

LAKE FRANCES OWNERS, INC.

NEWS RELEASE
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Good morning,

There is growing concern of the Lake Frances geese population. We sent emails on 6/11/18, 7/23/18, 1/30/19, and 3/5/19 that details the adverse effects of geese. We wanted to share with you once again.

PLEASE DO NOT FEED THE GEESE! If you want to learn about the negative effects of these geese visit <https://hgic.clemson.edu/factsheet/resident-canada-geese-along-the-waterfront/>.

Keep in mind these beautiful birds are considered non-native and have a negative effect on our lake. **Each Canada goose produces up to two pounds of waste every day and droppings from one Canada goose contain 25 times the amount of fecal bacteria as human waste.** Rapid crowding of geese can also cause a safety hazard to humans and increase susceptibility to diseases for other local waterfowl. Diseases like duck plague, avian cholera, and avian botulism can kill large numbers of birds—not just geese.

Over the last 2 years we have tried to disseminate information to Lake France members about feeding Canada geese and Muscovy ducks but the numbers continue to rise. **We consulted with DNR and since these birds are considered non-native on our Lake and thus not subject to or regulated by the DNR, or the Feds, we do have permission to eradicate them.** Though at this time we do not plan to eradicate the current population, if you are concerned and see a Canadian goose or Muscovy duck nest with eggs, please review DNR site on egg addling at <http://dnr.sc.gov/wildlife/waterfowl/cgoose/nestegg.html>. Lake Frances has self-registered with the USFWS.

We are also researching ways to enforce the no feeding of these geese via [USDA-Dept of Wildlife Services](#) and [SCDNR](#); and trying not to rely on [approved lethal control](#).

Appreciate your attention to this matter.