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STATE OF MICHIGAN  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
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DIRECTOR

January 14, 2021

**SUBJECT: Proposed Local Watercraft Control – Gull Lake – Ross Township – Kalamazoo County**

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has, as requested by resolution from the Ross Township Board of Trustees, investigated the need for special local watercraft controls. This included a field investigation and a public hearing.

Based on the investigation, the DNR finds that conditions exist that support changing the established administrative rules that were promulgated from Part 801, Marine Safety, Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended (NREPA).

The DNR Law Enforcement Division, recommends establishing a slow no-wake speed watercraft control of the boundaries stated in the attachment and to include GPS coordinates for the boundary lines within Ross Township, Kalamazoo County. Attached is a copy of the proposed local watercraft control for the waters of Gull Lake within the jurisdiction of Ross Township.

The NREPA, requires that the governing body inform the Department within sixty (60) calendar days that it approves or disapproves the proposed watercraft controls. The wording of any adopted ordinances must be identical to the language of the attached proposals. When an ordinance has been enacted, please submit proof of publication to this office. Proof of publication must show the date and the name of the paper, in other words, the entire page, not just the item, from the local newspaper. Once this requirement is met, the ordinance will be considered in effect and we will notify you of our effective date.

Thank you for your interest in safe boating in Michigan.

Sincerely,

Lt. Thomas R. Wanless  
Boating Law Administrator  
DNR, Law Enforcement Division  
Recreational Safety, Enforcement & Education  
517-284-6026  
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Attachment

cc: Mr. Rob Baker, Township Supervisor  
Cpl. Ivan Perez

**GULL LAKE – ROSS TOWNSHIP – WC-39-21-001 - Slow-no wake speed.**

On that portion of the waters of Gull lake located within section 20, Ross township, Kalamazoo county, it is unlawful for the operator of a vessel to exceed a slow-no wake speed.

Slow-no wake speed means a very slow speed whereby the wake or wash created by the vessel would be minimal.

The slow-no wake area described above is further defined below:

All waters south of a line commencing where Avery street, as extended to the water's edge, coordinates: 42° 22' 30.86"N, 85° 23' 33.94"W, (42.37524°, -85.39276°), and continuing east along the latitudinal line to the opposite shoreline, coordinates: 42° 22' 30.86"N, 85° 23' 19.75"W, (42.37524°, -85.38882°).

The boundaries of the area described above shall be marked with signs and/or with buoys at all points of public entry. It is the responsibility of Ross township to provide, place and maintain all signage, including any buoys, to notify boaters of this watercraft control. This includes all public access sites, with permission, within the area described above. All buoys must be placed as provided in a permit issued by the Department of Natural Resources and be in conformance with Michigan's approved Uniform Waterway Marking System. This local watercraft control is only enforceable when properly marked.

Datum: NAD 1983 Michigan GeoRef (Meters)

History Eff: Month Day, 20XX

