

**LAKE MINNETONKA CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**ORDINANCE NO. 212**

**AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO BOWFISHING;  
ADDING NEW SECTION 3.18 TO THE LMCD CODE OF  
ORDINANCES**

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LAKE MINNETONKA CONSERVATION DISTRICT ORDAINS as follows:

Section 1. LMCD Code of Ordinances is amended by adding new Section 3.18 as follows:

Section 3.18. **Bowfishing.**

Subd. 1. Prohibition. No person shall engage in bowfishing on Lake Minnetonka except in compliance with the limitations set forth in this Section.

Subd. 2. Compliance with Laws. Bowfishing must be conducted in compliance with all state laws, rules, regulations, and local ordinances including, but not limited to, Minnesota Statutes, Section 97C.376 and Minnesota Rules, Part 6262.0600.

Subd. 3. Prohibited Times and Dates.

- a) Bowfishing is prohibited from one-half hour after sunset to sunrise.
- b) Bowfishing is prohibited from November 15<sup>th</sup> through May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Subd. 4. Prohibited Areas. Bowfishing is prohibited from Memorial Day through Labor Day from 10 a.m. on Friday through sunrise on Monday, and on public holidays in the following areas:

- a) High traffic areas including, but not limited to, anchorages, commercial marinas, public or municipal docks, charter boat ports-of-call, public launch ramps and public swimming beaches.
- b) The anchorage commonly known as Cruiser's Cover on the northeast side of Big Island.
- c) The anchorage to the northeast of the channel between Maxwell Bay and Crystal Bay.
- d) Goose Island in Spring Park Bay.

Subd. 5. Orders of Law Enforcement Officers. The Hennepin County Sheriff's Water Patrol and the law enforcement officers of any city bordering the lake are authorized to order a person to cease bowfishing at any specified location on the Lake whenever, in the judgment of such law enforcement officer, it is in the interest of the public peace and safety to do so. Failure to comply with any such lawful order is a misdemeanor.

Subd. 6. Disposal of Fish and Fish Remains. Disposal of fish or fish remains is prohibited:

- a) Anywhere on the waters of Lake Minnetonka, its channels, tributaries or wetland area.
- b) Within 300 feet of the shoreline, except in private refuse containers or where remains are used as buried fertilizer by residents of the property.
- c) At any public access point, except in containers designed for and specifically signed to allow fish disposal.

Section 2. This ordinance shall be effective the day following its publication.

Adopted by the Lake Minnetonka Conservation District Board of Directors this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2013.

/s/ Douglas Babcock  
Douglas Babcock, Chair

ATTEST:  
/s/ Andrew McDermott, III  
Andrew McDermott, III, Secretary

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