

Resolution No. 97 – 02

**A RESOLUTION** declaring the intention of the Board of County Commissioners to establish Lake Management District No. 2 for Mason Lake pursuant to Chapter 36.61 RCW and setting the public hearing on formation of the same.

**WHEREAS**, there is an indication of significant support from Mason Lake property owners for formation of a Lake Management (LMD) as evidenced by the submittal of LMD petitions.

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners has considered the Mason Lake Aquatic Management Plan recommended by the Mason Lake Milfoil Committee which would be the basis for the work plan for the LMD which includes provisions for eliminating the Eurasian Watermilfoil from the Lake while protecting and enhancing fish and wildlife habitat;

**The Board of County Commissioners enters the following findings of fact:**

1. **Formation of an LMD to protect Mason Lake’s beneficial uses and water quality is in the public interest.** This is evidenced by the broad support expressed by Mason Lake property owners evidenced by the number of signatures appearing on the LMD petitions.

All properties within the LMD boundaries have direct access to the lakefront or community access and enjoy significant opportunity to enjoy the lake through passive and active recreation which is reflected in relatively higher property values. These property owners will collectively share the greatest amount of benefit from the lake management program. Benefit to each property is appropriately reflected in the rates, which provide for a charge based on the appraised value of the property.

2. **The financing of the lake improvement or maintenance activities is feasible.** The LMD will guarantee the fees needed to continue with milfoil control measures and the costs of permits, monitoring, printing and mailing.
3. **Adequate provisions have been made to protect fish and wildlife.** Aquatic herbicides have been approved for use by the US Environmental Protection Agency for the use in lakes and reservoirs used for human drinking water consumption. The herbicide will not harm fish or wildlife, and by eliminating the Eurasian Watermilfoil, the native flora and fauna should be restored.
4. **Financial security should not be required to cover the costs of the LMD process.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners for Mason County as follows:

1. Pursuant to RCW 36.61.030, the Board of Mason County Commissioners hereby designates the proposed LMD as Mason County Lake Management District No. 2 for Mason Lake.
2. Purpose of the Lake Management District:
  - a. Manage noxious aquatic plants in Mason Lake to meet recreational and aesthetic needs, fishery and wildlife habitat requirement, and ecosystem and groundwater concerns.
  - b. Employ proven techniques based on environmental safety.
  - c. Conduct water quality monitoring as needed.
  - d. Investigate and promote the best management practices and shoreline enhancement.

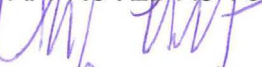
- e. Monitor for recurrence of milfoil or emergence of other lake plants that could adversely impact the freshwater system and recommend prompt action to control these.
  - f. Maintain an advisory committee of neighborhood representatives to direct the efforts and funds of the LMD.
3. Charges to property:  
Annual rates and charges will raise funds to support LMD activities. Annual LMD budget and rates will be recommended by the LMD Steering Committee to be adopted by the county commissioners.  
The estimated amount that will be raised by the LMD rates in 2003 is \$12,000. The total estimated LMD rate revenue for the 5 year LMD including a maximum 5% annual increase for inflation is \$66,309. The formula of rates and charges that is to be used to establish the 2003 assessment for the LMD is 7.5 cents per thousand valuation.
4. The duration of the proposed LMD is five years.
5. The proposed boundaries of the District are all properties fronting Mason Lake or community access to Mason Lake, in Mason County, Washington.
6. Mason Lake Management District Steering Committee:  
The volunteer Mason Lake Milfoil Committee will represent the interests of property owners around the lake. Annual LMD work plan, budget and LMD rates will be recommended by the steering committee for approval by the county commissioners. The Committee will track activities and expenditures. The County staff will provide Committee support including monthly financial reports.
7. Financial security will not be required to be posted to cover the costs of the LMD process as authorized by the RCW 36.61.030.
8. A public hearing on the formation of the proposed LMD No. 2 shall be held on Thursday, August 15, 2002, 7 p.m., at the Mason Benson Center, 5971 Mason Lake Drive West, Grapeview, WA 98546.

ADOPTED this 16<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2002.

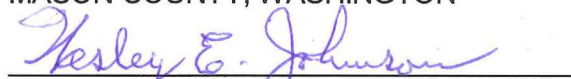
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Rebecca S. Rogers, Clerk of the Board

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