



# 2024 Sacheen Lake Association Annual Meeting

15 June 2024

Presented by: Grant Miller, President, Sacheen Lake Association

**HELLO**

My name is

*Grant Miller*

*Please use a name tag*

# SLA Meeting Call to Order

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

# SPOFR Facility Use Guidelines

- **Key items:**
- “... do not impede the arrival and departure of the volunteer firefighters.” **Please move your vehicle now, if needed**
- “No alcoholic beverages are to be consumed on the premises; ...; and **boisterous conduct is prohibited\***. ... **Smoking is prohibited in ANY indoor area or within 25’ of any opening to the facility.**”
- “The use of **open flames in the facility are prohibited**”
- “Any **person(s) failing to comply** with established rules and regulations, constituting a public nuisance or violating any federal, state or local laws or regulations **may be required to leave the facility and premises.**”
- \* *In other words, don’t harass the speakers!*



**South Pend Oreille Fire and Rescue**

325272 Hwy 2 Newport, WA 99156

[www.spoifr.org](http://www.spoifr.org)

## South Pend Oreille Fire & Rescue Station Use guidelines

1. All reservations must be made by application. Application must be completed and submitted by a responsible adult, no less than 1 week in advance and no more than 6 months in advance of the event. Each application will be approved individually, except those for FD use.
2. The facility will be for adult groups or children’s groups with adequate adult supervision. A recommended ratio is one adult per 5-7 children. All occupancy levels shall be observed.
3. Parking is limited to available spaces that do not impede the arrival and departure of the volunteer firefighters.
4. The furniture in the facility will be returned to its original arrangement before leaving
5. Tables and chairs are to be used only inside the building.
6. No alcoholic beverages are to be consumed on the premises; no illegal gambling is allowed; and boisterous conduct is prohibited. Animals are not to be allowed in the building unless they are assistance / helper dogs. Smoking is prohibited in ANY indoor area or within 25’ of any opening to the facility.
7. The use of open flames in the facility are prohibited
8. The facility shall be returned to an “as found” or better status before leaving.
9. The facility will be not used for a for profit group or marketing campaign.
10. Groups using the facilities cannot have access to the facility prior to 0700 am or after 1000 pm. Meeting must be complete prior to 1000pm
11. Any person(s) failing to comply with established rules and regulations, constituting a public nuisance or violating any federal, state or local laws or regulations may be required to leave the facility and premises.

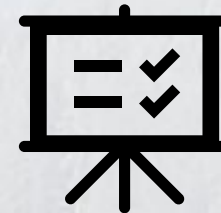
# Topics

- Meeting Introduction
- SLA President's Opening Comments
- SLA Mission Statement and Goals
- DNR and POC Weed Board Guest Speakers
- Break
- Benefit of SLA Dues Contribution
- Board Members and Support Staff
- Recognitions
- Treasurer's Information and Report
- Membership Dues and Contact Form
- Contacting the SLA and Our Website



## Today's Schedule (9 am – 11 am)

- SLA Intro: 15 minutes
- Guests: 35 minutes
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- SLA: 60 minutes
- SLA Closing: 5 minutes



# Topics



Progress



Plans



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- 2023 Accomplishments
  - Listing of accomplishments
  - Contest Winners & New Contests
  - SLA Operating Guidelines

- 2024 Progress and Plans
  - June 2024 By-laws
  - SLA Roadside Event Signs
  - SLA Contests
  - Park Use Survey
  - Merchandise
  - Website Updates
  - SacheenSCOPE
  - Welcome Packet
  - Lake Level
  - Beaver Dam Status
  - WDFW Boat Launch Ramp Extension
  - Fishing Query with WDFW
  - SLA and P.O.C. Comprehensive Plan
  - 2024 SLA Events Held
  - 2024 SLA Events Planned

**2023 accomplishments are from 1 June 2023 to 31 Dec 2023**

**2024 Progress and Plans are for CY 2024**

# Topics

- Community Announcements
- Community Input
- Q&A
- SLA Closing Comments



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### Ordered List of Community Announcements:

- Link for POC survey
- Community Events Calendar
- Sacheen Lake Recommended Wake Boat Operating Zone
- Old Docks Never Die ...
- Address Signs for First Responders
- Safe Boating Laws
- WSPRC Life Jacket Loaner Program
- SLA Placed Buoys and County No Wake Zones
- Dock Trespassing
- POC Weed Board Info
- Boater Education Class
- W&SD Webpage Modification
- Outside Burning
- Ice Fishing Lessons???
- Vacation Rental Regulations – Summary

# SLA President's Opening Comments



- Slides playing before the meeting were 2024 photo calendar entries
- Thanks to the SPOFR for the use of the facility
- Sign-in, Dues & Contact Form, Merchandise, Break goodies, rules for aquatic plant removal and control (WDFW)
- SLA Member hands?    New SLA Member hands?    Non-SLA Member hands?
  - As of 1 June 2024, we have 127 members representing 68 unique property owners (~ 17%)
  - 2023 totals were: 311 members representing 113 owners (~ 28%)
- SLA Board progress at a glance (since last Annual Meeting)
  - SLA-Operating Guideline (100 page “cookbook”) and By-Laws are now “stable”
  - Community surveys executed (shoreline damage, park use)
  - Added contests: photo calendar and lake-life story
  - Reinvigorated the Welcome Packets and digitized them on our website
  - Significant website updates (including W&SD reorganization)
  - Additional financial tracking mechanisms (presented herein)
  - Community education: SLA activities and DNR, SPOFR, Sheriff's Office, W&SD information

# Quick SLA Communications Survey of Attendees

- How many people are not on the SLA email list?
- How many people read the SLA emails?
  - Would you like to see anything change regarding emails?
- How many people specifically read the shoreline damage survey?
- How many people specifically read the Myers/Harter park use survey?
- How many people read the SacheenSCOPE newsletter?
  - Would you like to see anything change regarding the SCOPE?
- How many people have accessed the SLA website in the last year?
  - Was it for SLA information?
  - Was it for W&SD information?

**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.

## Examples:

- Conservation: promote clean water and invasive species removal (e.g., levy support)
- Safe use of the lake: safe boating law sign, buoy management
- Environmentally sustainable use: wake damage survey and education, cleanup events
- Strong sense of rural community: Annual Meeting, picnic, contests, volunteering

# 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

# DNR Guest Speaker

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- DNR: Monika Sowinska

Forest Harvesting South  
of Sacheen Lake



*Time to wake up  
and listen!*



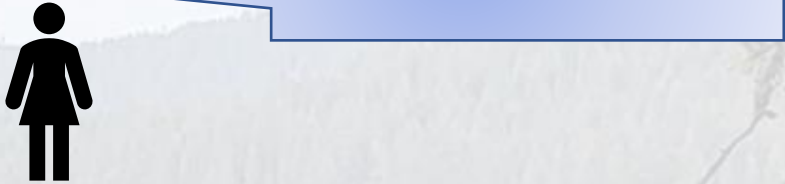
# POC Weed Board Guest Speaker



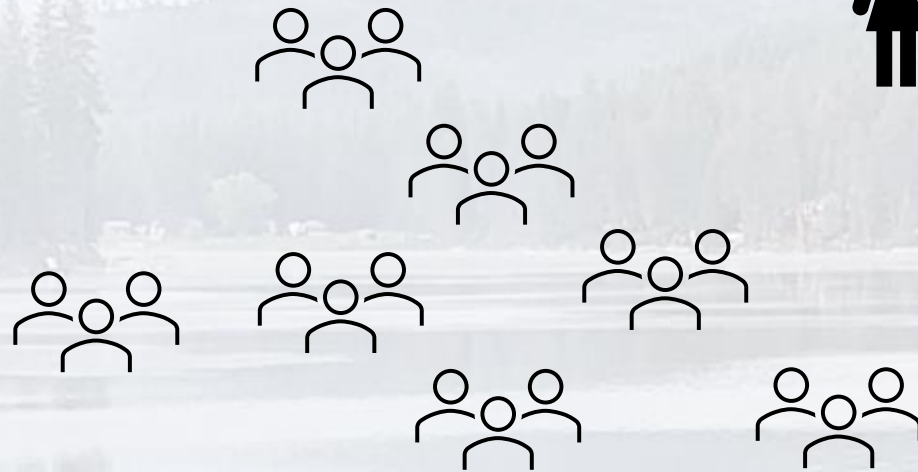
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- POC Weed Board: Casey Ball



Weed Board  
Information





# Sacheen Lake Association

# Benefits of SLA Dues Contribution



- **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 medals)
  - Rock-marking buoy replacement
  - SLA business registration and liability insurance (largest single expense)
  - Website server and software (site hosts W&SD and SLA)
- Non-Funded activities:
  - Cleanup events (Myers/Harter Sanctuary, FVR, Hwy 211, boat launch)
  - SacheenSCOPE (no expense since 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, contests, public announcements, etc.)
  - Website upkeep and W&SD webpage hosting and management
  - Coordination with Government agencies for community education, etc.

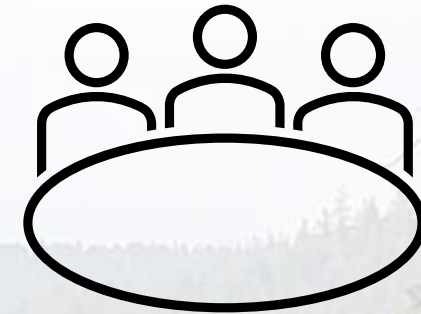
***Note: Sheriff's Marine Division defines NO WAKE zones and places all NO WAKE zone markers***

# SLA Member Approval of New SLA Board Members

- Per 2023 By-Laws, Board members must be approved by the SLA members
- Since June 2023, the following have been pending but participating Board members and must be officially voted onto the Board:
  - Joe Frauenheim (Aug 2023)
  - Anthony Patterson (Feb 2024)
  - Carl Gross (Feb 2024)
- I **<state your name>** move that the Sacheen Lake Association accept Joe Frauenheim, Anthony Patterson, and Carl Gross 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 2023 By-laws<sup>1</sup>)

- 1. President<sup>2</sup>: Grant Miller
- 2. Vice President<sup>2</sup>: Karlene Perry
- 3. Treasurer<sup>2</sup>: Denise Reilly
- 4. Secretary<sup>2</sup>: Connie Gross
- 5. Member: Lil Hastie
- 6. Member: Beverly Schoen
- 7. Member: Joe Frauenheim
- 8. Member: Anthony Patterson
- 9. Member: Carl Gross
- 10. Member: **Vacant**
- 11. Member: **Vacant**



*Prospective new Board members  
please contact us at:*

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

1. The Past-President will no longer be a required role with the 2024 By-laws change.
2. The President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary form the Executive Committee



# Neighborhood Area Board Member Assignments

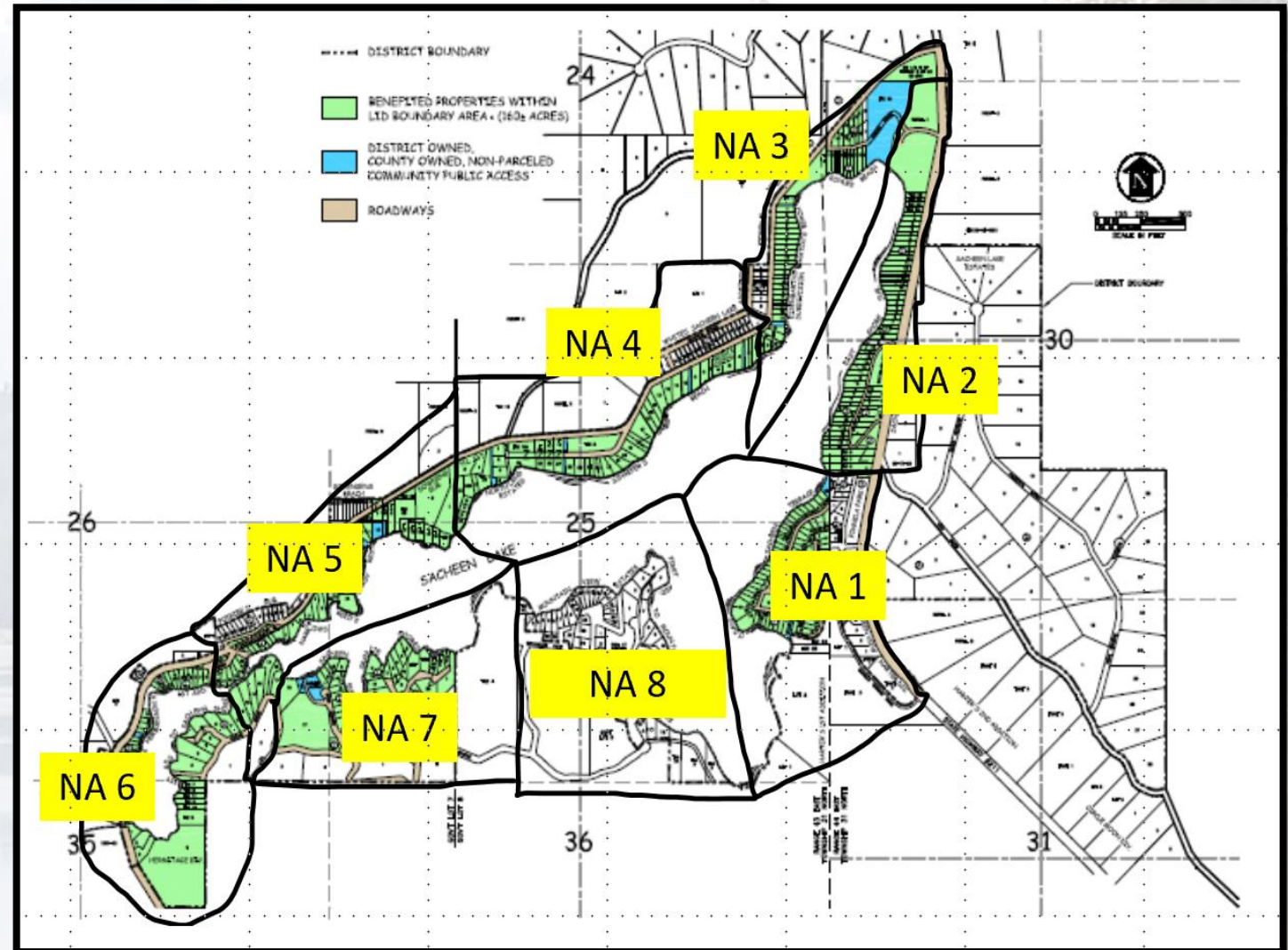


<u>Area</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
NA 1	Denise Reilly
NA 2	Anthony Patterson
NA 3	Connie Gross
NA 4	Karlene Perry
NA 5	Carl Gross
NA 6	Beverly Schoen
NA 7	Grant Miller (temp)
NA 8	Grant Miller

(NA = Neighborhood Area)

Lil Hastie and Joe  
Frauenheim are  
“At Large”

*Specific  
boundaries  
are TBD*



# SLA Support Staff



**THANK YOU!!!**

- Buoy management: Chris Butler (SLA procured rock-marking buoys)
  - For missing/damaged buoys contact Chris at:
    - Phone: (509) 868-3869
    - Email: [gravityair@gmail.com](mailto:gravityair@gmail.com)
- SacheenSCOPE Newsletter editor: **vacant** (currently, Grant\*)
- SLA Merchandise program: Elaine Hooker ([sacheen.merch@gmail.com](mailto:sacheen.merch@gmail.com))
- SLA Webmaster: Carl Gross\*
- Lake Level Monitoring: Larry Holman for data collection, Grant Miller\* for records keeping (Thanks to Don Hill for prior records keeping!)
- Beaver Dam Maintenance: Don Hill. This is a W&SD activity with SLA providing a lead and volunteers

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

# SLA Support Staff

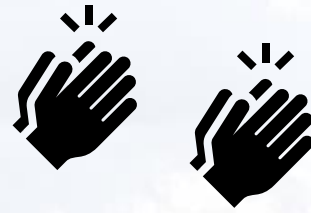


**THANK YOU!!!**

- WSPRC Lifejacket loaner program: Karlene Perry\* & Connie Gross\*
- Myers/Harter Sanctuary cleanup lead: Karlene Perry\*
- Community picnic lead: Lil Hastie\*
- FVR cleanup lead: Karlene Perry\*
- 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



- Elaine Hooker for SLA Board membership – resigned due to increased job commitments
  - Remains lead for the Merchandise Program
- Chief Brad Martin – for his Fire & Rescue service leadership to protect the community & his assistance with Sacheen Lake activities
- Brad Wear - for his YEARS of buoy management – thanks for keeping our boat hulls and propellers safe!



**Current SPOFR Administration:**  
Chief: Daniel Williams [danw@spofr.org](mailto:danw@spofr.org)  
Assistant Chief: Mike Nokes [mnokas@spofr.org](mailto:mnokas@spofr.org)  
Battalion Chief: Larry Hiebert  
Operations Captain: Jennifer Krusing [jkrusing@spofr.org](mailto:jkrusing@spofr.org)  
EMS Captain: Coral McLain [cmclain@spofr.org](mailto:cmclain@spofr.org)  
Public Information Officer: Rick O'Brien [pio@spofr.org](mailto:pio@spofr.org)  
Secretary to the Board: Laura Smith-Johnson [secretary@spofr.org](mailto:secretary@spofr.org)  
Webmaster: Laura Smith-Johnson [webmaster@spofr.org](mailto:webmaster@spofr.org)

***Thank you!!!***

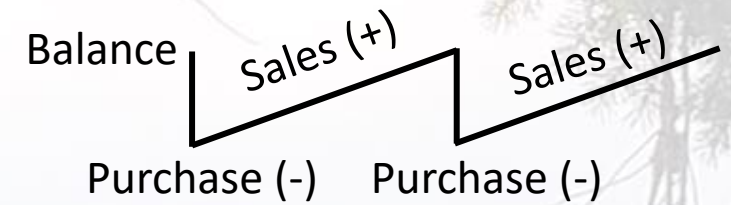
# Treasurer's Information

- 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@gmail.com](mailto:sacheen.treasurer@gmail.com) email may also be used to:
  - 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
  - Members should receive a thank you email for your payments. If you don't receive an email within a month or so of payment, please notify us (checks and balances system)

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

# Financial Balance Behavior

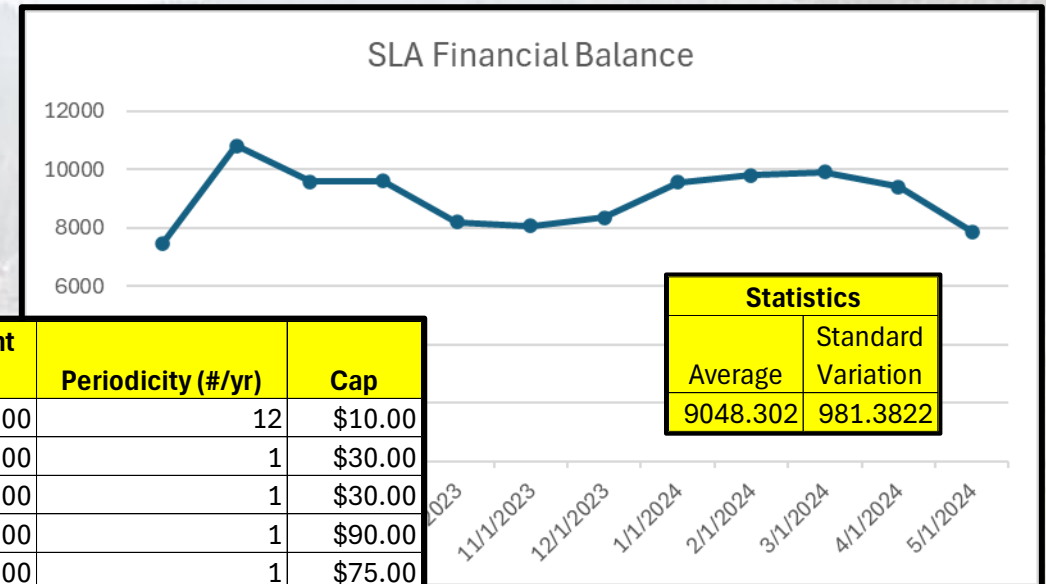
- Merchandise & Photo Calendar
  - Yearly purchase, followed by gradual sales
- Membership Dues
  - Gradual increase in dues paid
  - Gradual expenditure through bills paid and liability insurance
- Since buying liability insurance, our balance has decreased some
  - Going all digital with the SacheenSCOPE helped, but not 100%
  - Calendar sales profits last year were nil – didn't help cover gaps as hoped
    - Vendor price changed and postage was more (weight) after we announce our sale price!
- Memberships to date are down from last year's total
  - Many members join the SLA at the Annual Meeting and Picnic



# New SLA Financial Tracking Items

- New “views” or databases added to better understand financial status over time and to aid in transition between Treasurers
  - Grant has a new By-law: Denise cannot leave before he does!
- Annual Expenses
- SLA Financial Balance Graph
- One-Time Approval Bill Tracker

Amount	Annual Expenses	When Due	Comment
-\$84	Light at Fertile Valley Road & Highway 2	monthly	
-\$100	buoys and supplies	summer	
-\$100	Regional Lakes Conference	February	
\$120	Website Domain (prepaid 5 years in 2023)	March	2023: \$599.40 Ammortized over 5 years
\$20	Secretary of State Registration SBA	April	
-\$25	Ice Off contest	April	
-\$84	PO Box rental	April	
-\$20	Secretary of State Registration for SLA	November	
Amount	Estimated Annual Expenses	When Due	Comment
-\$2,020	Liability Insurance (varies)	October	
-\$800	Picnic Costs (varies)	June-July	
<b>-\$3,093 Total Estimated Annual Expenses</b>			



Year of Approval	Bill	Amount Approved / Periodicity	Duration of Approval (# yrs or Indefinite)	Current Cost	Periodicity (#/yr)	Cap
2024	FVR and Hwy 211 Light -PUD	< \$10/month	Indefinite	\$7.00	12	\$10.00
2024	Registration of SLA with WA SOS	< \$30 / year	Indefinite	\$20.00	1	\$30.00
2024	Registration of SBA with WA SOS	< \$30 / year	Indefinite	\$20.00	1	\$30.00
2024	USPS PO Box rental	< \$90 / year	Indefinite	\$80.00	1	\$90.00
2024	Buoy replacement	< \$75/ buoy supplies	Indefinite	\$75.00	1	\$75.00
2024	GoDaddy fee	< \$25/yr	Indefinite	\$20.00	1	\$25.00
<b>Totals</b>				<b>\$299.00</b>		<b>\$370.00</b>

# Treasurer's Report (SLA FY 6/1/23 – 5/31/24)

Income		
	<b>INCOME</b>	
	Dues	2,790.00
	Deposits from merchandise sales	2,978.00
	calendar postage reimbursed	14.00
	calendar sales	1,917.00
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>7,699.00</b>
Expenses	<b>EXPENSES</b>	
	calendar purchase	-1,699.37
	calendar envelopes and postage	-182.33
	PUD Light at Fertile Valley & Highway 2	-84.00
	Secretary of State, SLA and SBA	-40.00
	PO Box Rental	-84.00
	Director's Insurance	-2,012.33
	Picnic expenses	-679.17
	Ice Off contest winner	-25.00
	Merchandise Purchases	-2,091.08
	<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>-6,897.28</b>

<b>BANK ACCOUNTS</b>	
<b>Checking</b>	
6/1/2023 balance	1,267.73
5/31/2024 balance	<b>2,087.69</b>
<b>Business Savings</b>	
6/1/23 balance	1,006.20
5/31/2024 balance	<b>1,008.03</b>
<b>Select Certificate of Deposit</b>	
6/1/2023 balance	4,563.01
5/31/2024 balance	<b>4,772.98</b>
<b>Total of all accounts</b>	<b>7,868.70</b>



# Sacheen Lake Association Membership and Contact Form

Dues for 2024 are \$5 Student, \$10 for an Individual, \$25 Family, \$100 Sustaining

*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!!!**

<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 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

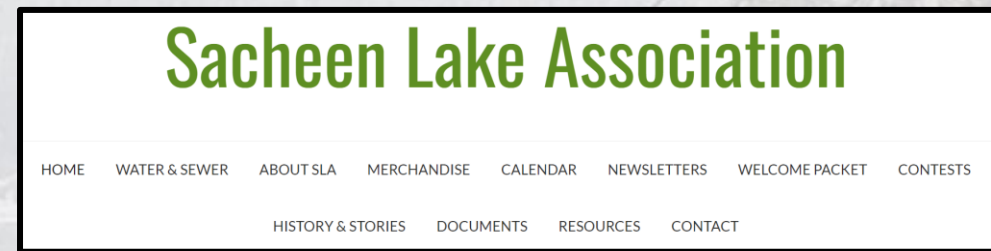
PLEASE include your correct CURRENT EMAIL ADDRESS and PHONE #

**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.**

# Contacting the SLA and Our Website



- Emails: SLA has multiple gmail accounts
  - General contact: [sacheenlake.assoc@gmail.com](mailto:sacheenlake.assoc@gmail.com)
  - Merchandise purchase request: [sacheen.merch@gmail.com](mailto:sacheen.merch@gmail.com)
  - Treasurer inquiries: [sacheen.treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:sacheen.treasurer@gmail.com)
  - We also have another account for Board member file sharing & document archives using Google Drive
- Website: <https://sacheenlake.com/>
  - Significant modification in the last two years!
- SLA no longer has a Facebook (Meta) page nor posts on Nextdoor





# 2023 SLA Accomplishments

Accomplishments from June 2023 SLA Annual Meeting to 12/31/2023

# 2023 Accomplishments

- June 2023 By-laws: SLA members approved a major update from 2009
- Welcome Packet: Hard copies provided at SLA picnic and SLA 2024 photo calendar pickup event
- 2024 Photo Calendar: Community photos with winning photo
- 2023 SLA Events Held: Clean up events, picnic, Annual Meeting
- Community event coordination: 4<sup>th</sup> of July Boat Parade, yard sale
- Merchandise Management: first use of a digital system for tracking and trending analysis of sales. First electronic logo survey
- SacheenSCOPE: First digital format sent in April 2023
  - Mailed 3 hard copies to those without digital capability
- Website Updates: SLA content and design

# 2023 Accomplishments

- Contest Winners

- Ice-off: Annette Edwards (\$25)
- New Humorous Lake Life Story: Susanna Fries (SLA tumbler)
  - <https://sacheenlake.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Peril-on-the-Lake-Susanna-Fries.pdf>
- New Downcast lighting: Bill and Janet Kemp (one downcast light)
- New Photo Calendar Contest: Wendy Bleecker (free 2024 photo calendar)
  - <https://sacheenlake.com/contest-photo-calendarcontest-2023/>



Runner-up photos shown around the winning photo on the front of the calendar

# 2023 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
  - President continually captures changes needed to the SLA-OG as they arise
- Benefit to the Community
  - Consistent, documented approach for SLA Board management consistent with our By-laws
  - Ease of new SLA Board members getting up to speed
- Version 1 to Version 2 started in 2023, finished in 2024
  - Over 47 major edits
- Version 3 in development



Information to Add	Reason for Addition
Add that the Treasurer does not need repeated approval for one-time decisions for paying regular bills such as the PO Box	Too cumbersome for the Treasurer to repeatedly get Board reapproval
Add that awards for contests require a motion to approve the cost of the award to the Association.	2024 June By-laws change requires 2/3 Board approval for all expenditures and awards are not one-time-approved bills (they are not bills period).



# 2024 Progress and Plans

Since 1 Jan 2024

# June 2024 By-laws



- Board rewrote and approved updated By-laws on April 20, 2024
- Changes have to be approved by the SLA members
  - Board released the proposed By-laws to SLA members on 12 May 2024
- Summary of changes as quoted from the By-laws:
  - 1) *The requirement to have a Past-President has been removed. The Board may function without a Past-President.*
  - 2) *Added that the maximum number of Board members is 11.*
  - 3) *Added that the Board may operate with fewer than the maximum of 11 Board members.*
  - 4) *The number of Neighborhood Area and “at large” members may be variable based on the number of active Board members.*
  - 5) *The clause for authorizing expenditure of funds was strengthened to address that any funds expended requires 2/3 majority vote.*
  - 6) *Added that regular bills for which the Board agreed to as “one-time approval bills” don’t need reapproval to pay the bill. E.g., USPS PO Box. Large bills are not allowed to be in this category.*

***NOTE: The By-laws released for SLA member review used “2/3rds” in 2 places instead of the “2/3” illustrated herein. The By-laws have been corrected as illustrated herein.***



# By-laws Changes Description

- Past-President
  - If a President resigns their position and stays on the Board, they become the Past-President
  - If the President resigns from the Board, the Board operates w/o a Past-President
- Board Headcount
  - Board has operated with fewer than 11 Board members; need to make it legitimate given that fewer than 11 is now the norm
  - There are 8 Neighborhood areas; assigned to 8 Board members and the others are At-Large. With fewer than 11 Board members, the NA and At-Large assignments are modified in the new By-laws (next slide)

# Headcount vs. Neighborhood Area Assignments

Number of Board Members	Number of Neighbor Areas Assigned / Number Per Board Member <sup>1</sup>	Number of At Large Board Members
10	8 / 1	2
9	8 / 1	1
8	8 / 1	0
7	7 / 1 plus one Board member has 2 NA assignments	0
6	6 / 1 plus two Board members have 2 NA assignments	0
5	5 / 1 plus three Board members have 2 NA assignments	0

If there are an even number of Board members, the President has the authority to break internal Board vote ties, motion or otherwise.

The above table includes an “s” on “member” in two places that was missed on the version sent for SLA member review. The approved By-laws will include these “s”s.

# By-laws Expenditure Approval Changes

- **Background:** The SLA pays bills on a monthly basis. Historically, those have not required Board approval each month. The By-laws were silent on periodic bills. The By-laws were inaccurate on what expenditures require approval and silent on which rule was used for approval (e.g., majority, 2/3, etc.)
- **From:** No committee may expend Association funds without authorization by the Board.
- **To:** No Association funds may be expended without **two-thirds (2/3) rule vote** approval by the Board. The Board may designate bills as “**one-time approval bills**”. **One-time approval bills do not need reapproval by the Board each time the bill is due**; the Treasurer may pay these bills without reapproval by the Board.

# June 2024 By-laws Acceptance by SLA Members

- I **<state your name>** move that the Sacheen Lake Association accept the June 2024 updated By-laws.
- I **<state your name>** second the motion.
- Vote:
  - Yes, accept the motion:
  - No, reject the motion:
  - Final decision: \_\_\_\_\_

# SLA Roadside Event Signs

- New street signs are under development
  - Efforts to make signs are being donated
  - SLA is procuring materials
- More visible and easier to read
  - Lime green
  - Large black lettering
  - Consistent layout and style
  - 22" X 22"
- Laminated

Sacheen Lake Association

Community  
Annual Meeting

Saturday, June \_\_,  
9am - 11am

Fire Station on Hwy 211

Sample layout

# SLA Contests

- In 2023, the SLA added contests to our community involvement
- Annual contests and the awards are:
  - Ice-off (\$25)
  - Humorous Sacheen Lake lake-life story (up to \$30 of SLA merchandise)
  - Photo calendar (free calendar)
- Contest rules, email announcements, etc., are documented in the SLA-OG for repeatability and fairness
- SLA may hold other contests as desired
  - E.g., 2023 Dark Sky contest (downcast light donated by Ace Hardware, Oldtown)
- 2024 Contests Progress and Plans
  - Ice-off contest executed (next slide for results)
  - Photo contest email has already been sent. More email info throughout the contest
    - Award is a free calendar
  - Humorous lake-life story planned for summer 2024
    - Award is an SLA gift certificate for up to \$30 dollars of SLA merchandise
  - SLA does NOT plan to have any new contests during 2024



# 2024 Ice-Off Contest

- SLA Annual Ice-Off Contest winner: Jeff Storms
- Winning ice-off guess: 3/15/2024
- Ice-off date: 3/14/2024
- Winnings: \$25
- Jeff used his winnings to join the SLA



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








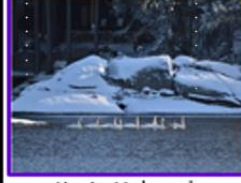




**New Ice-Off buoy – made by Joe Frauenheim  
Contact / return info on the sign**

# 2025 Photo Calendar Contest

See SLA email from 1/10/2024

- Each contestant may contribute up to four (4) photos: one photo per season of the year
- Photos must have been taken during the period from May 2022 through August 2024. *Please do not resubmit a photo from the 2023 contest for the 2025 calendar!*
- Tentative Contest and Calendar Schedule:
  - **15 July 2024: Commitment from the SLA Board and community members to buy at least 50 calendars.** Please send us an email with your commitment to buy a specified number of calendars.
  - **31 July 2024: Go/no-go on the contest. And if a go, a reminder to the community to pre-order calendars.**
  - 31 August 2024: Last chance to pre-order calendars.
  - 1 September 2024: All photos received by the contest entrants.
  - 1 November 2024: SLA will have calendars. A pre-order payment due notification will be sent.
  - 9 November 2024: Calendar payment & pickup event at Hwy 211 fire station.

## 2024 Calendar Photos

Jan  Bradyñ Leyde	Apr  Connie Gross	Jul  Kevin Holcomb	Oct  Marie Frauenheim
Feb  Kevin Holcomb	May  Larry Holman	Aug  Wendy Bleecker	Nov  Kevin Holcomb
Mar  Connie Gross	Jun  Greg Conley	Sep  Beverly Schoen	Dec  Elaine Hooker



# Park Use Survey

- SLA sent a Myers/Harter Sanctuary (“park”) use survey on 14 Nov 2023
- A survey summary was sent to the community on 1 Feb 2024
- Purpose of the survey was to assess the viability of the SLA leasing the park and taking over maintenance and financial responsibility, including fire suppression clearing / cleaning efforts
- SLA notified the W&SD on 16 Feb 2024 that the survey illustrated that the community would not support the maintenance and financial costs of the SLA leasing the park without great financial risk to the SLA

# Park Use Survey Summary

- 44 responses representing at least 68 people (some said “family” w/o a number). That represents about 10% of the addresses in the Sacheen W&SD
- 72% of responses said they don’t use the park
- If used, uses were: walk, talk, volleyball, kayak to park, restroom, be outdoors
- Improvements desired: water access, dock, swimming, pickleball court, basketball, tennis, renewal of plant identification placards and benches, play structure for kids
  - 32% gave a response here. 9% for pickleball, 18% for dock, 5% water access
- Would improvements increase your use of the park: 71% said no
- Would you contribute to the park maintenance cost?
  - 60% said no (or give \$0)
  - 27% gave a specific value. That average was \$31.42 (one outlier drove this up). Estimate \$377 / year of support if asked voluntarily
- Would you volunteer to help at the park?
  - 39% said no
  - 5% said once / year
  - 25% said 2X / year
  - ~15% willing to support unlocking/locking the gate
  - 14% did not respond to this question, 2% said maybe they’d help

# Merchandise Management

- Began posting current inventory on SLA website
  - <https://sacheenlake.com/sla-merchandise/>
- Survey for favorite logo(s) on merchandise
  1. Forest green heron received the highest rating, then
  2. Lake topography, then
  3. Lake life, then
  4. Washington love, then
  5. Old (heron) drawing



## Vote for your favorite new designs for Sacheen Lake merchandise



Scan the QR code or visit <https://forms.gle/bvYHawcUg9KfbEuz9>



OPTION A - WASHINGTON LOVE



OPTION B - LAKE LIFE



OPTION C - LAKE TOPOGRAPHY



OPTION D - FOREST GREEN HERON

# Sample of Current (June 2024) Inventory List

**\*NEW FOR JUNE 2024\***



Tank Tops - \$18  
S, M, L, XL, 2X, 3X  
Printed by Riverside High School



2 Sided T Shirts - \$15  
S, M, L, XL, 2X  
Printed by Riverside High School



Embroidered Polos  
S, M, L, XL, 2X, 3X, 4X  
Starting at \$37 Each



Baby Bibs - \$10



Car Stickers - \$5



Coasters - \$3



Coffee Mugs - \$10

## APPAREL

T Shirts - \$15-\$23 each



Turquoise - XS, S, M, XL  
Yellow - XS, S, M, XL, XXL,  
Sage - M, L  
Female Red - S, M  
Female Turquoise - S, M, L  
Female Grey - L, M  
Printed Heron



Female XL  
SportTek  
Embroidered Heron



Adult L  
Cotton  
Embroidered Heron



Adult L  
Cotton  
Embroidered Mountain

## DRINKWARE



Coffee  
Mugs  
\$5



Travel  
Tumblers  
\$30



Wine  
Glasses  
\$17



Koozies  
\$3

## ACCESSORIES



Aprons - \$12, embroidered



Tote - \$17, printed



Stickers - \$2



Grocery Tote - \$12, embroidered



# Website Updates

- General changes: tabs, content, internal links
- Added Welcome Packet tab and contents
- Added more SLA documents and reports
- Updating available merchandise quarterly (sort of)
- Major website modifications will be completed summer 2024
- No new major changes planned – community input always welcome!



<https://sacheenlake.com/>

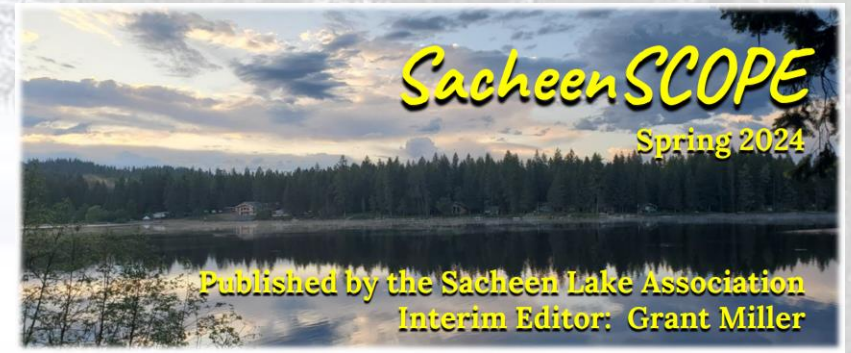
**If you know someone without digital capability, please have them send us a note to:**

**Sacheen Lake Association, PO Box 401, Newport, WA 99156-0401. Include:**

- **Name, Address, Phone Number**
- **Reason for needing a hardcopy of the SacheenSCOPE**

# 2024 SacheenSCOPE

- 2024 Spring Scope released and posted
- 2024 Summer SCOPE planned (later July)
- 2024 Fall SCOPE planned (Oct-Nov timeframe)



Webpage title has changed to: "Newsletters"  
<https://sacheenlake.com/scope/>

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# Welcome Packet



- Packet provides essential information for new residents at the lake
  - Augmented by Greater Newport Area Chamber Commerce available material
  - <https://newportareachamber.com/>
- Packet content is available online
  - <https://sacheenlake.com/welcome-packet/>
- Let us know if you get a new neighbor and we'll provide them with a printed Welcome Packet or you may provide them the above link
  - Send notification about your new neighbor to: [sacheenlake.assoc@gmail.com](mailto:sacheenlake.assoc@gmail.com)

## Sacheen Lake Association

- [Welcome Letter from SLA President](#)
- [About The SLA](#)
- [SLA and Community Events Calendar](#)
- [SLA Board Members](#)
- [Areas Representatives](#)
- [SacheenSCOPE Newsletter](#)
- [SLA Merchandise](#)

## Safety On and around Sacheen Lake

- [Safe Boating Laws](#)
- [SLA Placed Bouys and County No Wake Zones](#)
- [Dept. of Licensing Boating and the Dangers of Carbon Monoxide](#)
- [Outdoor Burning on DNR Protected Lands](#)
- [Wildfire...Are You Prepared?](#)
- [Pend Orielle Fire Safety Cooperative – Outdoor Fire Safety.](#)

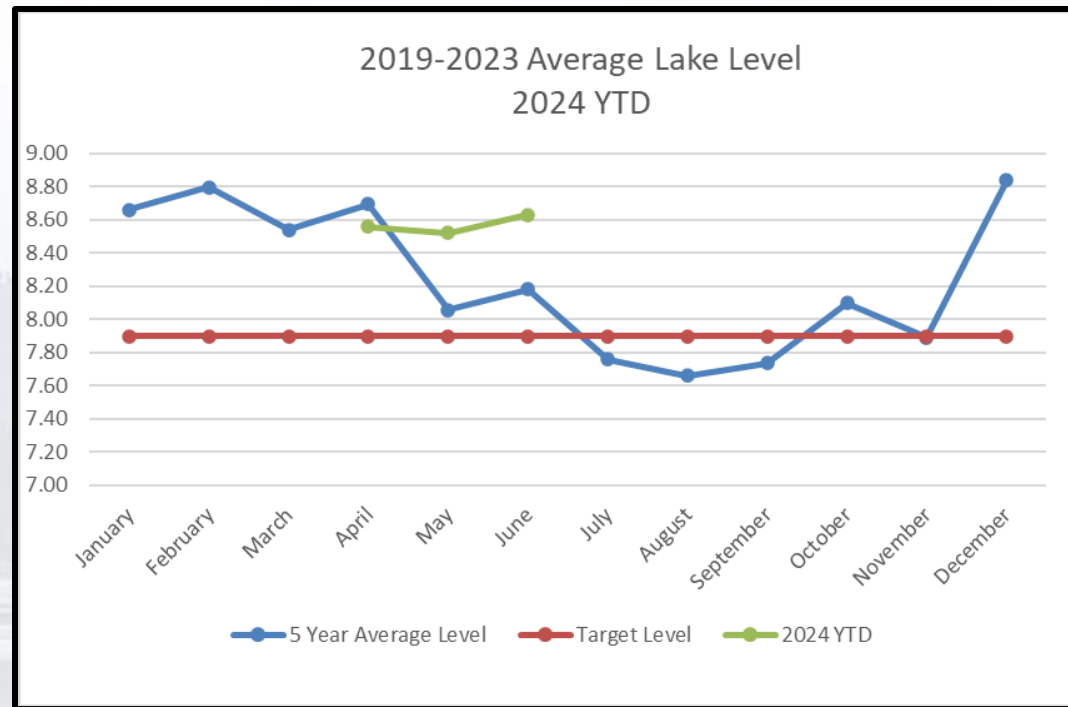
## SLA Collected Resource Links

- [SLA Resources](#)
- [Spokane County Regional Solid Waste System](#)
- [Vendor Information](#)
- [Activity Information](#)
- [Protect the Night](#)
- [Lake Waterfront Landscaping Questions and Answers](#)

# 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, target, and 2024 YTD values shown in graph
- Thanks to Larry Holman for data collection and Don Hill for prior data file management

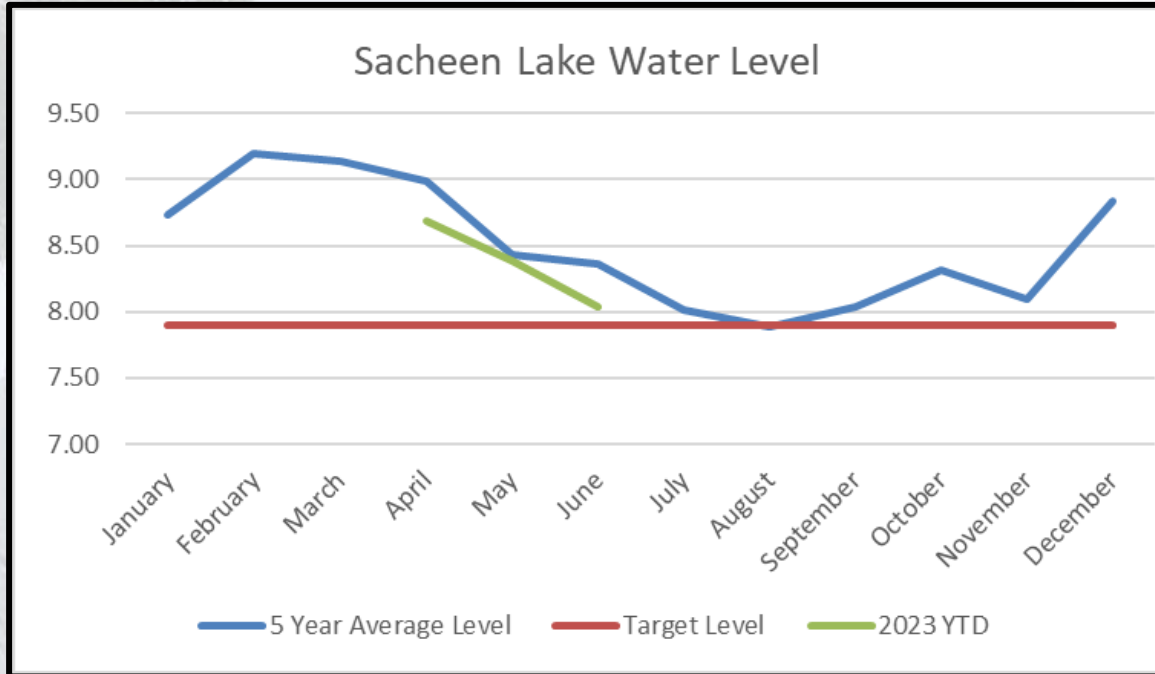
In 2021, only May has data. Some months have data in only 1 or 2 years of the 5 (typically Nov – Mar). Feb and Dec data are outside of the 5-yr window.



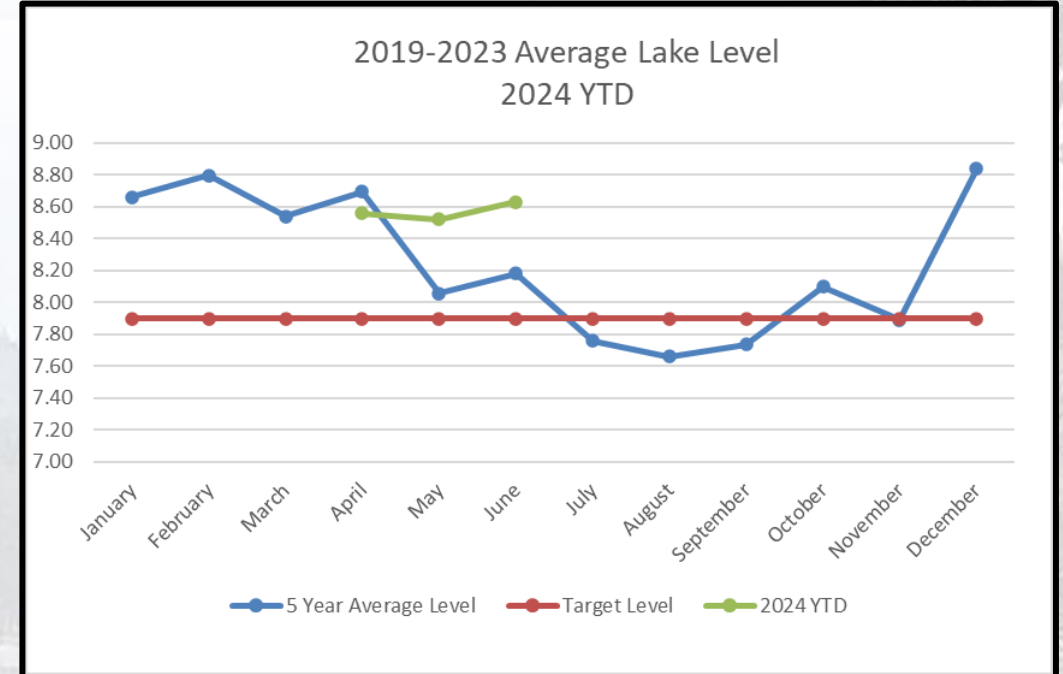


# Lake Level – 2022 5-Year Avg Plot Comparison

2022 5-yr Avg



2023 5-yr Avg



	Level	Date
Historical Minimum	7.33	3-Aug-23
Historical Maximum	10.50	24-Jan-06

# Beaver Dam Status

- SLA volunteers to the W&SD to manage startup beaver dams and culvert damming
  - Yearly report provided to the W&SD based on GFY (1 Oct – 30 Sep)
- Lake level and dam buildup monitoring determines the need for new dam removal
  - **If you see new dam work, contact the SLA; *individuals are NOT authorized to remove startup beaver dams***
- Very little work done on beaver dams in last two years due to naturally lower water
  - August of 2023 was lowest level since recording began in May 1994
- From 2 October 2022 report to W&SD:
  - 1 Oct 2022. Work done to open a startup dam between Dam (culverts) 1 and 2 as well as three (3) more downstream of Dam (culvert) 3.
- Minor work clearing startup dam just west of the FVR bridge in late fall 2023
- On 20 May 2024, it was noted that Dam 2 culvert was blocked and there was an approx. 1.5' drop of water to Dam 3 due to additional damming beavers have done. Likely needs clearing
- Thanks to Don Hill for his leadership and other volunteers that help Don perform the work
- As always, thanks to Darrell Johnson for continuing to support these efforts through the Access Agreement to his property and burning captured beaver dam debris

# WDFW Boat Launch Ramp Extension

- History
  - Damage occurred to boat trailers in summer 2021 due to low lake levels and the shortness of the ramp – trailers could not be backed up far enough
  - SLA wrote a formal letter to WDFW on 22 Sep 2021 requesting a ramp extension
  - WDFW added the extension to their project list to be completed by 30 June 2023
- SLA reached out to WDFW on 8 Nov 2023 via email for status update
  - Launch land manager, Daniel Dziekan, forwarded response to SLA on 6 Feb 2024
  - Permitting process has held up the extension – permit required to disturb bottom
  - Budget funds are still available until 30 June 2024
  - Budget request for Sacheen Lake ramp extension will be made again if permitting delay does not allow funds expenditure
    - SLA will send another formal letter shortly after 30 June 2024
    - Daniel Dziekan continues to tackle the problem from his position as well

# Fishing Query with WDFW

- Reference: March 2024 SLA email communications with fish biologist Brian Walker at WDFW
- Topics discussed:
  - Volunteer fish reporting at Sacheen Lake
  - Fish stocking status
  - Impact of ice-fishing

# Volunteer Fish Reporting

- WDFW interested in obtaining fishing reports
- Would community members be willing to provide fishing reports?
  - SLA would post the report file on our website for anyone's use
    - Excel, Word, and/or pdf formats
  - Users would send the files to [sacheenlake.assoc@gmail.com](mailto:sacheenlake.assoc@gmail.com)
  - Volunteer / SLA Board will collect files and send data to WDFW



Optional Information *						
Last Name	First Name	Phone #	Email			
* Contact information helps ensure reports are unique. First and Last name suffices for uniqueness						
<b>Instructions:</b> In the Excel file, most fields are drop down lists. Highlight the field and select the correct option. Once a cell is highlighted, if you do not see a drop down list, then type in your response						
<b>NOTE:</b> First row below is a sample. Delete that data entry and enter your data.						
Sacheen Lake Volunteer Fishing Report						
Form Created by the Sacheen Lake Association for Reporting to WDFW						
Date (MM/DD/YYYY) (Enter)	Species Caught (Select)	Size (inches) (Select)	Weight (lbs) (Select)	Released / Kept (Select)	Time Spent Fishing (Select)	General Location (Optional field) (Select)
5/23/2023	Rainbow Trout	15	Unknown	Released	1 - 3 hrs	Boat launch section
5/22/2024	Tiger Trout	18	Unknown	Released	< 1 hr	Northeast section



Volunteer Fish  
Reporting - Sacheen L

The Sacheen file is complete  
But review by other fishers would be great!



Volunteer Fish  
Reporting

The general file needs more work

# Fishing Stocking Status

- Quotes from Brian Walker 3/14/24 email
- “Stocking strategies haven’t changed much over the past few years, but this is largely due to our hatcheries running at maximum capacity just to keep up with the current need.
- As the years have progressed, Washington has had to shift away from stocking fry to stocking larger fish (6-12”) to support trout fisheries.
- In many lakes that were managed historically as trout waters, fry stocked in one year (May) would be 10-12” long for the next opener (following April) with carryover fish (2-4 years old) growing as long as 20-24”.
- But many waters have had unauthorized introductions of other fish species (e.g., Perch, Bass, etc.), which compete with and prey on trout fry. These fisheries have required larger trout that can more readily compete for food and avoid predation to maintain the level of catch/harvest anglers were accustomed to for trout.
- Many more fry can be raised in the same amount of space that it takes to raise larger fish, and the move away from fry has reduced the number of fish that the hatcheries can produce.
- Spokane Hatchery (where most trout are produced and reared) is scheduled to be upgraded in the coming years, which will hopefully increase capacity. But we currently are not able to meet our need for fish, even though our hatchery folks are giving us every fish possible.”

# Ice Fishing Impact

- Quote from Brian Walker 3/14/24 email
- “The shift to **year-round management** hasn’t affected the trout populations **noticeably**. Although people do catch trout through the ice, and some are harvested, **most of the harvest consists of Yellow Perch or other species**.
- WDFW recently completed a **creel survey on Curlew Lake** and estimated that more than **80,000 perch** are harvested in that fishery each year, with about **60 % of harvest in the summer and 40% in the winter**.
- In comparison, **annual trout harvest** was estimated at **9,448 fish**, with roughly **8,000** of those harvested between May-October.
- **Trout caught in the ice fishery were released more than 70% of the time**.
- **Yellow Perch** are very fecund (lay lots of eggs), so in general, **increased fishing pressure/harvest on them has also not had a noticeable effect.**”

# SLA and P.O.C. Comprehensive Plan (Community Planning)

- SLA will continue to understand the P.O.C. (1) Comprehensive Plan and (2) community planning process in support of any future planning for the Sacheen Lake sub-area
- Formal letter was sent to Greg Snow identifying the SLA as an “interested party” and he assured us he’d let us know when Sacheen Lake planning starts
  - First, they need to solve the Cusick sewage system problems
  - Then Cusick/Usk sub-area planning, followed by Diamond Lake, then Sacheen Lake
- SLA will monitor some of the planning meetings to get an understanding of how to be knowledgably informed before Sacheen Lake planning
- SLA will continue to get up to speed on existing planning information
  - Responsible Growth NE Washington (RG\*NEW) has been a great help to date
- **Future Goal:** Get the pulse of the Sacheen Lake Community on what they want/don’t want for the future of Sacheen Lake’s surrounding area
  - SLA may implement a survey after we become more familiar with the Comprehensive Plan and other County and State documents
  - Maximum community response will help us form a united position



# 2020 POC Table of Permitted Uses (TOPU)

- Possible areas of (Grant's) concern are highlighted in yellow
- Community thoughts appreciated

**Key:**

P: May be permitted in accordance with the provisions of the Pend Oreille County Development Regulations.

C: May be permitted through the issuance of a conditional use permit in accordance with the provisions of the Pend Oreille County Development Regulations.

X: Not permitted.



Use/Zoning Designation	Rural Residential	Rural	Natural Resource	Commercial	Industrial	Tribal
Accessory Dwelling Unit (Detached) (2)	P	P	P	P	P	(1)
Agriculture	P	P	P	P	C	(1)
Apartment House (3)	C	X	X	P	X	(1)
Commercial	C	X	X	P	X	(1)
Essential Public Facility	C	C	X	P	C	(1)
Forestry (5)	P	P	P	P	P	(1)
Home Business	P	P	P	P	X	(1)
Industrial (Heavy)	X	X	X	X	C	(1)
Marina	C	C	C	C	C	(1)
Master Planned Resort (4)	C	C	X	P	X	(1)
Mining	C	C	C	C	C	(1)
Recreation and Tourism Facility (8)	C	C	C	P	X	(1)
Recreational Vehicle Park	P	P	X	P	X	(1)
Recreational Vehicle Resort (7)	P	P	C	P	X	(1)
Roads	P	P	P	P	P	(1)
Single Family Dwelling Unit	P	P	P	P	X	(1)
Telecommunication Facility	C	C	X	P	P	(1)
Utilities	P	P	P	P	P	(1)

# Map from File:

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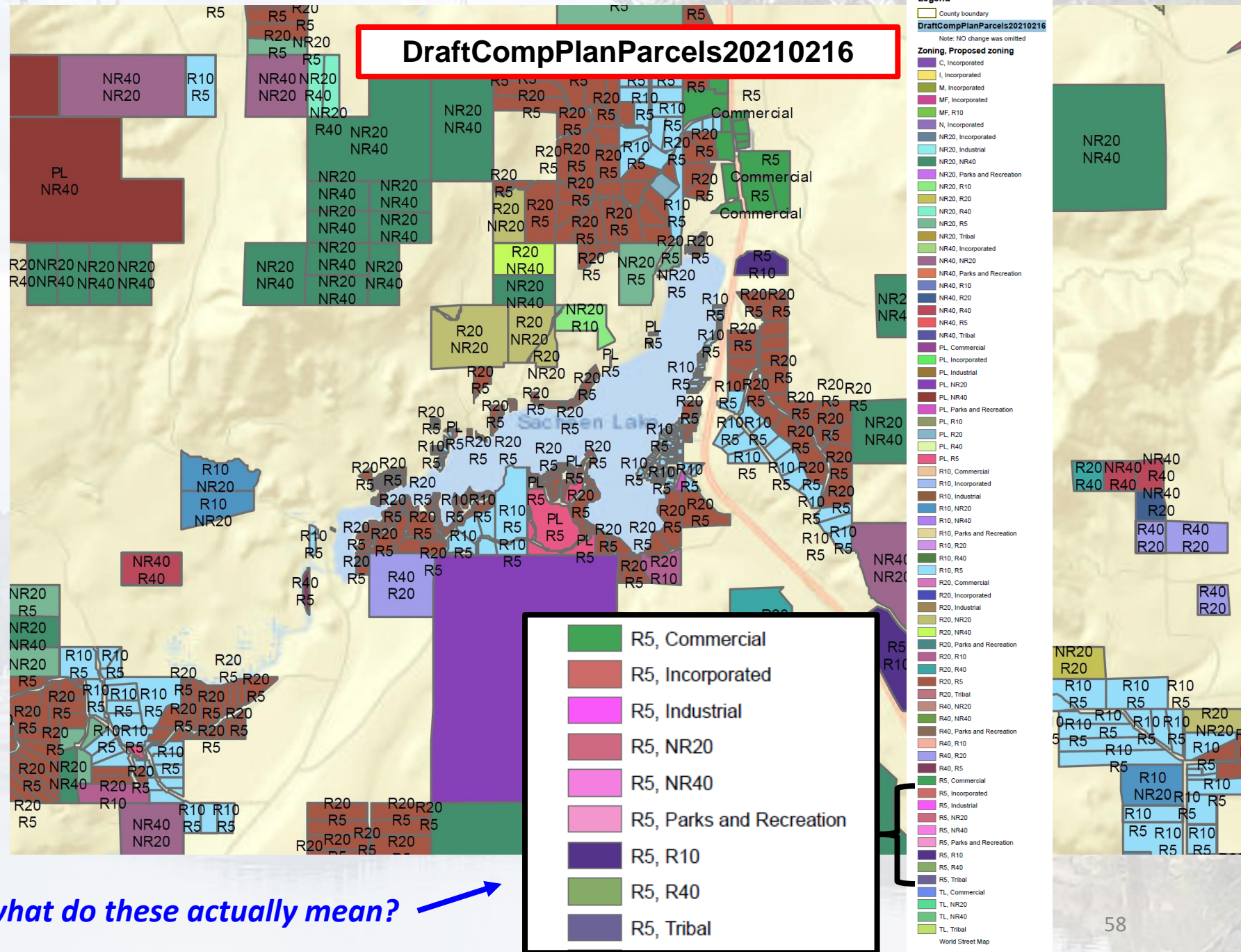
## Key:

R = Rural

NR = Natural Resources

PL = Public Lands.

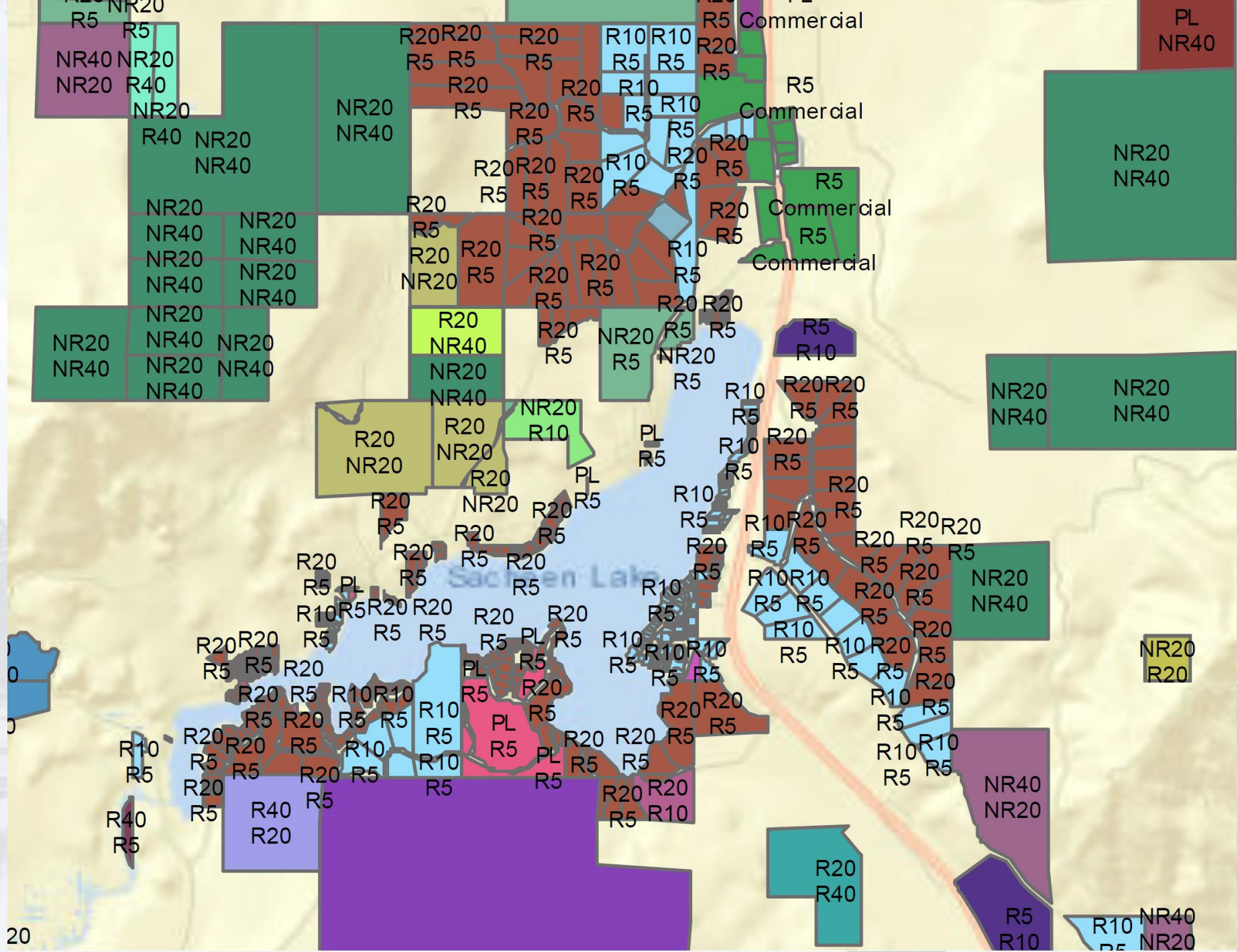
Colors imply specific uses:  
commercial, incorporated,  
industrial, or parks and  
recreation. # = acreage



One of the many things to learn: what do these actually mean?

# Sacheen Lake Details

- Areas immediately around the lake are Rural, Natural Resources, and Public Lands
- Area by Store n More and Fire Station are Rural-Commercial



# 2024 SLA Events Held

Hwy 211 lead and support crew



Event	Date and Time	Location	Lead
Myers-Harter Park Cleanup	Saturday, May 11, 2024 8:00 am	Myers – Harter Park	Karlene
Hwy 211 Cleanup	Saturday, May 25, 2024 9:00 am	Meet at Myers – Harter Park	Connie



Park Cleanup. Result: 2 large piles of debris & a clean park!



How does a woman lose one shoe on the highway?

By kicking her husband out the car door at 55 mph!



Hwy 211 Cleanup. Result: 10 bags of trash, 1 full bag of aluminum, 1/3 bag of plastic and a small amount of glass

# 2024 SLA Events Planned

## Sacheen Lake Association Calendar – 2024

Event	Date and Time	Location	Leads
SLA Annual Meeting <sup>2</sup>	Saturday, June 15, 2024 9:00 am	Fire station on Hwy 211	Grant
Boat Launch Cleanup <sup>1</sup>	Saturday, June 22, 2024 8:00 am	Meet at WDFW boat launch	Grant
Sacheen Community Annual Picnic <sup>2</sup>	Saturday, July 6, 2024 11:00 am	Myers – Harter Park	Lil
Fertile Valley Rd Cleanup	Saturday, July 20, 2024 8:00 am	Meet at Myers – Harter Park	Karlene
Hwy 211 Cleanup	Saturday, August 24, 2024 9:00 am	Meet at Myers – Harter Park	Connie
Fertile Valley Rd Cleanup	Saturday, September 21, 2024 8:00 am	Meet at Myers – Harter Park	Karlene
Photo Calendar Pickup	Saturday, Nov 9, 2024 10 am - noon	Fire station on Hwy 211	TBD

1. Includes road cleanup from the intersection of Sacheen Terrace Dr and Hwy 211 to the WDFW gate for the boat launch area.
2. Signs to be put out 10 to 14 days prior to event by the lead.

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

# Future SLA Events - Modify Event Days and Start Times???

- Would having cleanup events at different times or days entice more volunteers?
  - Midweek?
  - Later in the day? Evenings?
- Would changes in 2024 be better or wait until 2025?



# Community Announcements

# Link to POC Survey

- Pend Oreille County wants all people in POC to take a fire awareness-oriented survey
  - Hazard Mitigation Plan & Community Wildfire Protection Plan Community Survey
  - There is a field in the survey to identify you as a part-time resident of the county
- Point your smart-phone's camera at the QR code shown to access the survey or go to:

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Pend\\_Oreille\\_County\\_Mitigation\\_Plan\\_Survey](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Pend_Oreille_County_Mitigation_Plan_Survey)



**If you have not taken this survey, please do so. Thanks!**



# Community Event Calendar

## Sacheen Lake Community\* Events – 2024

Event	Date and Time	Location	Coordination Lead
4 <sup>th</sup> of July Boat Parade	Thursday, July 4, 2024 2 pm	Section of the lake near the boat launch	Grant Miller
Community Yard Sale**	Saturday, August 31, 2024 9 am	Hwy 211 SPOFR Station	TBD

\* 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.

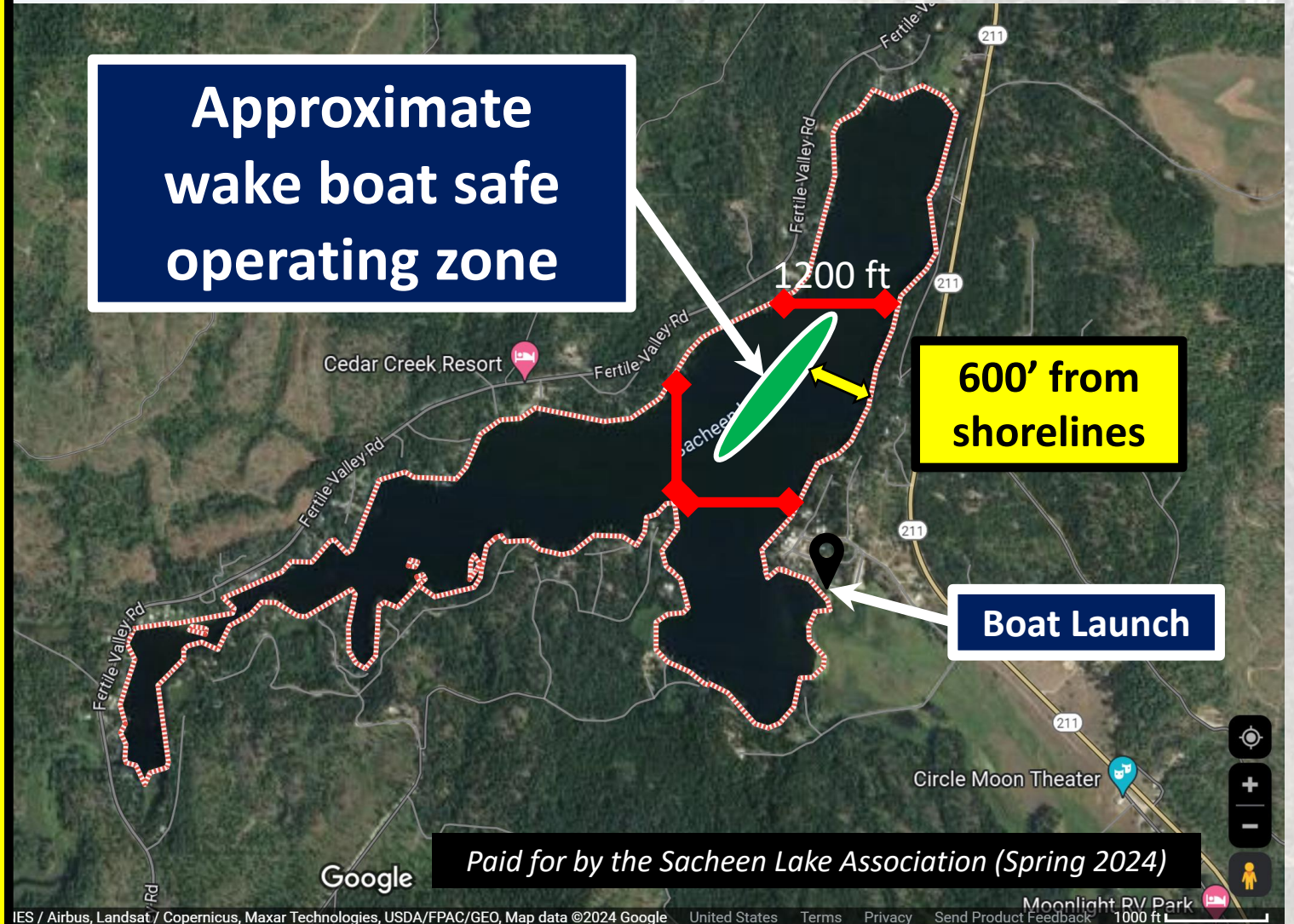
\*\* Signs to be put out the day of the event

# Sacheen Lake Recommended Wake Boat Operating Zone

## Attention Wake Boat Operators

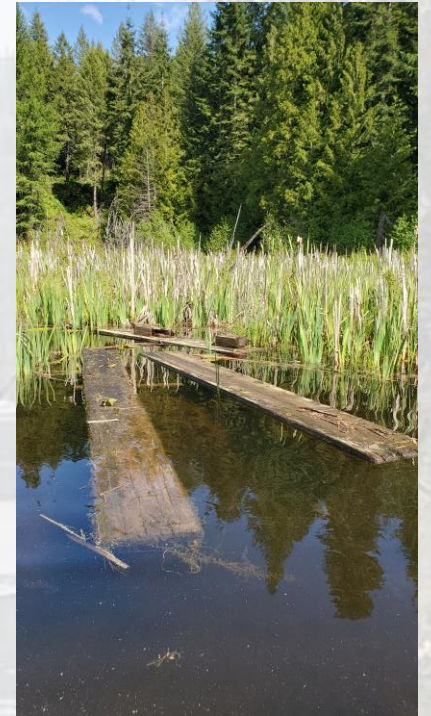
WA State law requires a 100' no wake zone from shorelines, docks, etc. Wake boat wakes are extremely large and more powerful in force as compared to wakes from other recreational boats. This additional size and power can cause severe damage to property, the shoreline and people. Please be considerate 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>



# Old Docks Never Die ...

- ... They just become someone else's problem
- Please remove old docks before they fall apart and become:
  - A job and expense for someone else who has to remove your old dock pieces
  - A navigation hazard
  - An ecological problem (e.g., chemical leaching of Styrofoam)
    - Styrofoam has an approx. 500-year decomposition time
  - A wildlife problem (animals accidentally ingest Styrofoam)



# Quotes on Styrofoam

- [RCW 70A.245.130](#)
- “Overwater structures containing certain plastic foam—Prohibition on sale, distribution, installation—Rule-making authority—Penalty.
- (1) Beginning January 1, 2024, it is prohibited to sell, distribute, install, or arrange for the installation of in or into Washington state ...”
- <https://ecology.wa.gov/waste-toxics/reducing-recycling-waste/plastics/docks-and-blocks#:~:text=Fully%20enclosed%20foam%20in%20hard,fish%2C%20birds%2C%20and%20crustaceans.>
- “New environmental protections will reduce plastic pollution in Washington’s waters. **Beginning in 2024** (Jan. 1, 2024), **polystyrene foam used in docks, floating blocks, or overwater structures must be fully enclosed in a shell made of plastic (at least 0.15-inches thick), concrete, aluminum, or steel.**”
- “Will existing docks and overwater structures installed before Jan. 1, 2024 be in violation of the law?
  - No, docks, floating blocks, and overwater structures installed before the effective date are not subject to enforcement of this law. However, when these structures are repaired or replaced, they are required to use compliant materials.”
- “Risk to fish and aquatic ecosystems: **When foam breaks down into bit-size pieces, aquatic animals can mistake it for food, endangering fish, birds, and crustaceans.**”
- <https://clearlyclean.com/styrofoam/#:~:text=Due%20to%20its%20light%20nature,cause%20harm%20or%20potentially%20kill.>
- “Styrene primarily **exhibits its toxicity to humans as a neurotoxin** by attacking the central and peripheral nervous systems”

# Address Signs for First Responders

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

# Safe Boating Laws

- POC Sheriff's Office is updating the boating laws ordinance
  - They expect a version for County Commissioners' review and public comment this summer
- Sergeant Youk, Marine Division, indicated that the SLA funded sign at the WDFW boat launch may need some modifications upon final ordinance approval. TBD

## 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

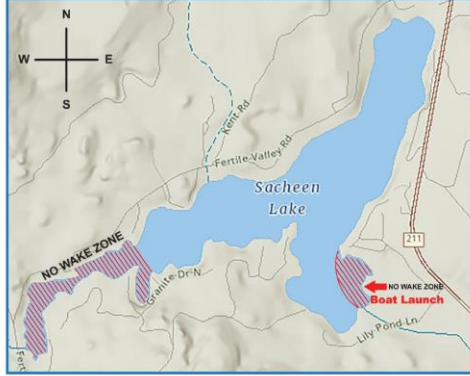
- 35 MPH 1/2 hour before sunrise until 1/2 hour after sunset
- NO WAKE SPEED (5 MPH) from 1/2 hour after sunset until 1/2 hour before sunrise
- Poor weather conditions & boating congestion require lower speeds

### 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



**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 when towing
- Operator must abide by all boating regulations
- **MAY ONLY OPERATE BETWEEN SUNRISE AND SUNSET**

**Sheriff - Emergency 911**  
Non-emergency 509-447-3151

Sign courtesy of Sacheen Lake Association  
www.sacheenlake.com

# Noise-oriented Boating Ordinances

- From the Pend Oreille County Boating Safety Ordinance (2001-01):

## **.200 Mufflers or underwater exhaust systems required:**

(01) All motor-propelled vessels shall be equipped and maintained with an effective muffler that is in good working order and in constant use.

(02) A vessel that does not meet the requirements of subsection (1) of this section shall not be operated on the waters of Pend Oreille County.

(03) Any officer authorized to enforce this section who has reason to believe that a vessel is not in compliance with this section may direct the operator of the vessel to submit the vessel to an on site test.

# Noise-oriented Boating Ordinances

- From the Pend Oreille County Noise Ordinance (2005-02):

A. A public disturbance noise means: a noise a person causes or permits, which originates from the real or personal property of any person, while the person is in possession or control of such property; and which noise unreasonably disturbs or interferes with the peace, comfort and repose of a reasonable person of ordinary sensitivities, including the owners or possessors of real property. Public disturbance noise includes sound created by use of a radio, television set, musical instrument, sound amplifier or any other device capable of producing or reproducing sound, which emanates frequently, repetitively, continuously or is of such a volume as to shock or startle persons or livestock from any building, structure or property which annoys or disturbs the peace, comfort or repose of a reasonable person of normal sensitivity; and also includes any other sound occurring frequently, repetitively or continuously which annoys or disturbs the peace, comfort or repose of a reasonable person of normal sensitivity. The time of day or night the noise occurs shall be considered in determining the reasonableness of the noise.

## EXEMPTIONS.

- (A) The following shall not constitute public disturbance noises:

(9) Sounds created by watercraft, except to the extent that they are regulated by other county ordinances;

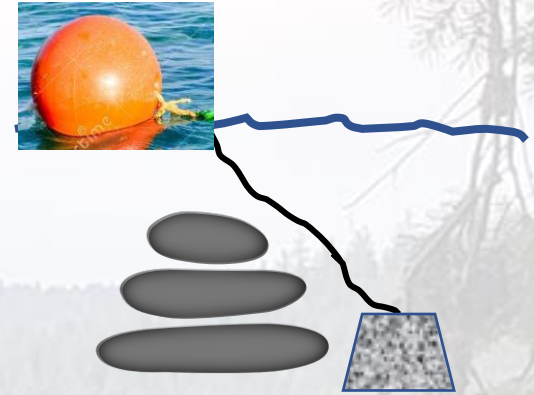
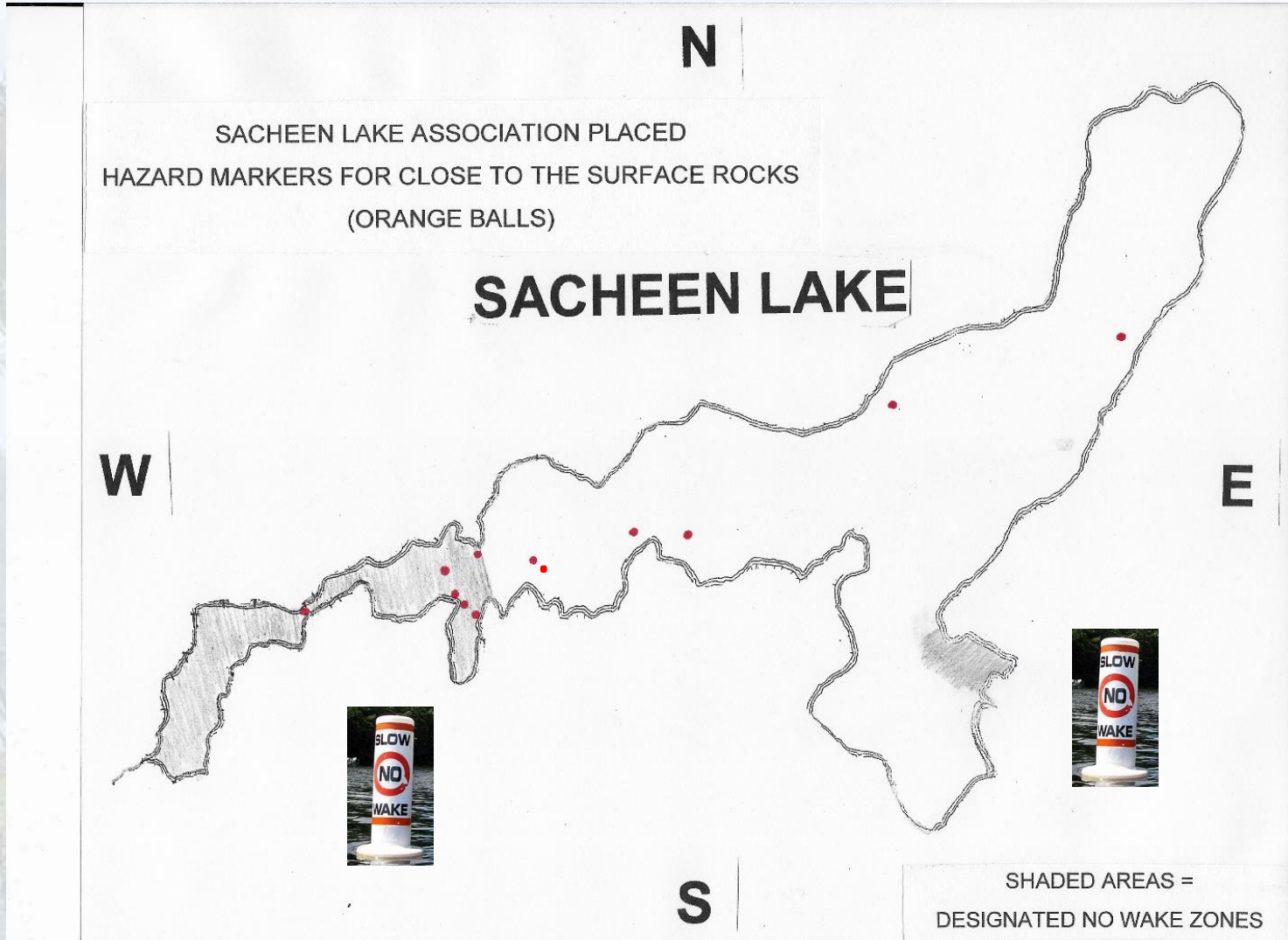


# WSPRC Life Jacket Loaner Program

- SLA manages a WA State Parks and Recreation Commission loaner life jacket station at the WDFW boat launch
- SLA annotates the life jackets with “WSPR” and other text
  - Others also leave life jackets
- SLA removes non-usable jackets
- ***Public should inspect any jacket they use before use***
- WSPRC life jackets are regularly stolen
- SLA just updated our inventory from WSPRC
- Please return any borrowed life jacket



# SLA Placed Buoys and County No Wake Zones



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



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

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

# Other Buoys on Sacheen Lake

- From the Pend Oreille County Boating Safety Ordinance (2001-01):

## **.240 Safety Buoys:**

(01) The Pend Oreille County Sheriff is authorized and directed to designate the follow colors and size of appropriate safety buoys for the safety of the public.

(02) The Pend Oreille County Sheriff is authorized and directed to designate location and install, or cause or permit to be installed in the water appropriately marked safety buoys that are required for the safety of the public.

(03) It shall be a violation of this section for any person to relocate, damage, or alter any safety buoy, which has been permitted by the Pend Oreille County Sheriff.

(05) It shall be a violation of this section to place any kind of buoys or slalom course in or on the waters of Pend Oreille County except when authorized by the County Sheriff.

**Historically, the SLA worked with the Sheriff's office on placement of rock-marking buoys and No Wake Zone buoys in Sacheen Lake. The SLA plans to work with the Sheriff's Office in an attempt to get that concurrence documented for SLA-place rock-marking buoys.**

**If you are marking rocks, please inform the SLA so we may include those buoys in the approval. We also believe that the lake and community might be better served (and legal) if they are all managed by the SLA.**

# Dock Trespassing

- “As a private dock owner, you are not required to allow general/public use of your dock. People can fish around your dock if they are in a boat, but that doesn’t allow them to hop out on your dock and do what they want. The WA state regulation is WAC 332-30-144. Please let me know if you have any other questions.”
  - Sergeant Questin Youk, Pend Oreille County Sheriff’s Office

# Pend Oreille County (POC) Weed Board Info

- POC Noxious Weed Board is hosting their Aquatic Workshop
  - July 12, 9 am to 3:30 pm (free lunch for attendees)
  - Camas Wellness Center, Usk
  - Resistration required: <https://www.pendoreilleco.org/weed-board/page/2024-aquatic-workshop-registration>
- POC posts information on noxious weeds
  - 2024 Pend Oreille County Noxious Weed List
    - (<https://www.pendoreilleco.org/media/19276>)
  - Eastern WA Weed Identification Guide
    - (<https://www.pendoreilleco.org/media/3946>)
- Pend Oreille County Weed Board posts regulations on how individuals can remove invasive weeds
  - <https://www.pendoreilleco.org/weed-board/page/weed-board-information-library>
  - Hard copies available today (if you want one for your reference library)

# Boating Education Class



- Boater Education ID cards are required in WA State
- Boating Safety classes to obtain one's Boater Education Card can be locally taught through the Sheriff's office
  - Sadly, Charlie Schaefer passed away last year
  - Contact the Sheriff's Office and when sufficient interest is expressed, they will hold a class
- Per Sheriff's Office, an online course should be recognized by Washington State Parks and Recreation
  - See "available options" link on <https://parks.wa.gov/about/rules-and-safety/boater-education-safety/boater-education-card>

# Sacheen Water and Sewer Webpage Modification

- W&SD has a modified website as of early 2024
  - Change recommended by SLA for ease of use
- 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
- Contact information:
  - District Manager: Kris Hansen at 509-447-4641
  - Service Calls: Nathan Johnson at 509-844-8802

# 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/water bucket
- 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
  - They can also provide the latest burn ban status

\* This slide does not address permit-oriented burning

**Nixle alert 6/13/2024:**

“Effective June 14, 2024, the following Burning Controls are in effect in Pend Oreille County:

- 1.) All Rule (Debris) burning is banned
- 2.) Burning with a DNR permit is allowed subject to the conditions on the permit
- 3.) Recreational fires in approved fire pits are allowed provided that all of the above conditions are met
- 4.) The use of gas and propane self-contained stoves and barbeques are allowed

Daily updates on burn restrictions are available at 1-800-323-BURN.”



# Ice Fishing Lessons???

- Quote from Brian Walker, fish biologist for WDFW, email of 3/14/24
- “Speaking of ice fishing, if you or any of your homeowners are interested, we’ve recently partnered with Seattle City Light and the Pend Oreille County public library in Lone/Metaline Falls to conduct a basic “how-to” course for ice fishing.
- We conducted our first one this past January, and the course consists of a short period of safety and fishing instruction (1-2 hours) on Friday afternoon with fishing on Saturday.
- WDFW and SCL provided all gear and bait, and staff helped participants rig poles, drill holes, bait hooks, handle fish, etc. so that folks could apply what they had learned.
- It was a lot of fun, and we will likely be running it again this winter with the potential for multiple offerings.”
- If interested, contact Brian at: [Brian.Walker2@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:Brian.Walker2@dfw.wa.gov)

# Vacation Rental Regulations - Summary

- Pend Oreille County has a required process to obtain and maintain authorization to use property as a vacation rental (30 days or less rentals)
  - Applications, fees, and supporting documents are required
  - See: <https://www.pendoreilleco.org/community-development/page/land-use-information>
  - Quotes on this slide were obtained by various web-links starting with the above link
- Vacation Rental Permit Application
  - Includes providing various documents
  - A “Property Management Plan” is required
    - “An up-to-date copy shall also be provided by the Project Sponsor to all property owners within 300’ of the site on which the vacation rental is located.”
- Approval must be updated yearly
- Off-street parking stalls are required and the number of stalls is visitor-headcount dependent
- “The Project Sponsor shall maintain on file at the County Community Development Department, an up-to-date certificate of inspection documenting that the facility complies with the life and safety checklist developed by the Community Development Department.”
- “It shall be the responsibility of the Project Sponsor to ensure that users of vacation rentals and any guests shall comply at all times with the terms and conditions of approval and the provisions of the Pend Oreille County Development Regulations.
  - a. It shall be the responsibility of the Project Sponsor and his/her authorized agents to promptly investigate and appropriately respond to complaints. The failure to respond in a timely manner or repeated complaints may result in the suspension or revocation of approval and/or civil or criminal penalties.”

# 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)

# 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 Board is hoping for a “quieter” year in 2024! We want to have fun too!
- SLA meeting is adjourned

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