



LAKE MANAGEMENT PLANS AND IMPLEMENTATION - AMENDMENTS

Matanuska-Susitna Borough PROJECT FACTS

PROJECT SCOPE AND PURPOSE

The scope of this project is to amend the Lake Management Plan Process and Implementation of their enforceable regulations. A new Borough-wide plan will be created and the process for amendments to enforceable regulations will be moved from Title 15 Planning to Title 17 Zoning.

The purpose of the project is to accomplish several tasks:

1. Reduce the amount of staff time spent on the plans and their processes, thus making better use of borough staff resources and tax dollars while meeting the assembly's value of providing efficient government.
2. Create one Borough-wide Lake Management Plan for all lakes in the borough, thus eliminating the need to continue to create or amend time-consuming individual lake management plans. Existing plans and regulations will remain in place, however, no new individual plans will be created.
3. Combine 17.58 Motorized Uses on Lakes and Waterbodies with 17.59 Lake Management Plan Implementation.
4. Move the process for amendment of enforceable regulations from Title 15 Planning to Title 17 Zoning, further streamlining the process.

FACTS

1. Existing Lake Management Plans contain a summary of uniqueness of each lake, which reflect a "snapshot in time" of how things were during the preparation of the plan.
2. While the lakes themselves (depth, surface acres, etc.) may not change much throughout the years, the social aspects and demographics of the lake property owners indeed may change. They may wish to propose changes to the enforceable regulations.
3. Enforceable regulations, resulting from existing lake management plans, are currently implemented via MSB 17.59 Lake Management Plan Implementation. If

residents wish to make changes, currently, it must begin with the cumbersome process of first updating the individual plan.

4. A borough-wide plan and streamlined implementation process will allow those changes to take place in a more expedient way.

BENEFITS

- Meet Assembly value of efficient government
- Lake property owners value their plans and enforceable regulations. A new plan and process will retain what the property owners and lake users value.
- Better use of borough resources (i.e., staff time)
- Easier and clearer public process for changing regulations

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

MSB Borough-Wide Lake Management Plan and new amendment process:
Distributed for public review May 2020
Planning Commission Review June 2020
Public Outreach July 6 - December 31
PC Public Hearing (Tent.) January 2021
Assembly Action (Tent.) February 2021

WEBSITE

<https://www.matsugov.us/projects/lake-management-plan>



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