

## Petition Instructions

Thank you for helping gather names for our petition to ensure that the public's voice is heard regarding over-population of cormorants on Lake Waconia and surrounding waters.

The faster we gather names; the sooner officials will have time to act!

We will submit ALL copies together at one time. Do NOT submit the petition yourself. To ensure the names are counted, RETURN completed copies ASAP to our bait shop during business hours, OR you can mail it to:

In Towne Marina  
8 East Lake Street  
Waconia, MN 55387

Be sure to:

1. Fill out the petition in full with name, address and signature.
2. If you are acquiring additional names, please fill out the bottom of petition with your name, address, phone number and signature to prove that you witnessed each of the above entries.
3. Inform those signing, that their privacy will be protected. Names will ONLY be given to the MN Department of Natural Resources to act with appropriate government agencies.
4. Individuals should sign only ONE petition form for their name to be counted.
5. Submit COMPLETED sheets ASAP to ensure swift action.

**PETITION TO:** The State of Minnesota, MN DNR Commissioner Holsten & USDI Fish & Wildlife Services

**Regarding:** Minnesota Urgently increasing & implementing further management of over-population by Double Crested Cormorants on Lake Waconia, Carver County MN, to maintain & protect the integrity of its: island, habitat, water, fish, wildlife, & human use thereof, and the economies of its surrounding area.

The undersigned hereby declares that the bird species, **Double Crested Cormorant**, has **over-populated** Lake Waconia, and the tree canopy of the 32-acre "Coney Island" situated within its shores. Cormorant over-crowding has increased at an alarming rate, over the past five years. Their over-use of the islands forest, native heron and egret rookery and surrounding lake fishery are escalating & causing ever-increasing harm to Lake Waconia. We've exhausted all known legal means to address this problem, and report to you that control allowed, is insufficient to protect this lake.

We hereby request the State of Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Commissioner, Mark Holsten, and USDI Wildlife Services, to give assistance on this issue, on a **TIMELY** basis; in order to protect Lake Waconia and its nearby ill affected citizens & communities from this problem.

We also request that Minnesota allow private landowners to legally permit to manage Double Crested Cormorants on their property. This is a cost effective & preventative measure to help stop this phenomenon from spreading and worsening statewide.

As of this writing, we are witnessing 1,000 or MORE Cormorants living, visiting & feeding daily. They EACH eat at least one POUND of fish PER DAY. Please establish **emergency action to further control on this lake ASAP, for as long as it takes**, to restore Double Crested Cormorant populations to acceptable numbers, in order to return Lake Waconia to its natural ecosystem.

*I have read and agree with the above petition & in support I PROVIDE: MY- printed name, mailing address and signature below:*

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*The Undersigned Gathered and Witnessed the Names added to the petition above:*

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_