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MiEnviro Site Name: 05-6326 Old Torch Lake Dr-Forest Home Twp
Submission Number: HQH-JJC6-WST70
Date: January 28, 2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

Dockside Water Sports, c/o Rebecca Hockenberry, 9340 Pine Circle Dr. NW, Rapid City, MI 49676, has applied to this office for a permit under authority of Part 301, Inland Lakes and Streams, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended (NREPA). The applicant proposes to revise the layout of a seasonal boat rental facility (marina) to consist of a 120-foot-long by 4-foot-wide access pier with a 114-foot-long by 8-foot-wide perpendicular extension, and four (4) 70-foot-long by 4-foot-wide finger piers; a separate 40-foot-long by 4-foot-wide seasonal dock for accessing personal watercraft (PWC); and eight (8) seasonal mooring buoys for transient PWC mooring. The applicant proposes a maximum of 26 slips, utilizing nine (9) 12-foot by 14-foot seasonal boat hoists, and up to 17 5-foot by 8-foot seasonal PWC hoists. The project is located in T 29N, R 08W, Section 04, Forest Home Township, Antrim County, Michigan, in accordance with plans provided by the applicant and available for download via MiEnviro's public notice search.

THIS NOTICE IS NOT A PERMIT

The proposed project may also be regulated by one or more additional parts of the NREPA that are administered by the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), Water Resources Division (WRD). The requirements of all applicable parts are considered in determining if a permit can be issued. When a permit application is received requesting authorization to work in or over the inland waters of the State of Michigan, pursuant to Part 301, the NREPA provides that EGLE submit copies for review to the county health department; the city, village, or township and county where the project is to be located; the local soil conservation district; and any local watershed council organized under Part 311, Local River Management, of the NREPA. Additional notification is provided to certain persons as required by statute or determined by EGLE.

To view a copy of the entire public notice package, visit https://mienviro.michigan.gov/ncore/external/publicnotice/search and search for the public notice using the submission number above. Click on "View/Submit Comment," and then click on the Documents tab from which the application and associated project plans can be downloaded and viewed. A hard copy of the public notice package may be requested by calling the above phone number.

Persons wanting to comment on the proposed project shall submit comments through MiEnviro no later than 20 days from the date of this notice. Comments should be submitted electronically by clicking on the "Add Comment" tab. When submitting your comment, please do not add any personal identification information (PII) concerning yourself or any other individual into the comment box, including but not limited to email address or telephone number. Comments will be made part of the record and should reference the above submission number. Objections must be factual, specific, and fully describe the reasons upon which any objection is founded. Unless a written request is filed with EGLE within the 20-day public comment period, EGLE may make a decision on the application without a public hearing. The determination as to whether a permit will be issued or a public hearing held will be based on an evaluation of all relevant factors, including the public comments received and the effect of the proposed work on the public trust or interest, including navigation, fish, wildlife, and pollution. The specific permit decision criteria can be found in the parts of the NREPA applicable to this submission as identified above and are available on the “Applicable Regulations” page on EGLE’s website at Michigan.gov/EGLE. All comments received during the public comment period will be considered.

cc: Rebecca Hockenberry, Applicant
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Three Lakes Association
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Torch Lake Protection Alliance
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