

Sacheen SCOPE

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Spring 2021

Sandra J. Smith, Editor



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE April 2021

Greetings my fellow Covid Prisoners,

Even though we have been held captive for over a year now I see a light at the end of very long tunnel. Hopefully, we will be able to get together this year and have fun and share experiences.

I trust you have been able to get your shots and are completely vaccinated. I have and am very thankful.

Our SLA Board has not met since October of 2019. Maybe we can get together soon in order to plan our summer activities.

Please consider paying your annual dues. Simply send a check payable to Sacheen Lake Association to Denise Reilly Treasurer, PO Box 401, Newport, Wa 99156. For a single individual \$10.00 and for a family \$25.00.

Happy Spring everyone and hope to see you soon.

Albert Pool
President

P.S. Contact: Rosmond Langberg (509) 998-6249. when in need of Sacheen Lake attire.

Sacheen Lake
Association



is now on
FACEBOOK

SACHEENLAKE.COM

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.



**By John Nichols
Pend Oreille Fire & Rescue**

Mike Nokes Fire Chief
South Pend Oreille Fire and Rescue

An Ounce of Prevention

John Nicholas, SPOFR Public Information Officer

No matter where we live, whether in cities, towns, or in rural areas, forests and open space play an important role in our lives. Every day, we use a wide array of forest products, from the houses we live in, to the paper we use, to the food we eat. Forests provide economic opportunities as well as many indirect benefits such as clean air and water. Forests and open space also offer invaluable recreational opportunities, providing us with a healthy sense of well-being. Life without forests and open space would be unimaginable. We must take care to sustainably manage our natural resources to meet current and future needs.

When we see a wildfire, our first response is to put it out. For decades, we've done just that when it came to wildland fires. But science has changed the way we think about wildland fire and the way we manage it. We still suppress fires, especially if they threaten people and communities, but we understand that fire has an important role in nature – one that can lead to healthy ecosystems. One way to manage it to play its role is through the use of prescribed fires. After many years of fire exclusion, an ecosystem that needs periodic fire becomes unhealthy.

Trees can be stressed by overcrowding; fire-dependent plants and animals disappear; and flammable fuels build up and become hazardous. We shouldn't do this in a haphazard way, but with appropriate planning and foresight, and skill. The right fire at the right place at the right time can provide many benefits including the reduction of hazardous fuels, protecting communities from extreme fires, minimizing the spread of pest insects and disease, and providing forage for game just to name a few.

Prescribed fires refers to the controlled application of fire by a team of fire experts under very specific weather conditions to restore health to ecosystems that depend on fire. Last year, there more than 1,600 wildfires across Washington state. In all, more than 800,000 acres burned, 600,000 of which burned in the two weeks after Labor Day. Nearly 300 homes were lost and families were evacuated due to wildfire on the west side as well as the east side of the state.

For two of the last three years, Washington had the worst air quality in the entire world due to wildfires. On average, fighting wildfires in Washington costs \$150 million each year. And that's just 9% of the total cost of wildfire when you factor in economic and public health impacts. Historically, fire seasons in our state were manageable with air and ground resources. Ten to twenty years ago, for example, the average acres burned each year was 189,000. In the last five years, that has exploded to an annual average of 488,000 acres. As fire seasons have gotten more dangerous and destructive, our ability to fight and contain these fires has lagged behind. Commissioner of Public Lands, Hillary Franz, has proposed to the state legislature the creation of a dedicated account funded with \$125 million over the next two-year period and beyond. This legislation, House Bill 1168, would provide the proactive resources necessary for wildfire response, forest restoration and community resilience. We know the resources we need, both for our firefighters and for forest health, to change the trajectory of the wildfire crisis to protect lives and property.

Thanks,
by John Nichols

Sacheen Lake Association Membership Renewal Form

Dues for 2021 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:			

PLEASE include your correct CURRENT EMAIL ADDRESS

2020 was a tough year for all of us, and due to the many Covid restrictions the Sacheen Lake Association (SLA) had to cancel most of the events we sponsor. However we are still moving forward and doing what we can to communicate with everyone and better our lake and community. Hopefully we can resume activities in 2021.

We appreciate the members that paid their dues in 2020, unfortunately we did not get enough to cover our annual expenses. We hope everyone will consider paying your 2021 dues so your Association can continue to fund events to better our lake and community.

Some of the things the Sacheen Lake Association does for you are:

- Maintain website (SacheenLake.com)
- Annual General Meeting
- Boat launch clean up
- Litter clean up along Fertile Valley Road and Highway 211
- Purchase and place buoys to mark rocks in the lake
- Sacheen Scope Newsletter
- Annual Picnic
- Sacheen Lake Facebook page
- Life Jacket loaner program at boat launch
- Street light at Highway 2 and Fertile Valley Road
- Remove debris from the culverts in the beaver dams to maintain water level
- Annual Meyers-Harter park cleanup
- LakesEnd e-mail communications



Annual dues remain at \$10 for an individual and \$25 for a family. Payments can be made anytime during the year. You can pay:

1) By check to Sacheen Lake Association and mail to the Sacheen Lake Association PO Box 401 Newport, WA 99156. Many people use their banks bill pay.

2) PayPal to denise_reilly@mail.com, be sure to click you are paying Friends and Family so no fee is charged.

However you pay, please be sure your name, phone number and email address are included.

Denise Reilly
Treasurer

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 -

MANAGING WORKING FORESTS



HILARY S. FRANZ
COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS

Forested State Trust Lands:
Supporting Schools, Counties,
and Critical Services

State trust lands are different than other publicly managed lands. They come with a legal responsibility to generate revenue for their designated beneficiaries, such as schools, counties, and critical local services.

There are more than 2 million acres of forested state trust lands managed by the Washington State Department of Natural Resources for long-term timber production, specific habitat objectives, and protection of clean, abundant water. These forests often provide public recreation opportunities, too. As stewards of the state's lands and natural resources, DNR draws upon a variety of staff, including foresters, engineers, geologists, biologists, hydrologists, soil scientists, economists, and others as management activities are planned. All DNR-managed forested trust lands are certified under the Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI). Certified forests are grown to an approved set of standards that demonstrate environmentally responsible, socially beneficial, and economically viable management practices. For more information on DNR's forest certification program, go online to: bit.ly/DNRRandSFI.

KEY POLICIES AND REGULATIONS

Policy for Sustainable Forests - The agency's forest management policies were adopted by the Board of Natural Resources in 2006.

Sustainable Harvest - Forested trust lands are managed to generate sustained yield. Decadal harvest levels are approved by the Board of Natural Resources.

Washington Forest Practices Act - DNR follows state regulations to protect public resources, such as water quality and fish habitat, on lands managed by the agency.

State Environmental Policy Act - Timber harvests and construction on trust lands are reviewed for probable significant adverse impact and involve the public.

SOUTH SACHEEN FOREST HEALTH TREATMENT

Several key factors were considered in the planning of this treatment:

*Harvest unit boundaries and timeline are approximate and subject to change

- This treatment is estimated to generate \$1.3 million to facilitate additional forest health practices and for school construction, depending on market conditions
- Mitigation, such as no-harvest buffers around sensitive sites, to preserve water quality and recreation opportunities.
- Meeting DNR's obligation to retain and promote long-term forest cover near sensitive sites
- Establishing a vigorous stand of Douglas-fir, western redcedar, and ponderosa pine seedlings to benefit future generations
- Units are planned for variable retention harvest, which includes the retention of wildlife trees, standing dead trees, and stream buffers to promote wildlife habitat and maintain aesthetic value

DNR's Vision

Our actions ensure a future where Washington's lands, waters, and communities thrive.

DNR's Mission

Manage, sustain, and protect the health and productivity of Washington's lands and waters to meet the needs of present and future generations.

Forested Trust Lands

Forested trust lands are a special type of **public lands** that generate revenue for specific beneficiaries, **held in perpetuity** to provide equity across generations, and **sustainably managed** to retain the long-term production capacity of the forest, recognizing that near-term actions can create long-term economic, ecological, and social benefits.

Northeast Region

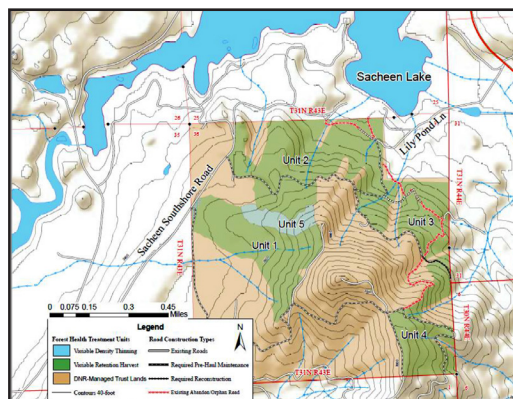
DNR's Northeast region, headquartered in Colville, manages more than 560,000 acres of state trust and conservation lands in Okanogan, Ferry, Stevens, Pend Oreille, and Spokane counties, as well as the northern portion of Lincoln County.

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CURRENT PROJECT TIMELINE



GETTING TIRED OF THE SAME OLD LAKE TOYS??
WE CAME UP WITH SOME COOL TOYS FOR YOUR LAKE HOME...TAKE A LOOK....



- Inflatable Iceberg
- <https://www.awesomeinventions.com/shop/inflatable-iceberg/>



- Walk on Water Ball
- <https://www.awesomeinventions.com/shop/walk-on-water-ball/>



- Water Shooting Helicopter
- <https://www.awesomeinventions.com/shop/water-shooting-helicopter/>



- Hot Tub Boat
- <https://www.awesomeinventions.com/shop/hot-tub-boat/>



- Inflatable Hot Tub
- <https://www.awesomeinventions.com/shop/inflatable-hot-tub/>



- Ten Person Float
- <https://www.awesomeinventions.com/shop/ten-person-float/>



- Turtle
- <https://www.awesomeinventions.com/shop/>



- Inflatable Water Rocker
- <https://www.awesomeinventions.com/shop/inflatable-water-rocker/>

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

Happy Spring Everyone!! Never mind that it was snowing on my way to work this morning, the calendar says it's Spring so that is what I'm going with. Beyond excited to see things green up and start to bloom!!

Here at the water and sewer district we are coming out of hibernation and getting a list together of things we need to get accomplished in 2021. The park will be opening soon and we will be getting in touch with our milfoil treatment company to start the process of choosing areas for treatment. Which reminds me to thank you again for your passing the levy, not only does that give us money for lake treatment but it also gives us the resources to test the quality of the lake water, perform the lake level work, and continue maintenance on the Myers/Harter Sanctuary. Your commitment to the quality of your lake is truly amazing!

In our past meetings there have been attendees who were concerned about Pend Oreille County updating their Comprehensive Plan and possible re-zoning of portions around Sacheen Lake as Commercial. We have been asked to comment on the update and/or get involved with POC Community development and the plan update. The Board of Commissioners do not think it is "in our purview" to take a stand, try to influence, or become involved in this process. You, as citizens and property owners in the Sacheen lake area, are invited to get involved and let your opinions be known. You can email Lara Floyd at lara@whitebluffsconsulting.com to get on the "interested parties" email list. They will let you know when the next meeting of the Planning Commission is.

In order to streamline the billing process and save on time and stamps, I would like to encourage everyone on the District billing to switch to email invoices. If you are currently getting a mail invoice and would like to get it via email, please give me a call or email me at jssacheen@gmail.com.

As always, we are here to serve you. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me or stop by my office at the fire station, I am located around back and have a doorbell you can ring for entrance, my office hours are Monday and Thursday from 10-2.





Photo Courtesy of Ron Andrews

In like a lion



Out Like a lamb

A Short Word From The Editor

Dr. Sandra J. Smith



Spring has sprung once again. The beauty of the four distinct seasons we enjoy at Sacheen are always on time and yet startling in their renewed freshness. Once again light and rebirth from a long winter season brings a sense of hope and rebirth. The ice has cracked and groaned with her primordial groan and the ice fisherman fold their tents and buckets before their icy floor gives way to a new season.

A word of awareness for you and your guests to please be extra cautious with your fishing line, hooks, metal, and trash. To see a tangled bird, expired from some careless person's fishing line is a heartbreaking sight that is hard to expunge from your memory. Please reiterate in your home and with your guests, the privilege of being good stewards in this beautiful landscape, respectfully throwing your garbage and fishing paraphernalia in the trash can. There seemed to be an abundance of free floating garbage last year. Plastics and other free floating debris are indigestible toxins for all creatures.

The very best to you all and I do hope we can create a better world in the future, taking care of each other and our forest creatures, who always return to Sacheen with a fresh new song in the morning light. Emerging from a year of Covid has evoked a new appreciation for the little things and also a stronger sense of gratitude..

Cheers to good health and a safe and beautiful spring summer season to you and all our forest friends.

Highest Regards,
Santee

Setting your settings on Sacheen Lake nextdoor.com

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!

* nextdoor.com is not affiliated with the Sacheen Lake Association, but many of you are nextdoor members, thus the FYI.

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Sacheen Sewer & Water District Meetings

Meetings are canceled until further notice due to COVID-19

2nd Wednesday of each month - 5 p.m.
Sacheen Fire Station on Highway 211