

## **Proposed 2023 Canada Goose Round-up**

- Canadian Geese provide some aesthetic and recreational value but also contribute to nuisance and human health and safety concerns.
- ***Did you know?*** Each goose leaves behind a pound of feces per day which results in fouled property, sanitary concerns, increased algae blooms, and higher E. coli levels at beaches.
- To mitigate this issue, the DNR promotes strict usage of USDA Wildlife Services, to conduct “round-ups” of geese. USDA Wildlife Services has an endorsed, sustainable method of capturing these geese and donating them ALL as animal food, at a current fee of \$3,500. This cost has been budgeted within the (unapproved) 2023 PLMD budget.
- Note: Round-ups are only permitted between June 15<sup>th</sup> and July 4<sup>th</sup>. Geese are captured by herding onto land, surrounding with netted panels, and transferring them into ventilated poultry crates on a trailer. Volunteers in boats may be needed to persuade the animals to land.
- DNR does not allow the birds to relocate; all birds are humanely euthanized and donated as either human or animal food.
- Goose round-ups generally remove the primary breeding birds from a site thereby maintaining lower populations for several years following a round-up.

Phantom Lakes Management district is investigating coordinating a 2023 goose round-up, with assistance from the USDA. The decision to move forward with a 2023 round-up will be made during the 9/28/2022 annual meeting, based on feedback from residents.

Although the round-up is currently unapproved, PLMD has provided the private property permissions form now to avoid additional costs associated with mailing additional flyers to residents, should the round-up be approved.

**Permission form allowing USDA-Wildlife Services access to private property.**

I authorize representatives from the United States Department of Agriculture - Wildlife Services to access the property listed below for the purposes of goose management (egg oiling and/or round-up). This permission form has no expiration date and remains in effect unless you request to be removed from the approved site list. Decisions on goose management will be made on an annual basis. Please notify PLMD if you wish to be removed from the list, have problems with geese on your property, know of a nest, or have any questions or concerns. Thank you for your assistance.

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Lake Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

I would like my email address included with PLMD lake news email blast updates:  
(circle one)    Yes    No

Signature (Mandatory): \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this form no later than May 5<sup>th</sup> 2023.**  
**(Preferred)** Completed forms can be scanned or photographed and emailed to:  
[Gonefishing@phantomlakes.us](mailto:Gonefishing@phantomlakes.us)

**Or** mailed to: PO Box 391, Mukwonago WI 53149-0391

**Or** returned in person during the 9/28/2022 7PM Annual meeting