



# 2023 Sacheen Lake Association Annual Meeting

10 June 2023

Presented by: Grant Miller, President, Sacheen Lake Association

**HELLO**

My name is

*Grant Miller*

*Please use a name tag*

# SLA Meeting Call to Order

- Formal (By-laws required) SLA members Annual Meeting with community members and guest speakers
- Robert's Rules of Order very loosely applied!



**Local residents please come to order!**

# Topics

- Meeting Introduction
- Fire Chief Brad Martin
- SLA President's Opening Comments
- SLA Mission Statement and Goals
- Why join the SLA?
- Board members and Support Staff
- Recognitions
- Treasurer's Report
- Membership Dues and Contact Form



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- Fire Chief: 15 minutes
- SLA: 60 minutes
- Break: 10 minutes
- Sheriff: 15 minutes
- DNR: 15 minutes
- SLA Closing: 5 minutes



Welcome!



# Topics

- 2022 Accomplishments
  - SLA Operating Guidelines
  - By-laws Update
  - SLA Liability Insurance
  - Digital Communications Updates
  - DNR Harvesting
  - New Safe Boating Sign
  - Shoreline Erosion Letter



Progress



Plans



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- 2023 Progress and Plans
  - June 2023 By-laws
  - Tax Status of SLA
  - Contest Winners & New Contest
  - Lake Level History
  - Shoreline Erosion Survey
  - Website Updates
  - SacheenSCOPE: Digital Format
  - Merchandise Management
  - Welcome Packet
  - 2023 SLA Events Held
  - 2023 SLA Events Planned
  - Fish Pen on Sacheen???

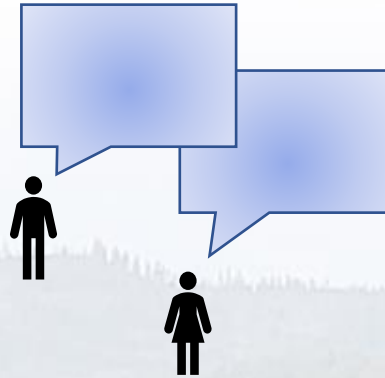
# Topics

- Community Announcements
- Community Input
- Guest Speakers
  - Deputy Ryan Nuvill
  - DNR: Monika Sowinska
- Q&A
- SLA Closing Comments



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# South Pend Oreille Fire and Rescue – Chief Brad Martin



# Sacheen Lake Association

# SLA President's Opening Comments



Blah, blah,  
blah

- Welcome to the combined Sacheen Lake Association (SLA) and community Annual Meeting
- Thanks to the SPOFR for the use of the facility
- Sign-in, Dues & Contact Form, Merchandise, Break goodies
- SLA Member hands?    New SLA Member hands?    Non-SLA Member hands?
  - Membership in the SLA has gone up 6% of the property owners!
  - As of 1 June 2023, we have 148 members with 80 unique owners
- Completed one year as President of the SLA Board
  - Significant progress on SLA business operations – you'll learn about it today
  - Enhanced communication with the Community: emails and website updates
    - Information on SLA community support, education, events, lake issues, etc.
  - Addressed community concerns and communicated results
  - Promoted community events: boat parade, yard sale, attempted movie night

**Thank you for your interest and your continued support of your lake and community!**



# SLA Mission Statement

*The purpose of the Sacheen Lake Association is to advocate for the conservation as well as safe and environmentally sustainable use of Sacheen Lake and surrounding ecosystems, while promoting a strong sense of rural community.*

# SLA Goals

- *Protect and enhance the natural condition of the lake and adjacent ecosystems*
- *Coordinate with government, corporate and private organizations, and people of the local rural community to promote the purpose of the SLA*
- *Advocate for safe, sustainable, and clean use of the lake and surrounding ecosystems and their public access avenues*
- *Promote education, involvement, and SLA membership of and by the local rural community for enduring SLA Mission Statement advocacy and a strong sense of community*

# Why Join the SLA?



- Argument: I don't need to join because I get everything for free
- Counter:
  - **Bottom line: Without financial support via membership dues and merchandise purchases, the SLA would not exist and therefore cannot support the lake and the community**
  - Expensed activities:
    - **Streetlight at Hwy 211 & FVR**
    - **Annual Meeting** (goodies), **community picnic** (chicken, water, prizes, contest metals)
    - **Rock-marking buoy replacement**, SLA liability insurance, **website** (hosts W&SD, SLA / community calendar, public interface, documents of interest, resource links, SacheenSCOPE, SLA contact links, etc.)
  - Non-Funded activities:
    - **Cleanup events** (Myers/Harter Sanctuary, FVR, Hwy 211, boat launch)
    - **SacheenSCOPE** (no expense after full digital transition)
    - Board and Support Staff volunteers (e.g., community involvement, **buoy placement** to mark boat-damaging rocks, **beaver dam removal**)
    - Community emails (community & SLA event announcements, **lost/found on the lake**)
    - Facebook page (managed by a non-Board volunteer)
    - Regular W&SD meeting attendance and **W&SD webpage hosting and management**
    - **Coordination with Government agencies for community education**, etc.

**Note: Sheriff's Marine Division defines NO WAKE zones and places all NO WAKE zone markers**

# SLA Approval of New Board Members

- Per 2009 By-Laws, Board members must be approved by the SLA members
- Since June 2022, the following have been pending, but participating Board members and must be officially voted onto the Board:
  - Elaine Hooker
  - Beverly Schoen
- I **<state your name>** move that the Sacheen Lake Association accept Elaine Hooker and Beverly Schoen as SLA Board members.
- I **<state your name>** second the motion.
- Vote:
  - Yes, accept the motion:
  - No, reject the motion:
  - Final decision: \_\_\_\_\_

# SLA Board Members (11 per By-laws)

- 1. President: Grant Miller
- 2. Vice President: Wendy Bleecker
- 3. Past President: Don Hill / **Vacant**
- 4. Treasurer: Denise Reilly
- 5. Secretary: Connie Gross
- 6. Member: Larry Holman
- 7. Member: Lil Hastie
- 8. Member: Karlene Perry
- 9. Member: Elaine Hooker
- 10. Member: Beverly Schoen
- 11. Member: **Vacant**



*Prospective new Board members  
please contact us at:*

[sacheenlake.assoc@gmail.com](mailto:sacheenlake.assoc@gmail.com)

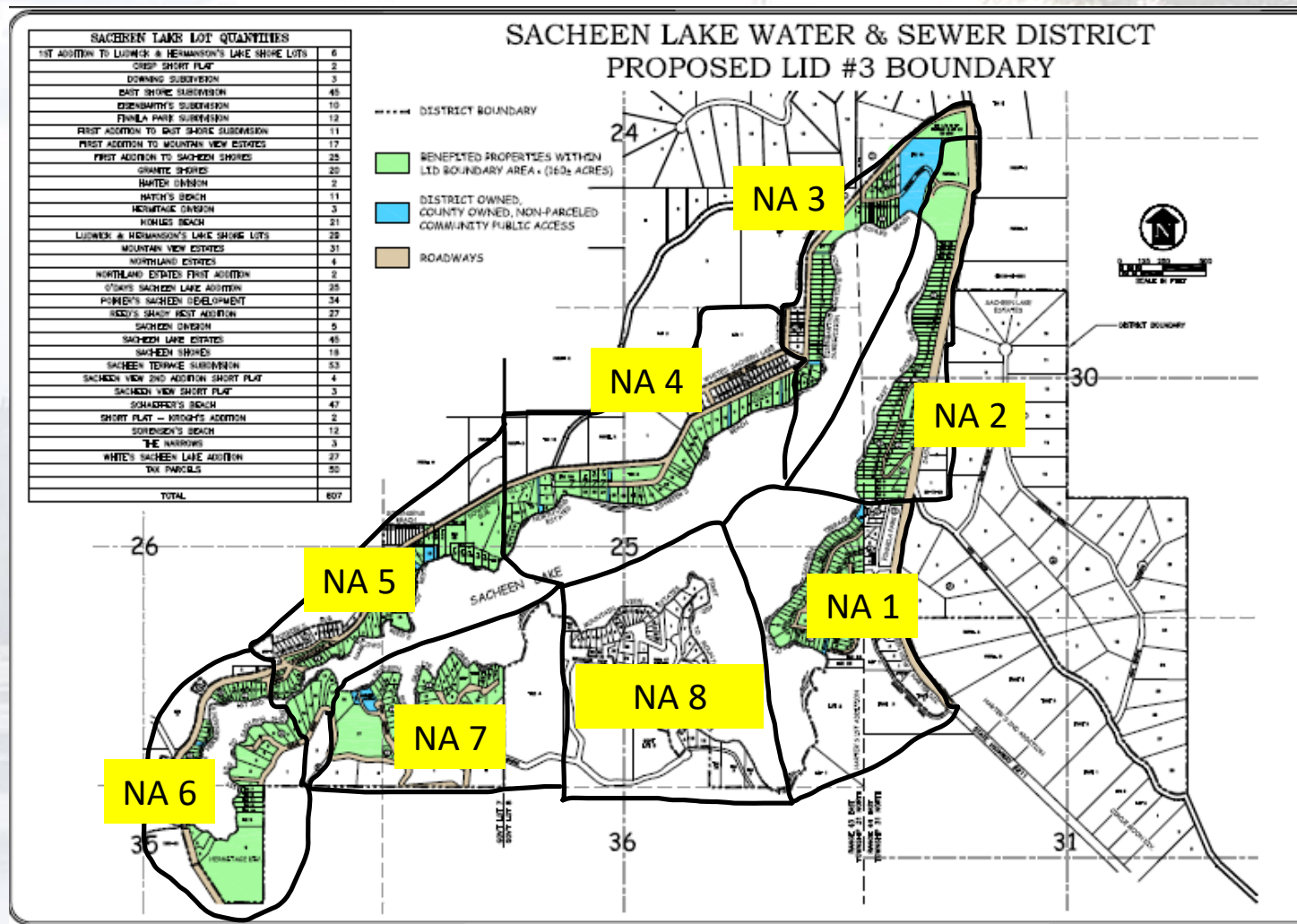


# Neighborhood Area Board Member Assignments

<u>Area</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
NA 1	Denise Reilly
NA 2	Don Hill
NA 3	Elaine Hooker
NA 4	Karlene Perry
NA 5	Larry Holman
NA 6	Grant Miller
NA 7	Wendy Bleecker
NA 8	Connie Gross

(NA = Neighborhood Area)

Specific boundaries are TBD



# SLA Support Staff



# THANK YOU!!!

- Buoy management: Brad Wear (SLA procured rock-marking buoys)
  - Mike and Sue Harrison place an SLA buoy in front of their property every year
  - Your neighbors also mark certain rocks on their own accord
- SacheenSCOPE Newsletter editor: Staci Gloyn (Welcome, Staci!!!)
- SLA Merchandise program: Elaine Hooker\* (email: [sacheen.merch@gmail.com](mailto:sacheen.merch@gmail.com))
- SLA Webmaster: Carl Gross
- Lake Level Monitoring: Larry Holman\* for data collection, Don Hill\* for records keeping
- Beaver Dam Maintenance: Don Hill\* This is a W&SD activity with SLA providing volunteers



**New beaver dam –  
photo taken 6/5/2023**

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\* These Support Staff are Board members pulling double duty!

# SLA Support Staff



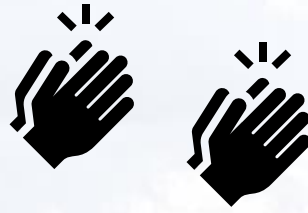
# THANK YOU!!!

- WSPRC Lifejacket loaner program: Karlene Perry\* & Connie Gross\*
- Myers/Harter Sanctuary cleanup lead: Larry Holman\*
- Community picnic lead: Lil Hastie\*
- FVR cleanup lead: Larry Holman\*
- Hwy 211 cleanup lead: Connie\* and Carl Gross
- WDFW boat launch cleanup lead: Grant Miller\*
- Master Address List (Board function): Connie Gross (accessible by President and Secretary)
- Community emails and email lists (Board function): Grant Miller (accessible by President and Secretary)

*We're always looking for  
volunteers to participate in  
and lead our cleanup events!*



# Recognitions



- Lance Barklen (resigned Oct 2022) – for MANY years of SLA Board service
- Mary Maxfield (resigned July 2022) – for years of SLA Board service, Merchandise lead, and leading the FVR cleanup
- Chief Mike Nokes – for his Fire & Rescue service leadership to protect the community & his assistance with Sacheen Lake activities
- Di Wear – for her support of posting SLA information on Facebook and Nextdoor (both will no longer be supported by the SLA)
- Don Hill – (resigned June 2023 after this meeting) for his enduring support as a member, the President and Past President on the SLA Board

**Thank you!!!**

# Treasurer's Update

- SLA has three payment options for dues and merchandise
  - Cash
  - Check
  - PayPal. Use “friends and family” option to avoid fees. Email address for payments is: [sacheen.treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:sacheen.treasurer@gmail.com)
- Sacheen.treasurer email may also be used to:
  - Be notified by the SLA Board of membership dues receipt
  - Query us regarding your membership dues status, payment amounts, etc.
  - Please add this to your contacts
- SLA membership fees are still
  - \$5 student
  - \$10 per individual
  - \$25 per family
  - \$100 Sustaining Member

**Thank you to those SLA members who have paid more than a standard membership!!!**

# Treasurer's Report (SLA FY 6/1/22 – 5/31/23)

## INCOME

Dues	3,375.00
Merchandise sales	1,024.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>4,399.00</b>

## EXPENSES

Website Domain	599.40	5 years prepaid
Scope printing	454.19	
PUD Light at Fertile Valley	84.00	
Secretary of State	40.00	
PO Box Rental	80.00	
Director's Insurance	1,910.23	
Buoys and supplies	90.42	Orange buoys to mark rocks
Highway Clean up supplies	162.56	
Sign at boat launch	227.25	
Picnic supplies	815.30	food, prizes, raffle prize
Gifts for outgoing Board Members	786.01	
Bank Fees	27.25	
Ice Off contest winner	25.00	
Merchandise Purchases	3,964.93	
Pielli Tribute	100.00	
Refunded due to members that paid 2x	50.00	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>9,416.54</b>	

## BANK ACCOUNTS

### Checking

6/1/2022 balance	1,983.35
5/31/2023 balance	<b>1,267.73</b>

### Money Market

6/1/2022 balance	3,647.87
ending balance 4/20/23	1,006.20
closed 4/20/2023	<b>0.00</b>

### Business Savings

opened 4/20/23	1,006.20
5/31/2023 balance	<b>1,006.52</b>

### 36 Mo. Certificate of Deposit

6/1/22 balance	<b>6,139.32</b>
2/2023 balance	6,165.15
closed 2/2023	<b>0.00</b>

### Select Certificate of Deposit

2/2023 balance	6,165.15
transfer to checking	1,666.76
5/31/2023 balance	<b>4,563.01</b>

### Total of All Accounts

6/1/2022 balance	11,770.54
5/31/2023 balance	<b>6,837.26</b>

*If you are not a member, we'd still like to have your contact information. We have used this in the past to contact property owners regarding damage to their property (e.g., fallen tree, sinking boat, etc.). We also distribute community information, e.g., SLA event announcements, W&SD info as requested by them, non-SLA events for the community, etc.*

Please add our general email address to your contacts:  
[Sacheenlake.Assoc@gmail.com](mailto:Sacheenlake.Assoc@gmail.com)

*If you move or change email addresses, please let us know.  
Thanks!!!*

## Sacheen Lake Association Membership and Contact Form

**Dues for 2023 are \$5 Student, \$10 for an Individual, \$25 Family, \$100 Sustaining**

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

Sacheen Lake Association, c/o Denise Reilly, Treasurer

P.O. Box 401, Newport, WA 99156-0401

PLEASE include your correct CURRENT EMAIL ADDRESS and PHONE #

<b>Name:</b>	
<b>Mailing Address:</b>	
<b>Lake Address:</b>	
<b>Phone:</b>	
<b>Email Address:</b>	<i>If you do not have an email address enter NONE</i>
<b>Membership type:</b>	<i>Check only one</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Individual <input type="checkbox"/> Family <input type="checkbox"/> Public/Not for Profit <input type="checkbox"/> Student <input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining (contributes more dues than required)

**Please let us know who and where you are on the lake as well as how to reach you, even if you don't join the SLA.**



# 2022 SLA Accomplishments

# 2022 SLA Accomplishments – SLA Operating Guidelines (SLA-OG)

- Purpose: Capture what and how the SLA operates for consistency across Board members joining and resigning from the SLA
- Document sections (65 pages cover to cover):
  - 1. Introduction
  - 2. Board Membership: Requirements, Tracking, Key position transition training
  - 3. Records Keeping
  - 4. Business Dealings and Meetings (Board mtgs, Committees, and Minutes)
  - 5. Financial Management (authority, Treasurer duties, common use of funds, auditing)
  - 6. New Board Members (process to become one)
  - 7. Community Involvement (Calendar mgmt, picnic, merchandise, cleanup events, SLA communications, contact lists, ice-off contest rules)
  - 8. Sacheen Lake Stewardship (lake level monitoring, beaver dam maintenance, water quality sampling, invasive lake weed control, buoys, safe boating, life vest program)
  - 9. External Agency Coordination
  - 10. Miscellaneous (SLA Neighborhood Areas)
  - Appendices (Template files, examples)
- Benefit to the Community
  - Consistent, documented approach for lake management and community involvement (fairness)
  - Ease of new SLA Board members getting up to speed



# 2022 SLA Accomplishments – By-laws Update



- SLA crafted and approved via member votes in June 2022:
  - A Mission Statement (informal prior to 2022)
    - Provides a concise statement of purpose for the SLA
  - Goals (prior “Objectives” were closer to goals)
    - Address the scope and intent of SLA By-laws authorized activities
  - Neighborhood Areas (prior assignments left parts of the lake unassigned)
    - Assigns a Board member to each of 8 areas encompassing the entire lake
    - Supports face-to-face community involvement, e.g., Welcome Packet distribution
- Implemented a first-ever financial audit; now a 2023 By-laws change
  - Auditor cannot be a Board member with financial signature authority, i.e., cannot be the President or Treasurer
  - Audit process created for the SLA Operating Guidelines document

# 2022 SLA Accomplishments – Liability Insurance



- SLA obtained General and Directors and Officers liability insurance policies
  - Research shows that population growth is 7.3% in USA since 2010
  - Certain liability suits have grown over 150% since 2010
  - Board members' personal financial standings are at risk w/o liability insurance
- General liability insurance - Protects Association against:
  - Bodily injury and property damage (physical in nature, e.g., during a cleanup event)
  - Personal and advertising injury liability (non-physical liability protection)
  - Medical payments (bodily injury medical coverage)
- Directors & Officers liability insurance - Protects Board members against:
  - Personal lawsuits against their property or finances
  - Board members must act on good faith to execute according to the by-laws





# 2022 SLA Accomplishments – Digital Communications Updates



- Website
  - Created a Documents tab and placed SLA documents (Meetings, Letters/Reports, and Photos)
    - Posted multiple SLA documents
  - Changed the nature of the “About” tab from document storage to description of the Sacheen Lake Association and how to join
  - Performed cleanup activities
    - Updated broken links
    - Moved Sacheen W&SD information off of SLA webpages and onto W&S webpages
  - Utilized the embedded calendar for SLA events
- Email: SLA started its own gmail accounts
  - Contact us at: [sacheenlake.assoc@gmail.com](mailto:sacheenlake.assoc@gmail.com)
  - Send merchandise purchase request to: [sacheen.merch@gmail.com](mailto:sacheen.merch@gmail.com)

# 2022 SLA Accomplishments – DNR Harvesting

- DNR presented at the 2022 SLA Annual Meeting
- Hosted a field trip on harvesting area south of Sacheen Lake
  - Trip report written by the SLA (with editorial support by DNR)
  - Posted on SLA website: <https://sacheenlake.com/sla-letters-and-reports/>
- DNR approved SLA request to disallow travel of logging trucks on the 25 mph section of Fertile Valley Rd
  - Request and approval letters posted on SLA website (same link as above)



***Thank you DNR for your community outreach!!!***

# 2022 SLA Accomplishments – New Safe Boating Laws Sign

## Sacheen Lake Safe Boating Laws

Safety Highlights from Pend Oreille County Boating Ordinance  
**ALL OPERATORS BORN AFTER JAN. 1, 1955 MUST BE STATE CERTIFIED**

### SACHEEN SPEED LIMIT 35 MPH OR 30 KNOTS

- **35 MPH** 1/2 hour before sunrise until 1/2 hour after sunset
- **NO WAKE SPEED** (5 MPH) from 1/2 hour after sunset until 1/2 hour before sunrise
- Poor weather conditions & boating congestion require lower speeds

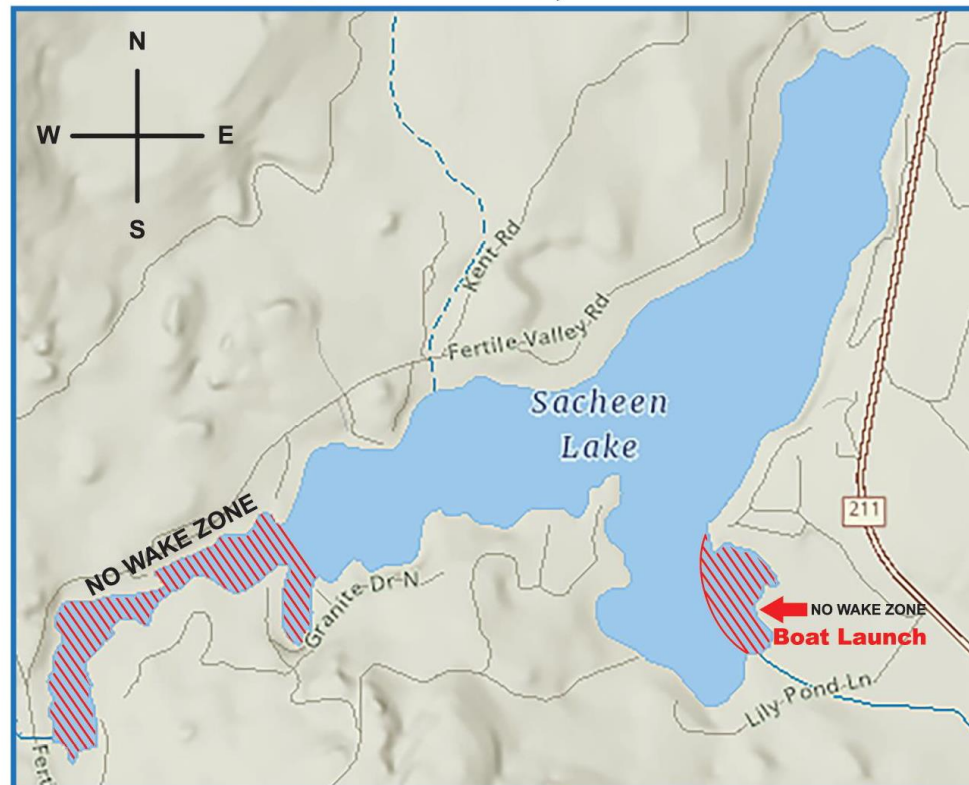
### NO WAKE ZONES

- Within 100 Feet of docks, shoreline, other boats
- Within 100 Feet of any swimmers (or swimming areas)
- Restricted/posted speed zones (shaded area on map & boat launch)

### WATERSPORTS ACTIVITIES

- Must travel in a counter-clockwise direction
- Allowed 1/2 hour before sunrise until 1/2 hour after sunset
- **COMPETENT** observer/spotter and orange flag required when towing
- **PFD** required on all persons being towed

Sign courtesy of Sacheen Lake Association  
[www.sacheenlake.com](http://www.sacheenlake.com)



**Fines up to \$1000**

**Both boat operators & boat owner can be fined**

### SAFETY EQUIPMENT

- Personal Flotation Device (PFD) required on board for each person.
- **PFD** must be worn by anyone 12 and under
- Running lights required from sunset to sunrise
- All other WAC/RCW required equipment

### PERSONAL WATERCRAFT

- Operator **MUST** be at least 14 years of age
- **PFD** required for operator/passenger/spotter
- **Competent** observer/spotter and orange flag required when towing
- Vessel shall be capable of safely transporting 3 people
- Operator must abide by all boating regulations
- **MAY ONLY OPERATE BETWEEN SUNRISE AND SUNSET**

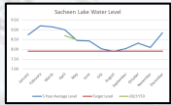
**Sheriff - Emergency 911**

**Non-emergency 509-447-3151**

# 2022 SLA Accomplishments – Shoreline Erosion



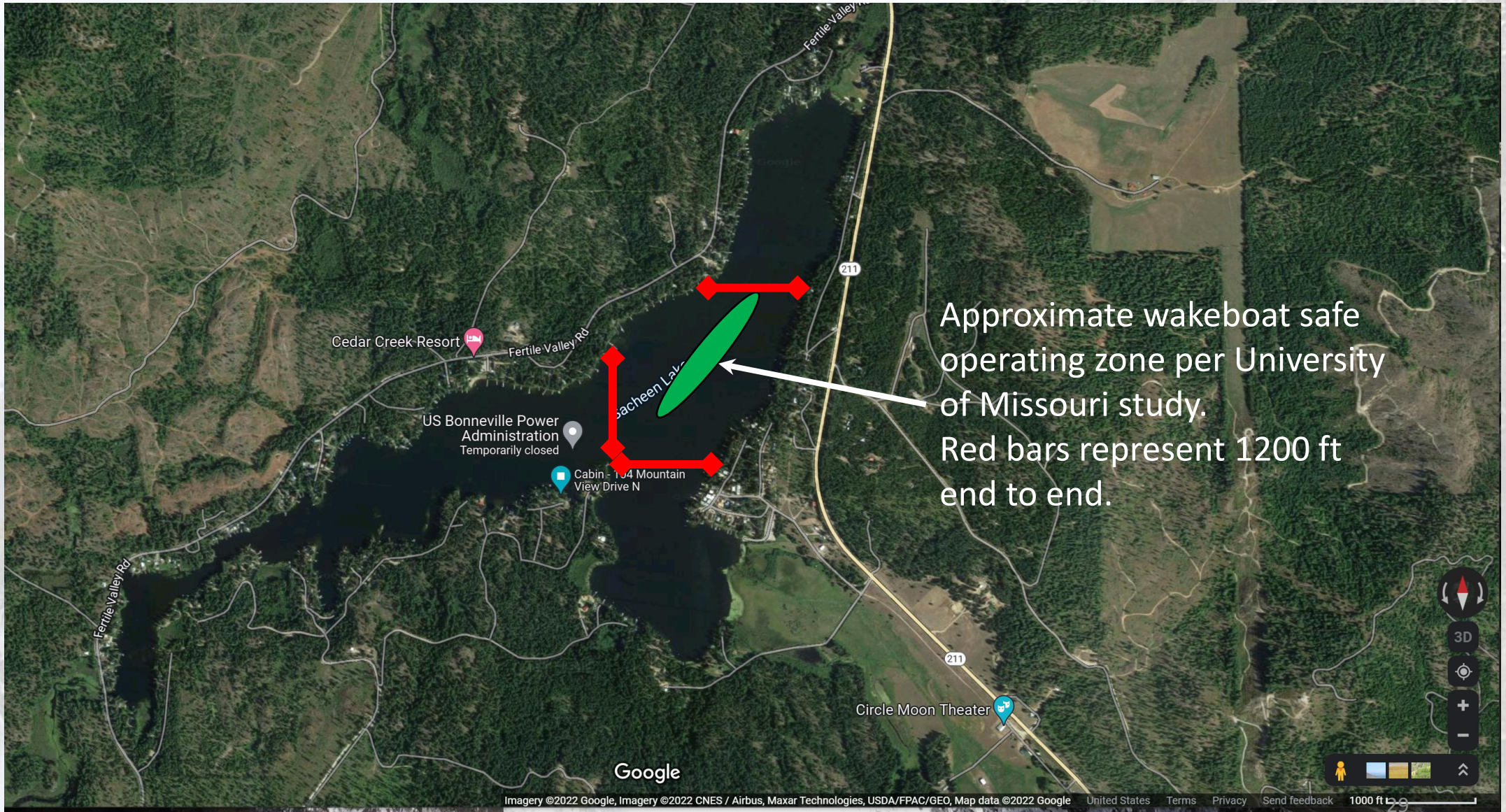
- Sacheen Lake's water level affected by beavers is managed under the authority of the W&SD
  - Requires: (1) Hydraulic Project Approval from Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) and (2) access agreement with landowners
  - Both were updated by W&SD (valid: 2022 – 2027) (THANK YOU!)
  - SLA manages new beaver dam removal and culvert clearing with these approval documents
- SLA has a long running lake-level tracker (see future slide)
  - SLA has requested that POC impose a temporary no-wake ban on the lake with extremely high water (2017 during extremely high-water level) ; request was granted (5/16/2017) by County Commissioners
- Wake boat research (Ref: <https://cse.umn.edu/college/news/umn-researchers-study-waves-created-recreational-boats>)
  - People on Sacheen Lake have had property damage due to waves
  - Wake boats create a wake that typically requires another 500' before the power and height equals that of other recreational boats
    - WA law requires 100' from shoreline, docks, stationary boats, etc.; County Sheriff defines no wake zones
  - Paper developed includes a map of where another 500' of wave dissipation is even possible on Sacheen Lake
- Paper is posted on the SLA website Documents tab
  - <https://sacheenlake.com/sla-letters-and-reports/>



# 2022 SLA Accomplishments – Wake Boat Impact Analysis

Any zone less than 1200 ft in width does not provide enough distance for wake boat wake to reduce to normal levels at the shoreline or dock compatible with current WA law.

Within Sacheen Lake, there is very limited space for a wake boat to operate using a 1200' guideline.



Approximate wakeboat safe operating zone per University of Missouri study. Red bars represent 1200 ft end to end.



# 2023 Progress and Plans

# 2023 Progress – June 2023 By-laws



- Board rewrote and approved updated By-laws on January 17, 2023
  - Many changes were made for consistency with current execution of the Board
- Changes have to be approved by the SLA members
  - Board released the By-laws to SLA members on 1 May 2023
- Significant changes made (40 change notes in current version)
  - Following provides examples based on the top-level reason for the change
  - Organizational
    - Moved Board member duties to one area
  - Board duties and responsibilities clarified
    - Board member must have interests consistent with the Mission Statement and Goals
    - Notifications to SLA members can come from the Board, vs just the Secretary
    - Clarified duties of the Executive Committee (consists of the Officers of the Board)
    - Board members must have digital capabilities to support email and online meetings
    - Board membership duration is indefinite; members either resign or are removed from the Board

# 2023 Progress – June 2023 By-laws



- Significant changes made (cont.):
  - New duties, functions added, processes changed
    - Board business can be conducted online
    - Authorized execution of events
    - Added yearly financial audit requirement
    - Changed the process for accepting new Board members. New Board members are now first a candidate, then a Board-participating and voting nominee, and finally an Association elected Board member
    - Removed the need for yearly reinstatement of Board members
    - Executive Committee is responsible for all personnel actions (Board or Member) such as removing a Board member due to conflict of interest with the Mission Statement and/or Goals
    - Added yearly decision for liability insurance (current policy expires in Oct)
    - Treasurer cannot accept a check made out to them personally (must be made out to the Sacheen Lake Association)
    - Added that Association membership by an individual or family requires ownership of property within five miles of the lake
    - Institutions and organizations must have interests commensurate with the Mission Statement and goals, whereas individual members need not
    - Added that community members may attend the SLA Annual Meeting



# 2023 Progress – June 2023 By-laws Acceptance by SLA Members

- I **<state your name>** move that the Sacheen Lake Association accept the June 2023 updated By-laws.
- I **<state your name>** second the motion.
- Vote:
  - Yes, accept the motion:
  - No, reject the motion:
  - Final decision: \_\_\_\_\_

# 2023 Progress – Tax Status of the SLA

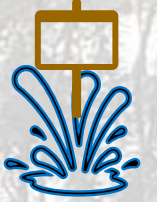
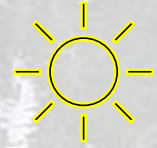
- SLA is a tax-exempt, non-profit with a reseller's permit
  - We don't pay taxes when we purchase merchandise or to the State
  - We don't collect taxes on merchandise we sell
  - We pay taxes on consumables we purchase



Bye-bye Tax Man!

- The fine print ... (this file will be posted on SLA website: [www.sacheenlake.com](http://www.sacheenlake.com))
- SLA applied for (1) Request for Tax Ruling and (2) reseller's permit in March 2023
  - Tax exempt: qualified non-profit doesn't file taxes, doesn't pay sales tax on items sold at qualifying fundraising events, or doesn't pay Business & Operations taxes
    - SLA's qualifying fundraising: membership dues and merchandise sales
    - SLA submitted a Request for Tax Ruling (March 2023). Also requested clarification on whether or not a merchandise website would affect our tax-exempt status should we qualify
  - Reseller's permit: allows exemption on paying taxes when we purchase items we sell, i.e., our Merchandise program purchases from vendors
    - We pay taxes on all of our consumables (picnic, coffee, cookies, etc.)
- *"Qualifying nonprofit organizations must be one of the following:*
  - ...
  - *A nonprofit organization that does not pay its members, stockholders, officers, directors, or trustees any amounts from its gross income, except as compensation to any person for services rendered and does not engage in a substantial amount of political activity. (RCW 82.04.3651)"*
  - SLA members are all volunteers; we do not engage in substantial political activity
- *"Qualifying nonprofits conducting fundraising activities are exempt from collecting and remitting sales tax and paying B&O tax on income earned from fundraising activities if:*
  - *The income is used to further the organization's goals.*
  - *The fundraising activity is not held at a regular business location."*
  - SLA fundraising activities are member dues and merchandise profits
  - Funds are used to support SLA Mission Statement & Goals; there are no regular places of business for fundraising

# 2023 Progress to Date – Ice-Off Contest



- SLA Annual Ice-Off Contest winner: [Annette Edwards](#)
- Winning ice-off guess: 4/8/2023
- Ice-off date: 4/8/2023
- Winnings: \$25



- Ice-off contest rules ensure a unique winner
- Rules developed for and contained within the SLA Operating Guidelines

# 2023 Progress to Date – Downcast Light Contest Winner

- SLA held a contest to award a downcast light
- Board selected the random number on 5/20/23
  - Excel file with random number function
- The light was donated by Ace Hardware in Oldtown, ID
- Thanks to all who participated. We had 4 guesses
  - Two of the guesses were my wife and I, so we removed ourselves from the list and selected from the 2 remaining contestants
- Winner of the contest: [Bill & Janet Kemp](#)
- Congratulations! Send us a photo of the installation, please!



- Brand Name: Westinghouse
- Color: BLACK
- Depth: 3.5 inch
- Finish: Textured
- Glass or Lens Type: Frosted
- Hardwired or Plug In: Hardwired
- Height: 6.25 inch
- Light Source: LED
- Volts: 120 volt
- Watts: 12 watt

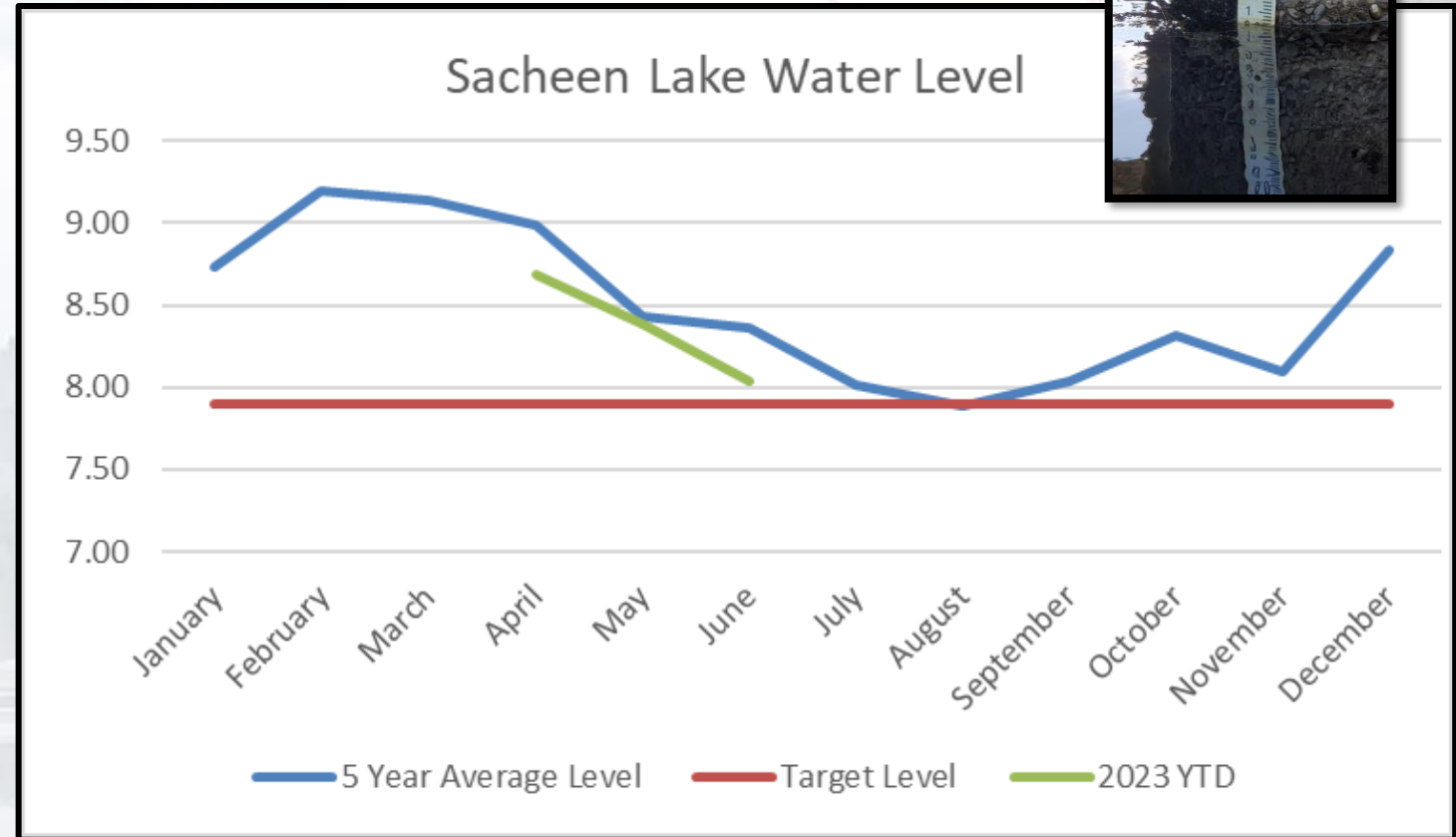
# New Contest – Humorous Life on the Lake Story

- Write a one page, single spaced, 12-point font, humorous, true story about something that happened at the lake
  - Be sure you are willing to share your story with the community
- Include your name and contact information
  - Only your name will be shared with the community
  - Tell us if you want your story anonymous
- SLA Board will review stories and pick a winner during our August 2023 board meeting
- Prize - Sacheen Lake tumbler
- SLA will send an email with details very soon



# 2023 Progress to Date – Lake Level

- Lake level ruler is on the NW pillar of the FVR bridge
- Lake level goal: 7.9
- Above 7.9: beaver dam/ culvert clearing may be required
- Five-year average, threshold, and 2023 YTD values shown in graph

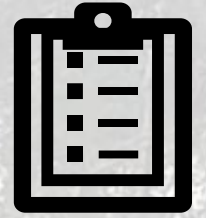


# 2023 Progress - Shoreline Erosion Survey – Why?

- In 2022 and 2023 SLA Board members have received comments about wave damage to property and about excessive dock movement while people are on their docks
  - People indicated that the excessively large waves are due to wake boat use, some excessively close to docks, etc.
- Spring 2023 SLA discussed the comments and agreed that safe use of the lake and conservation (e.g., shoreline erosion) is within the scope of our By-laws and believe we needed to do “something”
- The “something” discussed to date has been to (1) fact find and (2) educate
  - Refer back to research in 2022 previously mentioned herein as a first phase SLA Board activity to fact find and educate
  - Future slide herein illustrates proposed educational sign to be posted at the WDFW boat launch



# 2023 Progress - Shoreline Erosion Survey



- SLA Board sent seven (7) questions to the community to determine the extent of property damage and personal injury due to waves
  - 1. What property damage or personal injury have you experienced due to excessive wave action?
  - 2. To what direction does your property on the lake face? Please answer with one (or more) of the following: N, NE, E, SE, S, SW, W, NW.
  - 3. In what general area do you live? You may respond with a development area (e.g., Eastshore, West End) or a range of addresses (e.g., between 7500 and 8000 on FVR).
  - 4. To what do you attribute the source of the excessive wave action? Do you have any proof and if so, please describe it.
  - 5. If damage, what have you done, is anything, to mitigate the damage? If injured, did you require medical care and to what extent?
  - 6. How much did it cost you to mitigate the damage / injury?
  - 7. Have you taken any preemptive steps to protect your property against further wave action damage? If so, what did you do and how much did it cost?
  - 8. Please indicate: (a) if we may use your name, and (b) if we may use specific information provided to answer questions 1 to 7 above.



# 2023 Progress - Shoreline Erosion Survey Response

- As of 5/29/23, 19 community members responded to the survey, one member responded to the presence of the survey
- Of the 19 responses
  - 10 responded with damage to their property (one or more of): dock, pilings, anchor chains, broken ropes, landings, dock sections came apart, tie downs ripped from the dock, retaining /sea walls, broken items on the dock, reduced/eliminated ability to moor boat to dock, lost trees on shoreline
    - One person replied a cost of \$26,000 for dock and anchor replacement and a rock breakwater
    - Many did repairs on their own
    - Some have repairs to do still with costs expected to be \$20,000 or more
  - 11 responded with shoreline erosion. One noted trees lost due to erosion
    - One person reported 6' of loss and a cost of \$18,000 to stabilize the shoreline (a neighbor paid the same for repairs)

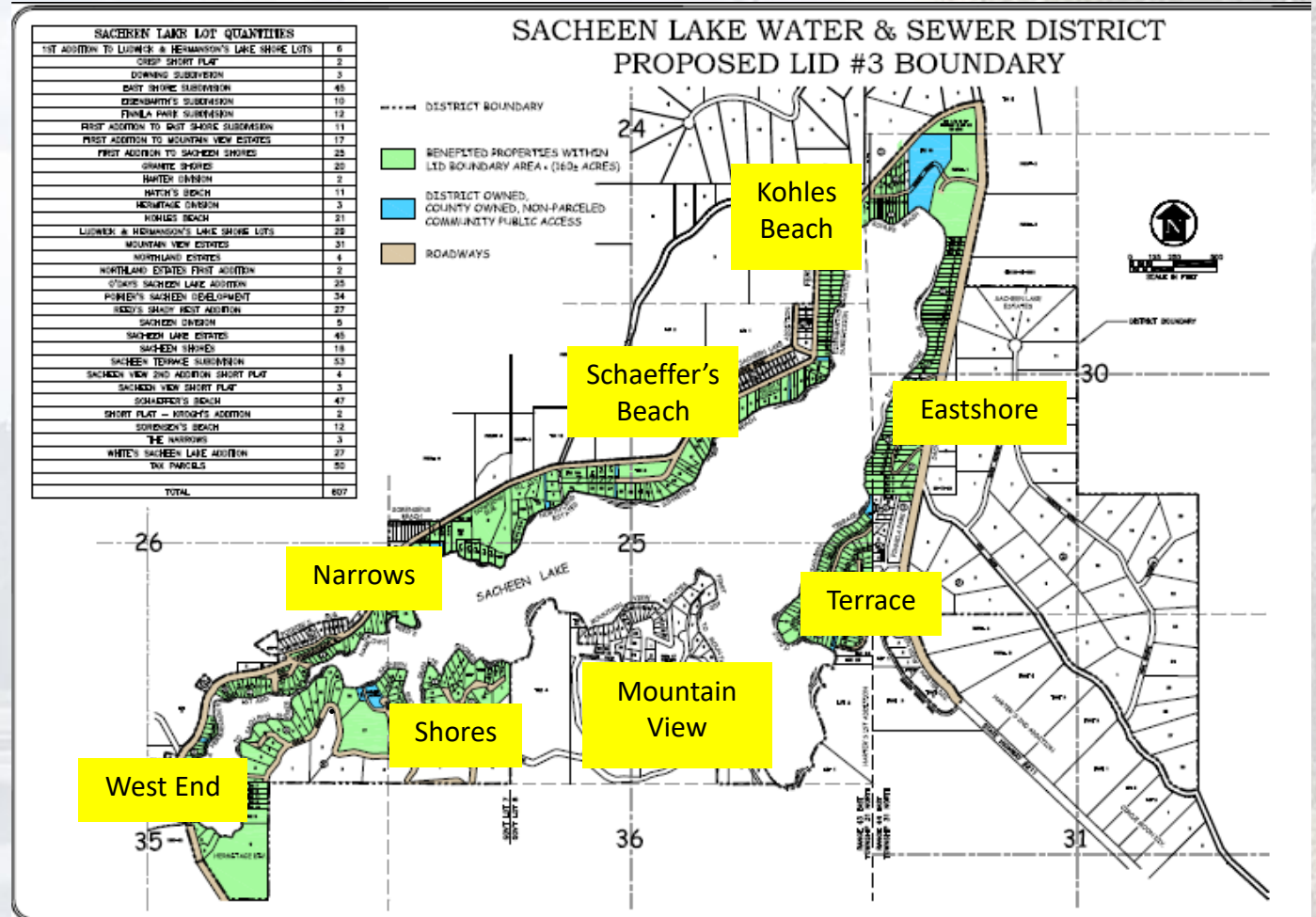
# 2023 Progress - Shoreline Erosion Survey Response

- As of 5/29/23, 19 community members responded to the survey, one member responded to the presence of the survey
- Of the 19 responses ([cont](#))
  - 2 responded with people being knocked off their feet on their dock (multiple times), being thrown into the water. No injuries reported!
    - Almost falling (1)
  - 4 responded with no damage or injury
    - 1 of these indicated they do not tie their boats to the dock anymore when wake boats are running for fear of damage
  - Multiple people commented that water activities are curtailed by wake boat activity due to safety concerns (e.g., kids swimming/floating next to a dock)
    - Fear of injury to their kids/grandkids, or kids afraid to be on the dock when wake boats are present

**“Our desire is for the lake to be enjoyed by all, including tubing, skiing, wakeboarding, etc. As we have not collected data on the exact cause of the waves (other than boats) we are not in a position to identify a particular size or type of boat creating the issue. However, we do believe we do have a legitimate concern about safety related to the height and overall force of waves at certain times coming into our swim area. ”**

# 2023 Progress - Shoreline Erosion Survey Response

- Of the 19 responses, areas affected included
  - Sacheen Terrace, Eastshore, Schaeffer's Beach, Cedar Creek, Shady Rest, Narrows, Mt View Estates
    - Eastshore and Schaeffer's Beach are predominant
  - Except for the Narrows, these are areas where 35 mph is allowed on the lake
    - Speed on Sacheen Lake was set by the County
    - No wake zones are set by the State and County Sheriff's office



# 2023 Progress - Shoreline Erosion Survey Results

- Survey results:



- 1. Property damage or personal injury: See prior slide
- 2. Property direction: Damage occurred in all shoreline facing directions and throughout most of the lake. Implies that damage is not caused by natural prevailing winds
- 3. Area: Damage is greatest on the 35 mph sections of the lake. One reported damage in the Narrows (no wake zone)
- 4. Cause: wake/surf boat wake is cited as the primary cause (14 of 19 inputs)
- 5. Repairs: Dock repairs/replaced, replaced anchor chain/rope, breakwater built, beefed up dock landing, replaced dock to landing attachment, repositioned dock anchor, replaced anchor chain. Still need to repair: 3
- 6. Cost ranges from hundreds to multiple 10's of thousands of dollars. One cited \$450 for POC permit. Total costs of all repairs reported & projected repairs is about \$83K and does not include 2 locations that have not yet done repair work
- 7. Preemptive steps: don't use their dock or don't use it or the shoreline when large waves present, placed or already have rocks or logs as shoreline breaks. About 1/2 took no action; at least 2 investigating installing retaining walls

# 2023 Progress - Shoreline Erosion – WA State 100' No Wake Zone

- What does 100' look like?



14" of ground-spike showing



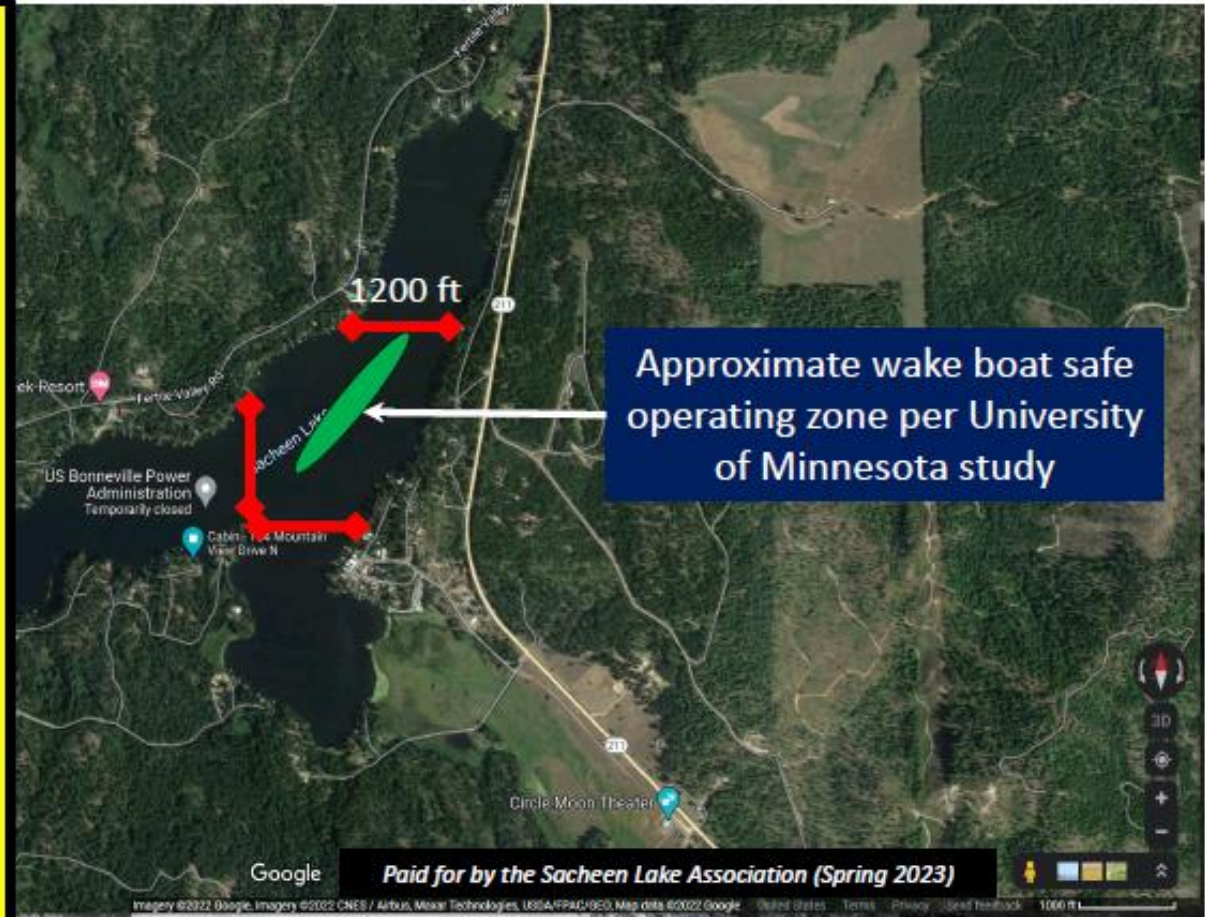
# 2023 Progress - Shoreline Erosion – Proposed Boat Launch Sign (Signage has been approved by WDFW)

## Sacheen Lake Recommended Wake Boat Operating Zone

### Attention Wake Boat Operators

WA State law requires a 100' no wake zone from shorelines, docks, etc. Additionally, wake boat wakes are extremely large and more powerful in force as compared to wakes from other recreational boats. This additional size and power can cause severe damage to property, the shoreline and people. Please be considerate of our lake's property owners and users and keep wake boating confined to the largest area of the lake. An example area is illustrated to the right based on a wake boat impact study by the U. of Minnesota conducted in fall of 2020.

<https://cse.umn.edu/college/news/umn-researchers-study-waves-created-recreational-boats>



# 2023 Progress – Various Topics



<https://sacheenlake.com/>

- Continued Website updates including
  - Modified About tab text (edits still planned)
  - Added “Join SLA” button to homepage – navigates to About page with join information
  - 2023 calendar posted to SLA website and distributed via email
  - Fixed broken links; removed incorrectly posted documents
- SacheenSCOPE: Transition to digital format has begun
  - First digital release occurred on 5 April 2023
    - Email sent; document posted on SLA website (<https://sacheenlake.com/scope/>)
  - 3 hardcopies sent to people without digital capabilities
    - Hardcopies are printed from SLA Board member’s printer and mailed



**If you know someone without digital capability, please have them send us a note to: Sacheen Lake Association, PO Box 401, Newport, WA 99156-0401**

# 2023 Progress – Merchandise Management

- SLA digitized our merchandise management system
  - Records kept on Google drive
  - Created multiple purchase and sales tracking files
  - Created a mathematical profit model to ensure profits are not too large on higher priced items
- Key features:
  - Itemized listing of products (item description, count, purchase price/tax, SLA sales price, profit per item)
  - Itemized list of vendor purchases (product, date, supplier, price, quantity)
  - Sales (products, date sold, client, sales price)
  - Cash on hand tracker (cash used in transactions at SLA events)
- Benefits:
  - Determine merchandise sales trends (what sells best: product, size, color, etc.)
    - Supports more frequent purchase of best-selling items
  - Determine when to purchase new products (inventory analysis)
  - Determine vendor price trends (e.g., need to select more competitive vendors)
  - Provides means to audit the merchandise program





# 2023 Progress – New Merchandise & Logos



Sacheen Lake Association | New Merchandise

*Disclaimer: beer is not provided with cozy!*

# 2023 Progress – Welcome Packet Concept



- Welcome Packet restarted in 2022
  - Initial concept drafted
  - A committee was formed
- Packet content recommended by the committee, approved by the Board
- Packet provides essential information for new residents at the lake
  - Augmented by Greater Newport Area Chamber Commerce available material
  - <https://newportareachamber.com/>
- Packets will be provided to picnic attendees; will be hand-delivered to others in the immediate Sacheen Lake area by your Neighborhood Area Board representative
- Will continue to provide packets for new owners – let us know if you get a new neighbor (send email to: [sacheenlake.assoc@gmail.com](mailto:sacheenlake.assoc@gmail.com))

# 2023 Progress to Date – Events Held

Sacheen Lake Association Calendar – 2023

Event	Date and Time	Location	Leads
Myers-Harter Park Cleanup	Saturday, May 6, 2023, 8:00 am	Myers – Harter Park	Larry Holman
Hwy 211 Cleanup	Saturday, May 20, 2023, 9:00 am	Meet at Myers – Harter Park	Connie Gross



# 2023 Plans – Events

## Sacheen Lake Association Calendar – 2023

Event	Date and Time	Location	Leads
SLA Annual Meeting	Saturday, June 10, 2023, 9:00 am	Fire station on Hwy 211	Grant Miller
Boat Launch Cleanup*	Saturday, June 24, 2023, 8:00 am	Meet at WDFW boat launch	Grant Miller
Sacheen Community Annual Picnic	Saturday, July 8, 2023, 11:00 am	Myers – Harter Park	Lil Hastie
Fertile Valley Rd Cleanup	Saturday, July 22, 2023, 8:00 am	Meet at Myers – Harter Park	Larry Holman
Hwy 211 Cleanup	Saturday, August 26, 2023, 9:00 am	Meet at Myers – Harter Park	Connie Gross
Fertile Valley Rd Cleanup	Saturday, September 23, 2023, 8:00 am	Meet at Myers – Harter Park	Larry Holman

\* Includes road cleanup from the intersection of Sacheen Terrace Dr and Hwy 211 to the WDFW gate for the boat launch area.

### SLA Event Signup Sheet

Event: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

SLA events require signup at the event with your indemnification of the SLA

1. I understand that participation in the Event involves inherent risks, including risk of physical or psychological injury, pain, suffering, illness, disfigurement, temporary or permanent paralysis and/or death, and I assume all related risks and voluntarily participate in the Event.
2. I agree to indemnify Sacheen Lake Association, including all Board of Director members, against any and all claims, actions, lawsuits, damages and judgments, including attorney's fees, arising out of or relating to my participation in the Event.
3. By signing / printing my name below, I understand and agree to the above items 1 and 2.

Name	Phone Number	Email Address

# 2023 Plans – Fish Hatchery/Pen Investigation

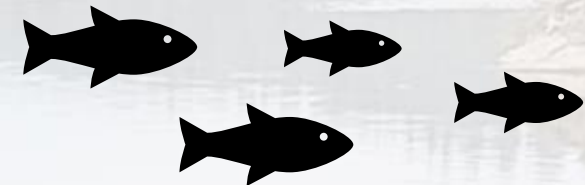
- SLA is investigating placement of a fish pen within the lake
  - Investigation started this spring
- Diamond and Deer Lakes have them
  - Diamond is owned by the Boy Scouts (pay the bill)
    - Local residents feed fish
  - Deer Lake's 3 are managed by association
    - Built by Boy Scouts (Eagle project), volunteers help
    - Automatic feeder is used
    - Have had grants from WDFW before to cover costs
- Near term goals:
  - Determine a hatchery sponsor
  - Fish pen location (volunteers?), power source, and purchase/builder
  - Contact WDFW to determine fish provisioning
  - Deer Lake did not require County or State permits (WDFW wants fish pens at lakes)
- If all goes well, it could start in 2024 (???)

• **Does the community want a fish pen?**

• **Vote: \_\_\_\_\_**



**One of 3 @ Deer Lake**





# Community Announcements

# Address Signs for First Responders

- First Responder, blue address signs can be made through the SPOFR
- Contact: Dean @ (509) 589-0017
- \$25 per sign

# Community Event Calendar

## Sacheen Lake Community\* Events – 2023

Event	Date and Time	Location	Coordinators
4 <sup>th</sup> of July Parade	Saturday, July 1, 2023, 2 pm	Section of the lake near the boat launch	Grant Miller
Community Yard Sale	Saturday, September 2, 2023, 9 am	Hwy 211 SPOFR Station	Larry Holman & Wendy Bleecker

\* These events are not SLA sponsored / hosted events. However, the SLA uses our email system to help the community coordinate these events. The SLA is not liable for any injury or damage to any person or object during these events.



# Possible Community Events (Not SLA Sponsored)

- SLA can use our email to help the community coordinate events
  - SLA has to limit our hosting of events due to our liability insurance

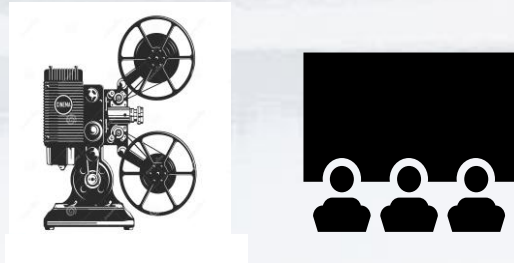
- Music on the lake

- SLA investigated holding a music event on a barge on the lake
  - Big Hair Revolution is the proposed band; they have a barge
  - Would residents be OK with the “noise” and sound level?
  - Would community members contribute to cover the cost (approx. \$1600)
    - Approx \$1000 if held on land
  - Will a community person lead this effort?

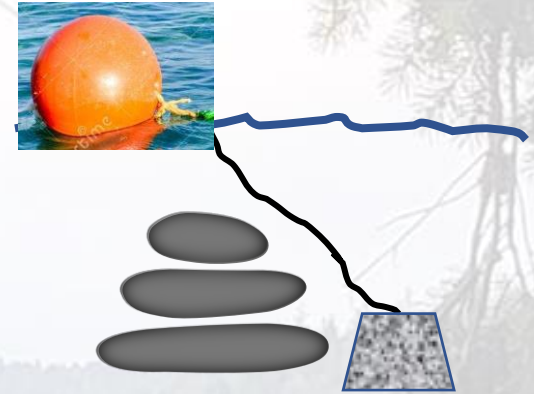
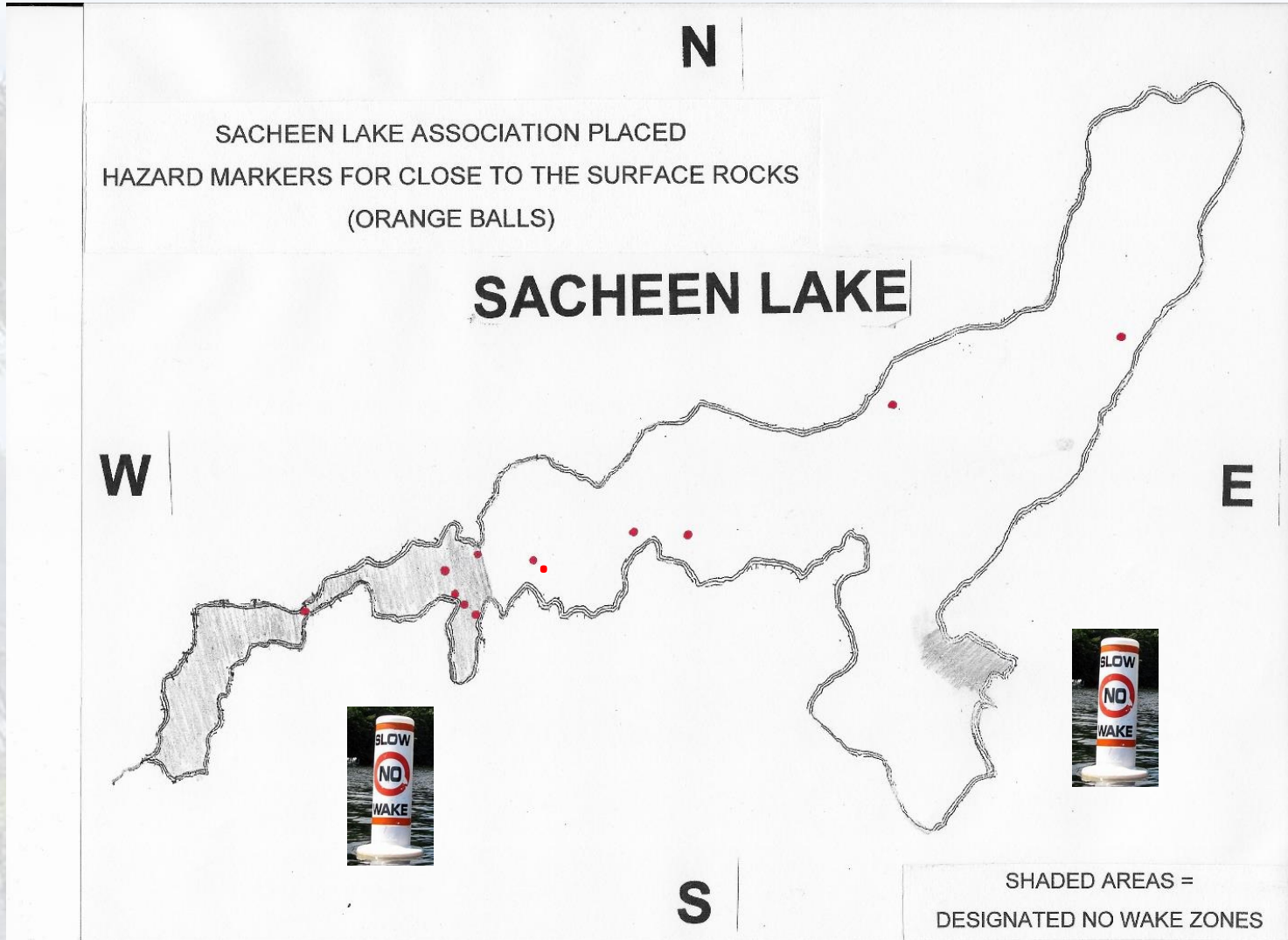


- Movie Night at the Fire Station

- SLA attempted one last year with no attendance, other than SLA Board members and spouses



# SLA Placed Buoys and County No Wake Zones



**Orange buoy =  
Danger, rocks just below surface**



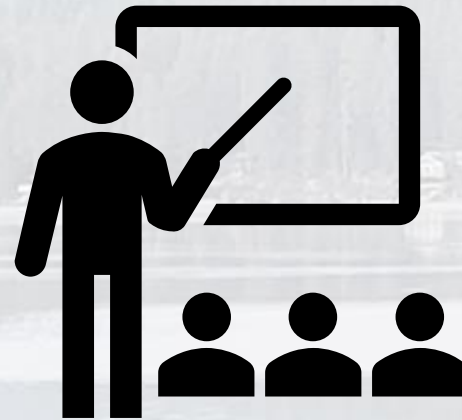
**Grey = no wake zone  
defined by the Sheriff**

**Additional buoys are placed by  
owners on the lake**

**New buoys were placed at the boat launch this spring by the Sheriff's Department**

# Boating Education Class Interest?

- Boating Safety classes to obtain one's Boater Education Card are locally taught by Charlie Schaefer
- The SLA can help coordinate execution of a class or you may call Charlie at (509)447-2279 or (208)610-4248
- Interest?



# New Sacheen Water and Sewer Contact Info

- W&SD has two new personnel
  - District Manager: Kris Hansen at 509-447-4641
  - Service Calls: Nathan Johnson at 509-844-8802
- W&SD maintains their website under the SLA website
  - <https://sacheenlake.com/water-sewer/>
  - This page includes contact and other important W&SD information
    - List of Commissioners, FAQs, meeting notification and time, etc.
  - Postings include: meeting minutes, agendas, and regulations

# Sacheen Invasive Species Treatment

- Email sent to community by SLA on 6/1/23
  - Aquatechnex email with links provided by W&SD
- Quotes from Aquatechnex blog
  - “Aquatechnex will be performing the first round of aquatic invasive species management applications to Sacheen Lake starting on Thursday June 8th, 2023”
  - “Aquatechnex will return to the lake for additional Eurasian/Hybrid Milfoil treatments the following week on June 14th or 15th, 2023”
  - Blog post link: <https://sacheenlake.wordpress.com/>

# Aquatechnex Treatment Map

ArcGIS ▾ Sacheen Lake Curly Leaf Pondweed Treatment 2023

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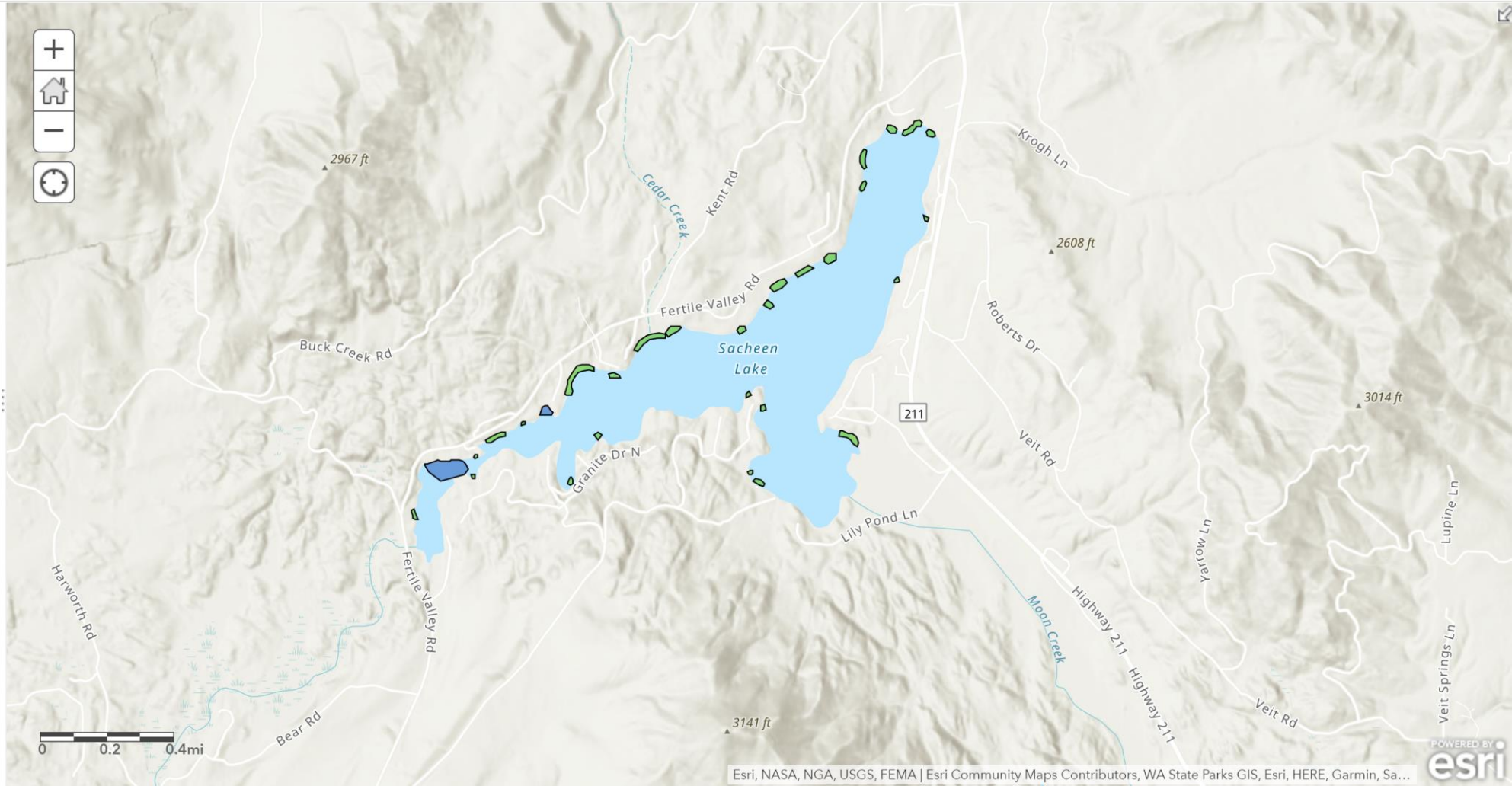
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Treatment zone map:  
<https://arcg.is/1uXSDL>



# Outside Burning\*

- DNR and Department of Ecology have burn ban regulations
- Before you burn, know the burn ban status
  - DNR: [dnr.wa.gov/burn-restrictions](http://dnr.wa.gov/burn-restrictions)
  - DOE: [ecology.wa.gov/Air-Climate/Air-quality/Smoke-fire/Burn-bans](http://ecology.wa.gov/Air-Climate/Air-quality/Smoke-fire/Burn-bans)
- Before you burn, know the requirements
  - Fire size, clear surrounding area, shovel, and charged hose
- Before you burn, call Dispatch @ 509-442-5305
  - Let's them know when and where your fire & smoke will be in case they receive a possible fire alert from the community

\* This slide does not specifically address permit-oriented burning

## What Else Can the SLA Do for the SLA Members / General Community?

- SLA-tackled issues must fall within the scope of the By-laws
  - All thoughts will be considered and assessed against the By-laws, liability insurance, and non-profit tax-exempt status
- SLA cannot host more events, but can coordinate for the community
  - SLA email system support
- Thoughts?
  
- If you have thoughts regarding community issues, events, etc., please send us an email at [sacheenlake.assoc@gmail.com](mailto:sacheenlake.assoc@gmail.com)

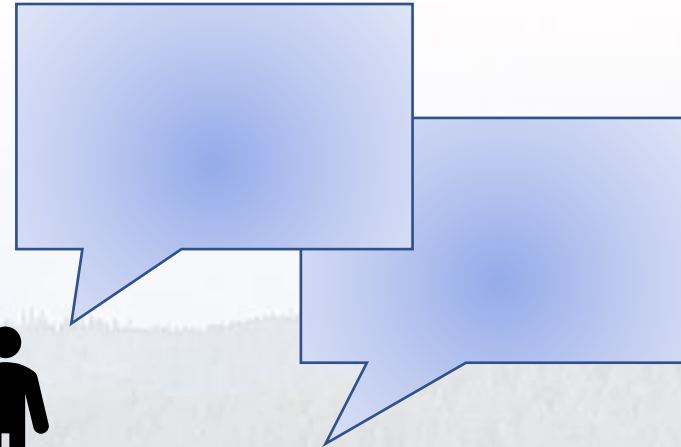


# Guest Speakers

- Deputy Ryan Nuvill
- DNR: Monika Sowinska

## Today's Schedule (9 am – 11 am)

- Fire Chief: 15 minutes
- SLA: 60 minutes
- Break: 10 minutes
- Sheriff: 15 minutes
- DNR: 15 minutes
- SLA Closing: 5 minutes



*These speakers  
are really  
interesting!*



# Final Q&A and Closing

- Questions?
- Thank you for participating!
- Your input helps our lake and community
- We very much appreciate the support of our law enforcement, fire and rescue, Water and Sewer District, DNR, WDFW, and other agencies and organizations!
- SLA meeting is adjourned

***Have a fun and safe summer!***