



BASSETT CREEK WATERSHED
MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

Item 5C.
BCWMC
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RESOLUTION NO. 19-07

Supporting State Law That Provides Limited Liability to Commercial Salt Applicators That are Certified Through an Established Voluntary Salt Applicator Certification Program

WHEREAS chloride contamination of water resources has been found in urban areas around the state; and

WHEREAS the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) has listed 39 waterbodies in the Twin Cities metro area as impaired for chloride and has completed Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) studies on Nine Mile Creek and Shingle Creek and recently completed the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area Chloride TMDL; and

WHEREAS the TMDL studies have indicated that the largest chloride source to our lakes and streams is through the application of chloride compounds on roads, parking lots, sidewalks and other hard surfaces for winter maintenance practices; and

WHEREAS liability for property damage or personal injury as a result of snow or ice is one of the main reasons over-salting occurs and many private commercial contractors and property owners are reluctant to implement salt-reduction practices for fear of increased liability; and

WHEREAS the MPCA currently oversees a voluntary Smart Salting Certification Program that provides training to public and commercial salt applicators, private property owners and managers and others on how to maintain safe surfaces using salt efficiently.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission supports passage and enactment of state law that provides a limited liability exemption to commercial salt applicators and property owners using salt applicators who are certified through the established salt applicator certification program who follow best management practices.

Chair

ATTEST:

Secretary