State Waterways Commission](#) – Wednesday, Oct. 5, 8:30 a.m. (Contact: Michelle Wieber, 517-285-0747).
- [Pigeon River Country Advisory Council](#) – Thursday, Oct. 20, 5 p.m. (Contact: Mark Monroe, 989-983-4101).
- [State Parks Advisory Committee](#) – Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2 p.m. (Contact: Barbara Graves, 517-284-6135).
- [Timber and Forest Products Advisory Council](#) – Friday, Oct. 21, 8:30 a.m. (Contact: Kimberley Korbecki, 517-582-3220 or 517-284-5876).
- [Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council](#) – Tuesday, Oct. 25, 10:00 a.m. (Contact: Kevin Sayers, 517-582-3209).
- [Western Upper Peninsula Citizens Advisory Council](#) – Joint meeting – Wednesday, Oct. 12, 3 p.m. EDT (Contact: Stacy Welling Haughey, 906-226-1331).

#### Upcoming opportunities to serve

The [Non-motorized Advisory Workgroup](#) is seeking applications to serve a 4-year appointment. Members are expected to participate in four meetings each year.

The purpose of the workgroup is to assist the [Michigan Trails Advisory Council](#) in performing the duties and responsibilities of the council and to provide the DNR with advice related to the nonmotorized trails program. This includes advice related to the creation, development, operation and maintenance of the state-managed and designated nonmotorized trail system. [Applications](#) must be completed by Nov. 15, 2022.

In addition, the [Michigan State Waterways Commission](#) is seeking two candidates to assist its advisory board that works with the DNR on the use of dedicated funds, provided by boaters, for the acquisition, development and maintenance of public harbors and boating access sites and certain locks and dams. Interested applicants can apply [here](#).

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September 1, 2022

Contact: [Joanne Foreman](#), 517-284-5814 or [Erin Campbell](#), 269-300-9698

## **\$3.6 million in grants available to target invasive species in Michigan**

*Proposals accepted through November 1*

Michigan's Invasive Species Grant Program is now accepting proposals for the 2022 funding cycle, with an anticipated \$3.6 million available to applicants.



The program – a joint effort of the Michigan departments of Natural Resources; Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy; and Agriculture and Rural Development – is part of a statewide initiative launched in 2014 to help prevent, detect and control invasive species in Michigan.

An invasive species is one that is not native and whose introduction causes harm, or is likely to cause harm, to Michigan's environment, economy or human health.

"Michigan is home to some truly world-class outdoor recreation opportunities," said DNR Director Dan Eichinger. "Unchecked, invasive species pose serious threats to those resources and the outdoor economy. Michigan's Invasive Species Grant Program is a valuable tool that allows us to work with community partners around the state to better fight and contain these land and water pests."

Program handbook, webinar

[The 2022 grant program handbook](#) outlines program priorities and application guidelines.

Both the handbook and a webinar registration information are available at [Michigan.gov/MISGP](https://Michigan.gov/MISGP). A recorded version of the webinar will be available on this webpage after Sept. 7.

#### 2022 priorities

The program supports projects that will prevent the introduction or spread of invasive species by engaging the public in prevention practices and reducing the risk of moving invasive species into high-risk areas.

Proposals aiding early detection and response efforts for species on [Michigan's Watch List](#) and proposals increasing regional or statewide response preparedness for new or emerging invasive species are also requested.

To manage invasive species already established in Michigan, the program targets proposals for novel and efficient control techniques and projects that improve detection and control methods through increased understanding of species biology and ecology.

Proposals to develop or improve tools, such as risk assessments and prioritization models, to inform management and control decisions also are encouraged.





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July 22, 2022

Contact: [Joanne Foreman](#), 517-230-3746

## **Have we got a treat(ment) for you!**

### **NotMISpecies webinars feature tips for tackling invasive species on land, water and places in between**

*Plus, some great educational programs, too!*

Treatment season for many invasive species is underway across the state, and the [NotMISpecies webinar series](#) is focusing on common questions about control and management. Whether you are thinking about tackling invasives on your land or wondering about the best ways to control phragmites or invasive aquatic plants, you'll find expert advice in these upcoming sessions.

The series is also taking time to showcase the array of Department of Natural Resources educational programs. While DNR interpreters and educators continue to enhance visitors' experiences at parks and in the classroom, they now offer a wide



selection of online and virtual programs that incorporate invasive species information into broader natural resources education.

Supported by the Michigan Invasive Species program, the monthly, hourlong webinars are designed to keep people informed about available programs, current research and emerging issues in the state and the Great Lakes region. Question and answer sessions and links to resources help attendees get the most out of each presentation.

The Department of Natural Resources' education team connects Michiganders to the outdoors in many ways – providing a natural network for invasive species information. [There's a Lamprey in my Classroom! Infusing Invasive Species Education into Statewide Programs](#) (9:00 AM Thursday, October 6) showcases the work of DNR educators across the state from visitor centers and campground programs to live virtual classroom sessions. Whether you're an educator, a parent or someone who enjoys learning, Tracy Page, DNR aquatic education coordinator, will explain how to take advantage of these programs no matter where you are.

Anyone who has wondered about what can - or can't - be done about aquatic invasive species will gain helpful information from [Treat Me Right! Rules, Regulations and Best Practices for Controlling Aquatic Invasive Species in Michigan's Inland Lakes](#) (9:00 AM Thursday, November 10). Eric Calabro, Environmental Quality Analyst with the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy will explain state regulations and options for physical and mechanical aquatic invasive species control. Find out when a permit is needed, what to consider when choosing a control method, and best management practices to ensure a safe and effective treatment.





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## Upcoming Inland Lake Focused Events

### Events Listing

*All times Eastern. "\$" indicates there may be a cost to participate.*

**NEW October 5, 11:00 AM:** Agriculture inventory planning and implementation efforts to reduce nutrient loading into the Western Lake Erie Basin. Host: Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy. [More details.](#)

**NEW October 5, 5:00 PM:** Decontamination Station (Boat Wash) Workshop (*hybrid event*). Host: Michigan Lakes and Streams Association. [More details.](#)

**October 25-27:** Upper Midwest Invasive Species Conference. Hosts: Invasive Plants Association of Wisconsin, Midwest Invasive Plant Network, and Minnesota Invasive Species Advisory Council. [Learn about online attendance options.](#) \$

**November 10, 9:00 AM:** Treat me right! Rules, regulations, and best practices for controlling aquatic invasive species in Michigan's inland lakes. Presented by Eric Calabro, Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy. Host: Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy. [More details.](#)

**November 14-17:** North American Lake Management Society's 42nd International Symposium. [Learn about online participation options.](#) \$



November 16, 2:00 PM. Invasive Mussel Collaborative tools and accomplishments. Presented by Ashley Elgin, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; Diane Waller, US Geological Survey; and Jeff Tyson, Great Lakes Fishery Commission. Host: North American Invasive Species Management Association. [Register](#).

NEW December 5-7. 2022 Great Lakes PFAS Summit. Host: Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy. [More details](#).

April 24-28, 2023: 13th National Monitoring Conference. (*hybrid conference with limited virtual format*) Host: National Water Quality Monitoring Council. [More details](#).

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## Training and Outreach

### Register today for upcoming webinars on Michigan Coastal Management Program's 2024 Grant Funding Opportunity

The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), Water Resources Division (WRD), is pleased to announce the [Michigan Coastal Management Program \(MCMP\) 2024 Grant Funding Opportunity \(GFO\)](#). As a program, the MCMP plans for growth and change in our coastal communities; protects, preserves, restores, enhances, and wisely develops coastal areas for use and enjoyment to improve quality of life; and builds partnerships to create networks that strengthen and expand the collective impact of effective and efficient coastal management. The MCMP seeks to enhance the preparedness and resiliency of coastal communities and their capacity to mitigate the impacts of coastal hazards.

The following webinars are intended for coastal local units of government, educational institutions, regional planning agencies, tribal governments, and nonprofits. For those that cannot attend, the webinars will be recorded and made available on the MCMP Web site, [Michigan.gov/CoastalManagement](https://Michigan.gov/CoastalManagement). Applications are due no later than December 2, 2022.

**October 4, 2:00 - 3:30 PM (EDT)**

#### [General Overview Webinar](#)

This first webinar is for all applicants and will cover application requirements, program objectives, and funding preferences. All interested in this funding should attend.

**October 6, 2:00 - 3:30 PM (EDT)**

#### [Low-Cost Construction Webinar](#)

This second webinar is for applicants seeking funding for on-the-ground implementation work and will cover specific requirements for low-cost construction projects, such as state and federal permitting considerations, environmental compliance, historic preservation review, project construction footprint, timing of activities, and materials.

## **[Michigan.gov/EGLEevents](https://Michigan.gov/EGLEevents)**

### **PROGRAM QUESTIONS:**

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## **ATTENTION READERS!!!**

In order to add your friends, neighbors, and/or fellow lake or watershed conservation focused association member e-mails to our growing list of water resource conservation minded people who would like to receive this Michigan freshwater resources focused twice monthly newsletter, contact Editor Scott Brown at [scottb1952@gmail.com](mailto:scottb1952@gmail.com)

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**>> We Need Your Help!!! <<**

## **Why You Should Join Michigan Waterfront Alliance?**

Do you care for your lake, river, or stream? Do you care enough to contact your state senator or representative about issues that affect your waterbody? Do you keep track of the bills that are important to your lake, river, or stream? The good news is that Michigan Waterfront Alliance (MWA) is doing this for you. MWA hires a lobbying firm to keep track of issues and bills which may affect Michigan's waterfronts, and remain in constant contact with senators and representatives. These lobbyists have relationships with those serving in our state legislature, willing to present bills that MWA would support to help protect Michigan's inland waterways, and help to defeat bills that may be detrimental to our waterways. There is an old saying that "you can't fight city hall." This may be true if you do not know how, but with the help of MWA's attorneys, MWA has the experts that know how to deal with legal issues. There have been laws interpreted incorrectly when it comes to our lakes, rivers, and streams. MWA, with its attorneys, has argued these cases when we believe the law has been misinterpreted.

While the MWA Board of Directors is made up of volunteers, it is expensive to hire lobbyists and attorneys. The Michigan Waterfront Alliance membership is made up of individuals, lake associations, and corporations who care about Michigan's lakes, rivers, and streams. Would you like to be more involved? You can by becoming a member of Michigan Waterfront Alliance and by becoming an active partner in MWA. Membership in MWA is inexpensive:

**We rely entirely on membership dues to fund  
the operating costs of our organization...**

**TO BECOME A MEMBER OF**

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Annual Dues are:

**\$50 for an individual;**

**\$100 for a lake association; and**

**\$200 for a corporation**

With support from individuals like you, lake associations, and corporations, we can continue to work together as a unified voice choosing to protect Michigan's water resources for future generations. Thank you for your consideration!!!

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## **Join Michigan Waterfront Alliance!**

- Are you tired of funding the management of aquatic invasive species on your lake that were introduced by recreational boaters using the local MI Department of Natural Resources public boating access site?
- Are you just a bit angry that recreational boaters using your lake are not being asked to contribute their fair share to combat the negative influences of aquatic invasive species?
- Are you worried about the fact that your lakefront residential property values are being negatively influenced by the steadily increasing presence of aquatic invasive species?
- Are you concerned about the fact that it is nearly impossible to find an inland lake in Michigan that does not currently host one or more potentially harmful aquatic invasive species?
- Are you aware of the fact that inland lakes are Michigan's most valuable natural resource, and that our state legislature has thus far appropriated almost nothing in the way of budget resources to help ensure they remain healthy and viable?

If your answer is yes to any of these important questions, please help ensure that your voice is heard in Lansing by joining Michigan Waterfront Alliance today.

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