

Resolution No. 14-12

A RESOLUTION declaring the intention of the Board of County Commissioners to establish Lake Management District No. 1 for Island 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 Island Lake property owners for formation of a Lake Management District (LMD) as evidenced by the submittal of LMD petitions.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has considered the request of the Island Lake property owners to establish the Lake Management District to eliminate and monitor for recurrence of Eurasian Water Milfoil or other lake plants that could adversely impact the lake;

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

1. Formation of an LMD to protect Island Lake's beneficial uses and water quality is in the public interest. This is evidenced by the broad support expressed by Island 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 and enjoy significant opportunity to enjoy the lake through passive and active recreation. 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 resulting taxable 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 Water Milfoil, 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. 1 for Island Lake.
2. Purpose of the Lake Management District:
 - a. Manage noxious aquatic plants in Island Lake to meet recreational and aesthetic needs, fishery and wildlife habitat requirements by employing the best techniques based on environmental safety and efficacy.
 - b. Monitor for recurrence of Water Milfoil or emergence of other lake plants that could adversely impact the lake and to recommend and fund the removal or control of these plants throughout the life of the LMD.
 - c. Maintain an advisory committee of neighborhood representatives to direct the efforts and funds of the LMD.

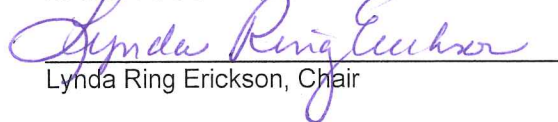
3. Charges to property:
Annual rates and charges will raise funds to support LMD activities. Annual LMD budget and rates will be recommended by the LMD Advisory Committee to be adopted by the county commissioners.
The estimated amount that will be raised by the LMD rates in 2013 is \$10,000. The total estimated LMD rate revenue for the 10 year LMD is \$100,000. The formula of rates and charges that is to be used to establish the 2013 assessment for the LMD is 25 cents per thousand valuation. It is anticipated that revenue bonds or notes payable from such rates and charges will be issued to finance the activities of the LMD.
4. The duration of the proposed LMD is 10 years.
5. The proposed boundaries of the District are all properties fronting Island Lake in Mason County, Washington.
6. Island Lake LMD Advisory Committee:
The volunteer Island Lake LMD Advisory 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. In lieu of a \$5,000 bond to cover the cost of the LMD process as authorized by RCW 36.61.030, the processing costs (postage, legal advertisements, paper and other necessary costs to create the District) shall be paid from the Island Lake Lake Management Fund #199.
8. A public hearing on the formation of the proposed LMD No. 1 shall be held on Tuesday, April 10, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. in the Mason County Commission Chambers, 411 North 5th Street, Shelton, WA.

ADOPTED this 13th day of March, 2012.

ATTEST:



Shannon Goudy, Clerk of the Board

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MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON


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