

## How To File Cormorant Concerns

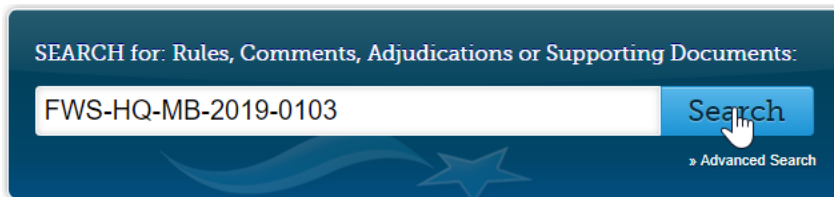
Feb 16, 2020

We have the opportunity to voice our concerns about the cormorant issue at the federal government level. The Lake Washington Improvement Association board feels we will get the most impact if each person living around the lake submits a comment to this docket. The "USFWS INFORMATION MEMO 4.2019 V2.pdf" has further information on this and instructions for those that wish to use snail mail instead. Below is the method to submit this online over the internet.

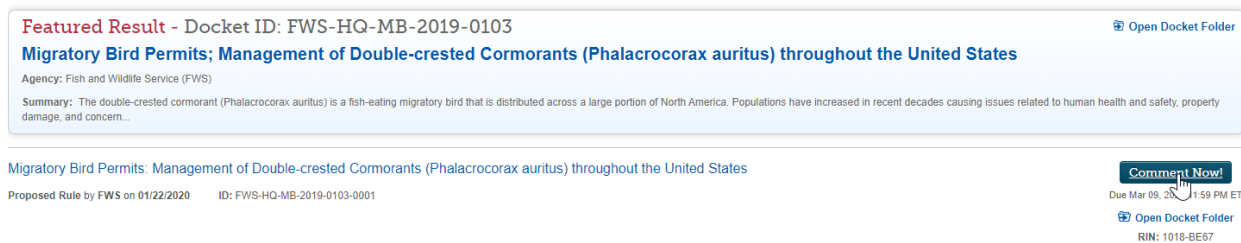
Go to the website:

<http://www.regulations.gov>

Enter "FWS-HQ-MB-2019-0103" and press the Search button.



Press the "Comment Now!" button.



Fill in the comment section. Your suggested comment can be copied and pasted, or feel free to use your own comments. The comments are encouraged to be specific.

Suggested comments that provides the specifics:

I live on Lake Washington in Meeker County, which is right next to Pigeon Lake. Pigeon Lake has the most nesting pairs of cormorants in Minnesota, which need to be controlled for reducing this number.

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Human health issues are present with significant increases in lake itch. Newcastle Disease that affect cormorants is problematic for the many large poultry farms in the area. The nesting and surrounding area to Pigeon Lake are considered hazardous to humans, requiring staff to wear hazmat suits.

The water in Pigeon Lake is compromised by the 2000+ nesting pairs. The vegetation on one island is completely dead and parts of other islands at Pigeon are being killed off. The air around the nesting sites is unsafe for humans to breath.

Pigeon Lake was once the site of many woodland animals, raccoons, muskrats, deer, bald eagles, American eagles, and had a wide array of native plants.

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You are filing a document into an official docket. Any personal information included in your comment and/or uploaded attachment(s) may be publicly viewable on the web.

I read and understand the statement above.

Edit

Submit Comment

You are given a tracking number for your records.

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Your Comment Tracking Number: 1k4-9ex7-vk96

Your comment may be viewable on Regulations.gov once the agency has reviewed it. This process is dependent on agency public submission policies/procedures and processing times. Use your tracking number to find out the status of your comment.

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Email Receipt



The above comments reflect the following specifics.

a. Impacts on floodplains, wetlands, wild and scenic rivers, or ecologically sensitive areas.

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b. Impacts on park lands and cultural or historic resources.

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c. Impacts on human health and safety.

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d. Impacts on air, soil, and water.

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e. Impacts to other species of wildlife, including endangered or threatened species.

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