

ALCONA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

POLICY STATEMENT REGARDING ROADS ENDING IN BODIES OF WATER

PLEASE BE ADVISED that Michigan law defines the nature and proper usage of public road right-of-ways. In accordance with that law, it is the Alcona County Road Commission's ("CRC's") policy that public road right-of-ways which terminate in bodies of water are subject to the following legal rules:

- Public roads ending in navigable bodies of water provide ingress to and egress from the water. Appropriate uses of such road endings include swimming, fishing and boating. Other recreational activities, including but not limited to sunbathing, picnicking, lounging, camping, or grilling are not lawful uses.
- Public roads outside of plats that end in non-navigable bodies of water do not provide public access to the water.
- Public roads within plats may or may not provide public rights of access to bodies of water or recreational rights. Each such instance must be evaluated based on the law in force at the time the plat was created, as well as on the express dedication contained within the plat itself.

Please contact the CRC with any questions regarding lawful uses of county road right-of-ways.

This policy, adopted by the Alcona County Road Commission Board on July 26, 2023 supersedes, replaces and cancels in its entirety any previous past practices regarding roads ending in bodies of water.