

Sacheen SCOPE

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Sandra J. Smith, Editor

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE November 2020



Greetings and Happy Holidays

I just re-read my last message to you in the late Spring. I was so hopeful, as we all were, that this Covid thing was soon to be over or at least being controlled and we all were back to normal. Boy was I naïve.

It's late October as I write this and the election is not yet over so I cannot cheer about the Sewer Bond issue passing. I certainly hope so as the lake is in much need of continued treatment. I suppose as you read this issue we may still not know the results of the election. This year can not end soon enough.

2021 is just around the corner, hopefully it will be a much better year for all of us. The Board is anxious to meet again and get started planning for more fun activities for our beloved Sacheen Lake. Hopefully we will be able to meet in March. Please be good to one another and Happy Holidays.

Albert Pool
President



Photo by Russ Brickner



Mike Nokes
Fire Chief, South Pend Oreille Fire & Rescue

The cooler weather has arrived, and along with it, another season in Pend Oreille County.

We have a few fire and life safety concerns to keep in mind this time of year regarding chimney fires, smoke detectors, and burning. Please, before beginning a new burn season in your fire place, take some time and check and/or clean your chimney before winter really hits. I would like to suggest that you give it one more look before the truly cold and snowy weather begins in our area.

I also urge you to burn "quick and clean" during the early Fall & Winter. This can be a dangerous time of year for wood burning stoves. When the heat outside raises, we tend to close off the stove and choke it out. This process can quickly lead to creosote build up in your chimney walls. The creosote comes from excessive smoke that has not burned completely. The smoke then cools and adheres to the sides of our chimneys. Once you have begun to diminish your pipes space, heat and gasses start to build in the limited chimney space and firebox. These gasses become extremely hot and eventually warm-up the chimney's creosote, starting it on fire; this is a typical chimney fire.

The best way to prevent a chimney fire is to burn quick and clean and have the chimney cleaned and inspected by a professional annually. As daylight saving times ends November 1st at 2 am, the fire service always uses this time as a reminder to check your smoke detectors. Test the batteries to ensure they are working and check your detectors manufactured date. If the smoke detector is older than ten years, it should be replaced.

Another safety factor to keep in mind is even though the burn ban has lifted and recreational fires have been approved in the County, all of the safety precautions for outdoor burning should still be followed. Such as:

- ▣ One pile at a time no larger than 10' x 10'
 - ▣ Only natural vegetation may be burned
 - ▣ Burn barrels are illegal
 - ▣ Never leave your fire unattended
 - ▣ Always have a water source available to extinguish the fire
 - ▣ Always ensure the fire is out and cold to the touch
 - ▣ If you are burning bigger piles, more than one, or land clearing, you **MUST** contact DNR and get a permit to burn from DNR to do so
- If you have any questions or if you would be interested in serving your community as a member of the volunteer fire district, please contact me either by phone, 447-5305 or online at www.spofr.org

Thanks,
Mike Nokes
Fire Chief

Sacheen Lake Association Membership Renewal Form

Dues for 2020 are still only \$10 for an individual / \$25 for a family

Please fill out this form and mail it with your check, payable to:

Sacheen Lake Association, c/o Denise Reilly, Treasurer,

PO Box 401, Newport WA 99156-0401

PLEASE include your correct CURRENT EMAIL ADDRESS and PHONE #

Name:			
Mailing Address:			
Phone:			
Email Address:			

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Winter Safety Information

Ice Thickness Chart

WARNING: Always be cautious. If you are unsure if the ice is safe, don't take your chances!

Safe Ice Thickness*

Ice Thickness	Permissible Load	Ice Thickness	Permissible Load
3 inches	Single person on foot	12 inches	Heavy truck (8-ton gross)
4 inches	Group in single file	15 inches	10 tons
7½ inches	Passenger car (2-ton gross)	20 inches	25 tons
8 inches	Light truck (2½-ton gross)	30 inches	70 tons
10 inches	Medium truck (3½-ton gross)	36 inches	110 tons

*Solid, clear, blue/black pond and lake ice

Slush ice has only half the strength of blue ice. The strength value of river ice is 15 percent less.

It may also be a good idea to check with a local expert about ice safety. Bait shops or lakeside businesses may know about the ice conditions. Always be safe and don't put yourself or others at risk.

WINDCHILL TABLE

Wind Speed (mph)	Temperature (°F)															
Calm	35	30	25	20	15	10	5	0	-5	-10	-15	-20	-25	-30	-35	
5	31	25	19	13	7	1	-5	-11	-16	-22	-28	-34	-40	-46	-52	
10	27	21	15	9	3	-4	-10	-16	-22	-28	-35	-41	-47	-53	-59	
15	25	19	13	6	0	-7	-13	-19	-26	-32	-39	-45	-51	-58	-64	
20	24	17	11	4	-2	-9	-15	-22	-29	-35	-42	-48	-55	-61	-68	
25	23	16	9	3	-4	-11	-17	-24	-31	-37	-44	-51	-58	-64	-71	
30	22	15	8	1	-5	-12	-19	-26	-33	-39	-46	-53	-60	-67	-73	
35	21	14	7	0	-7	-14	-21	-27	-34	-41	-48	-55	-62	-69	-76	
40	20	13	6	-1	-8	-15	-22	-29	-36	-43	-50	-57	-64	-71	-78	
45	19	12	5	-2	-9	-16	-23	-30	-37	-44	-51	-58	-65	-72	-79	
50	19	12	4	-3	-10	-17	-24	-31	-38	-45	-52	-60	-67	-74	-81	
55	18	11	4	-3	-11	-18	-25	-32	-39	-46	-54	-61	-68	-75	-82	
60	17	10	3	-4	-11	-19	-26	-33	-40	-48	-55	-62	-69	-76	-84	
Frostbite occurs in:							30 minutes		10 minutes		5 minutes					

Example: when the temperature is 15°F and the wind speed is 30 miles per hour, the windchill, or how cold it feels, is -5°F.

STAY INFORMED

Join the SLA email list. Please send your request to be added to the email list and/or send address corrections to: LakesEnd@Gmail.com

Sacheen Lake Information - Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife



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Fish and Wildlife

FISHING

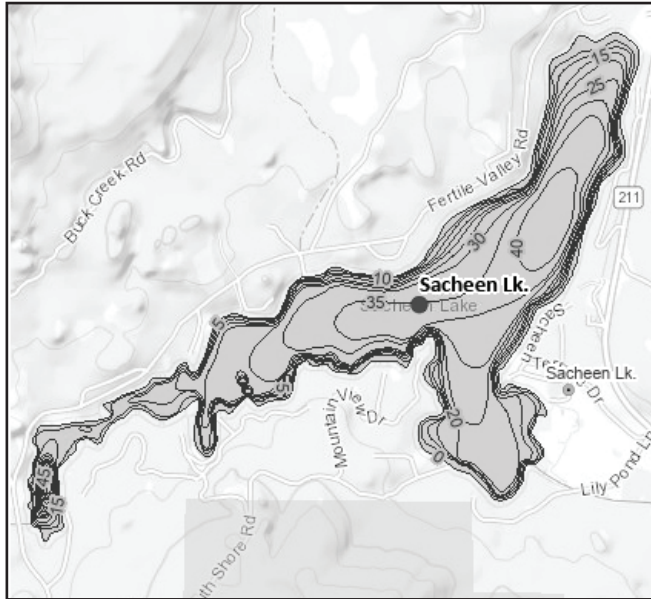
Eleven miles southwest of Newport along Highway SR-211, Sacheen Lake is open year-round. The lake is planted annually with Brook Trout, Rainbow Trout, and tiger trout.

Sacheen has public access on the northeast shore.

Two-pole fishing is allowed

Shoreline access: Good

Shoreline access is limited to area around boat launch.



Species you might catch

Brook trout
Brown bullhead
Green sunfish
Largemouth bass
Rainbow trout
Tiger trout
Yellow perch

Lake information

County: Pend Oreille

Acreage: 310.30 ac.

Elevation: 2238 ft.

Center: 48.154455, -117.314198

HUNTING

Hunting remains a vital way of life for many residents and non-residents in Washington and contributes to statewide conservation efforts. The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife maintains opportunities for seasoned and first-time hunters alike. Learn about the steps every hunter must take before heading afield, and how to report your harvest after a successful hunt.

Reporting your harvest

Mandatory hunter harvest reporting allows the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) to better manage game species throughout the state and set permit levels for upcoming seasons. This in turn allows for more hunting opportunities.

Hunter reports can be submitted either online through WDFW's WILD licensing system or by phone at 877-945-3492. Do not mail or email your big game hunter reports, as they will not be accepted and you will be assessed a \$10 administrative fee.

If you hold a trapping license (recreational or commercial) or are certified as a Wildlife Control Operator, or both, you must submit an Trapping Activity Report Form even if you did not capture, trap for, haze, deter, or otherwise control wildlife.

If you were required to submit a tooth as part of your harvest, you can use WDFW's tooth lookup tool to see results.

If you need additional assistance with hunter reporting, please contact the Wildlife Program by email, or by phone at 360-902-2515.

Get complete information from the website - <https://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/locations/lowland-lakes/sacheen-lake>

How's the air outside?

Air Quality Index (AQI) Values	Levels of Health Concern	Colors
0 to 50	Good	Green
51 to 100	Moderate	Yellow
101 to 150	Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups	Orange
151 to 200	Unhealthy	Red
201 to 300	Very Unhealthy	Purple
301 to 500	Hazardous	Maroon



Have you ever wondered if the dusty winds, summer smoke and winter wood-burning negatively affect you or do you have health issues that are affected by them? You can check it right now... just by "clicking on the map" at www2.purpleair.com ~ The Selkirk Alliance for Science PurpleAir monitoring program will help us better understand the air quality around our region and a monitor was recently installed at Sacheen Lake. There are several other monitors in our area, too. The Alliance is a volunteer non-profit group of scientists and volunteers who advocate for increased understanding of the nature, value, and integrity of science to benefit our communities. You can learn more about us at: www.selkirkscience.org

PurpleAir sensors measure airborne particulate matter (PM). Particulate matter describes solid particles suspended in air; this includes dust, smoke, and other organic and inorganic particles. PurpleAir sensors use laser particle counters to count the number of particles by particle sizes 0.3, 0.5, 1, 2.5, 5, and 10µm, and use the count data to calculate mass concentrations of PM1.0, PM2.5, and PM10.

PurpleAir sensors use laser counters to measure particulate matter in real time. A laser counter uses a fan to draw a sample of air past a laser beam. Any particles in the air will reflect some light from the laser beam onto a detection plate, like dust shimmering in a sunbeam. The reflection is measured as a pulse by the detection plate, and the length of the pulse determines the size of the particle while the number of pulses determines the particle count. The PM1.0, PM2.5, and PM10 mass concentrations are calculated from these particle counts.

PurpleAir sensors are used by a wide variety of individuals and groups from government air districts, school districts, and universities to industrial and commercial organizations to home enthusiasts and concerned citizens.

Every icon on the PurpleAir map represents a public PurpleAir sensor, and the color indicates the real time PM2.5 reading on the US EPA Air Quality Index scale. The sensors with no outline are registered as outdoor sensors and the sensors with black rings are registered as indoor sensors.

When clicking a sensor icon, two informative boxes display. One shows the sensor information and averages over the last week. The other shows a graphical chart of readings from Channels A and B over the last week.

Sacheen Lake's monitor is funded by a donated cost-share with the Selkirk Alliance For Science.

Story submitted by Di Wear

EDITORIAL....By Joni Stillian, District Manager - District Manager, Sacheen lake Water and Sewer District - jssacheen@gmail.com - 509-447-4647

Big shout out to all of you awesome and generous homeowners in the Sacheen area!! The 2021 levy passed with 71% approval!! All of us here at the District thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

As most of you know we skipped treating the lake in 2019, which meant that the milfoil got a stronghold in a lot of areas. Because of your financial support we were able treat the lake in 2020. Aquatechnex applied ProcellaCOR Herbicide to 24.3 acres and Diquat Herbicide to another 19.69 acres. From the reports we received the treatment did an excellent job where applied. We are planning more extensive treatment for Summer 2021.

I have put notice on the monthly invoices that we now accept credit cards. There are a few ways to utilize this service. First you can go online at pendoreilleco.org/treasurer. If you scroll down a little on the Treasurer page there is a section for water and sewer districts, click on that and you are in. You can also call me, and I can take your information over the phone, or you can come by my office at the fire station and I can run your card. Just so you know the credit card company charges a 2.5% fee. This fee does not run through us but is paid directly to the card processing company.

I have had several inquiries into the status of the loans we received for the installation of your Sewer system. The loan information is as follows:

Public Works Trust Fund Loan: Current Balance is \$2,294,000.00. The last payment on this loan is due June 1, 2036. The payment of approximately \$155,000.00 is due in June of each year.

Department of Ecology Loan: Current Balance is: \$5,915,000.00. The last payment on this loan is due November 30, 2036, there are two payments of appx \$185,000.00 due June and November of each year.

Most of the fees we collect from each customer go to paying back these loans, you can see the breakdown on your monthly invoice. There is not a "Sewer Assessment" placed on your property, the lending institutions allowed the district to pay back the loans on a "Monthly Fee" structure.

As always, we are here to serve you. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me. My office hours are Monday & Thursday from 10-2. I hope you all have a wonderful holiday season.



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is now on
FACEBOOK

Don't forget to check out our beautiful website. It is a wonderful way to stay connected with our community, lake and sewer news, and the wildlife around the lake. To share your photos and info, contact Carl Gross at carlgross@gmail.com.

Sacheen Lies Somewhere Over the Rainbow - A Short Word From The Editor

It seems the world has changed overnight from the long crisp shawdows that color an iridescent fall, to a still silent black and white portrait. The lake now has a seperate beauty. A unique feel unto itself; milk chocolate water at twilight. An uncopied beauty, natural, pure, and luminous from different angles.

Sacheen Lake lies somewhere over the rainbow, a place once again of solid ground, with maybe a little bit of hidden gold. A time when the world is on point, tense, ready to leap. And fighting a virus we have learned to hate, one that has masked our friends and neighbors. Our political divide has become one that has shaken our very tenants. Can we agree to disagree without causing harm to one another? This has been a season of great loss, for me personally, as the passing of time has taken its toll and taken one I love. And yet, when it seems the world has run out of toliet paper, politics becomes an even dirtier business, and I feel alienated from the checker at the grocery store with my mask, her mask, and plexiglass that divides us. Needed commodities against an enemy we can't see in the plain light.

A favored poem of mine runs through my mind by Emily Dickinson:

*HOPE is the thing with feathers
That perches in the soul,
And sings the tune without the words,
And never stops at all,
And sweetest in the gale is heard;
And sore must be the storm
That could abash the little bird
That kept so many warm,
I've heard it in the chilliest land,
And on the strangest sea;
Yet, never, in extremity;
It asked a crumb of me.*
(Emily Dickinson, 1937)



I'm clinging to HOPE, a theory that has been put into practice throughout my life, my career, and my personal belief system. And once again Americans, the world clings to her as darkness will roll away, solutions will be found, and the daylight will edge forward on the heels of darkness and tough times. History will note that some of us were kinder and stronger than necessary, and made a difference in the world. Challenging times bring out the best and the worst in people.

May the wonder and the Hope of the Season not escape us as we prepare for the Holiday Season and a better tomorrow.

Highest Regards,

Dr. Sandra J. Smith



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If you are posting/receiving/seeing messages on nextdoor.com from other neighborhoods than Sacheen Lake, you can control what and who you see under "General" settings and when you post, by choosing which neighborhood/s you want to post to. You can also "mute" people you don't wish to hear from, by clicking the little arrows on the right. Sorry, I can't control the advertising, but you can "uncheck" the things that you may have marked as "interests" to you, as that is where many of them are generated. Hope that helps!

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Meetings are canceled until further notice due to COVID-19

2nd Wednesday of each month - 5 p.m.
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