



Escanaba, July 6 Coyotes Released At Municipal Harbor



The Escanaba Municipal Harbor is using coyotes to help control its geese problem. Throughout the harbor, coyotes can be seen keeping watch over the geese. They're only cardboard cut-outs, but they're doing the job.

More than a hundred geese call the harbor home, but with the coyote cut-outs, they stay primarily in the water. When on land, the birds leave behind a mess, which can be a headache for those who use the marina for recreation. Officials say the coyotes are the easiest way to take care of the problem.

The geese calling the harbor home were creating a mess.

"We looked into other alternatives as far as shooting off something that they call "boomers" that would make them fly away and other things like that," says Director of Parks and Recreation Tom Penegor. "But that also effects people in the area when they hear a large sound like that."

From a distance, the coyotes appear so real that several residents have called animal control since they've been in use.



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