

**TORCH LAKE PROTECTION ALLIANCE (“TLPA”) PREVAILS IN
LAWSUIT AGAINST PROMOTERS OF TORCH LAKE SANDBAR PARTY BASH**

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KALKASKA COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, THE HONORABLE GEORGE J. MERTZ signed a Consent Judgment yesterday whereby Defendant Beatbox Beverages shall not promote, sponsor, organize, or hold a Sandbar Party Bash on Torch Lake. This prohibition is in force for 5 years, after which BeatBox Beverages shall not be involved in a Sandbar Party Bash unless it gives proper notice to TLPA and obtains all the necessary licenses and permits.

TLPA also obtained a Default Judgment against the remaining two defendants, Brooks Ehlert, a/k/a DJ FADE, and LANSING PARTY.COM. The Court declared that the July, 2015 Sandbar Party Bash was a violation of the Inland Lakes and Streams Act (“ILSA”), the Marine Safety Act (“MSA”), the Michigan Environmental Protection Act and the Clearwater Township Zoning Ordinance and was a Private and Public Nuisance. Additionally, the Court held that DJ FADE and LANSING PARTY.COM are prohibited from holding any future Sandbar Party Bashes without first providing adequate crowd control, noise control, trash, sanitation, and safety and security measures. They are also prohibited from promoting, sponsoring, endorsing, advertising, posting invitations or holding any future Sandbar Party Bashes without first obtaining the required permits.

Additionally, the Clearwater Township Board adopted a resolution on June 6, 2016 supporting TLPA’s lawsuit. The Township cited the large number of attendees, number of arrests, citations, and ambulance runs, and unofficial water quality test results conducted by Three Lakes Association reporting dangerous levels of E.coli bacteria and the need to protect the public health, safety and welfare as motivation for adopting the resolution. The Township found that behaviors such as loud noise, littering, trespassing, unattended boat mooring, installing poles, platforms, or tables on bottomlands, public nudity, and disorderly conduct were unreasonable uses of the sandbar waters and violated numerous laws including Township Ordinance #20.

TLPA is a Michigan non-profit organization whose purpose is to help protect Torch Lake, its watershed, and its natural environment. “Demonstrating TLPA’s commitment to these goals, TLPA intends to pursue all legal avenues against promoters of Sandbar Party Bashes similar to the 2015 Bash that drew an unmanageable crowd estimated at over 8,000 people. The message is, if you are interested in attending an unregulated rave or party bash, Torch Lake Sandbar is not the place to go this year or in the future. TLPA has committed financial support and other resources to ensure increased law enforcement on the Sandbar this year,” said Greg Payne, President of TLPA.

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