

## **Fishing Pier on Pigeon Lake Temporarily Closed Due to Winter Damage**

*Consumers Energy Assessing Site, Scheduling Repairs*

WEST OLIVE, Mich., April 12, 2019 – Consumers Energy announced that the Pigeon Lake North Pier will remain closed until damage caused to the fishing access site by extreme wave action and ice accumulations this winter can be repaired.

“At this point, we have not completed our assessment of when the repairs will be completed and the pier can safely open,” said Matthew Carmer, Consumers Energy’s natural resources administrator for hydro operations. “We regret any inconvenience this temporary closure may cause, but winter storms created significant erosion to the boardwalk and damage to the north pier making the site unsafe for public use. Safety is the top priority at Consumers Energy.”

The Pigeon Lake access site opened for public use in 2001 in accordance with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) as part of the license agreement for Consumers Energy to operate the Ludington Pumped Storage facility. It is typically open for public use from April 15 to October 15 from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily. Consumers Energy has notified FERC about the temporary closure, and is currently assessing the damage and scheduling repair work.

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