

**Lake Frances Owners, Inc.**  
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## **PLEASE DO NOT FEED THE GEESE**

The growing concern of the Lake Frances geese population remains. If you want to learn about the negative effects of these geese visit <https://hgic.clemson.edu/factsheet/resident-canada-geese-along-the-waterfront/>

Geese and Muscovy duck are considered non-native and have a negative effect on our lake. Each goose produces up to two pounds of waste every day and droppings from one goose contain 25 times the number 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 4 years we have tried to disseminate information to Lake France members about feeding 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, so we do have permission to eradicate them.

If you are concerned and see a goose or Muscovy duck nest with eggs, Lake Frances has registered for nest addling via <https://www.dnr.sc.gov/wildlife/waterfowl/cgoose/nestegg.html> We have also completed a Special Goose Permit for Lethal Control via [www.dnr.sc.gov/wildlife/waterfowl/cgoose/lethalcontrol.html](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/wildlife/waterfowl/cgoose/lethalcontrol.html)

Appreciate your attention to this matter.