

April 27, 2021

To: Holiday Lake Community

Fm: Holiday Lake Rural Improvement Zone

Re: Ike's Cove Tire Removal Project Communication

Approximately forty years ago tires were sunk in Ike's cove (*south boat dock cove*) as fish structure to improve the lake's fish habitat. Used tires were an inexpensive means of creating fish structure and was a common practice for lakes and ponds. As science continues to evolve, there are environmental concerns with tires as they dissolve into micro plastics and leach several toxics.

The HL RIZ has initiated a project to remove the tires and has hired scuba diver Blake Wilkinson.



Iowa Code Chapter 357H authorizes Rural Improvement Zones to fund projects to improve water quality. The project will be started during May with an open completion date. The tires will be lifted to the surface with air bags and then temporarily floated with swimming noodles and towed to the south boat ramp area for removal and subsequent disposal.

When the tire removal process is in operation please keep a safe distance away. You will see a scuba divers flag, the Holiday Lake pontoon and multiple support boats.

In the event that you have questions about the project, please email holidayriz@gmail.com