

Sacheen Lake Association

To: Region 1 Director, Mike Kuttel Jr.

From: Sacheen Lake Association (SLA)

Subj: Sacheen Lake WDFW Boat Launch Extension

Date: 23 June 2024

References:

- 1) Letter: To Mr. Steve Pozzanghera, WDFW, dated September 15, 2021, from Albert Pool, President (resigned), Sacheen Lake Association, regarding extension of the Sacheen Lake WDFW boat launch.
- 2) Letter: To Albert Pool, dated October 11, 2021, from Juli Anderson, NE Washington Wildlife Area/Access Area Complex Manager (Kettle Falls), regarding having added Sacheen Lake WDFW boat launch extension to the statewide ramp plank project proposal list.
- 3) Email from Daniel Dziekan, WDFW, dated June 19, 2024, regarding status of the Sacheen Lake WDFW boat launch.

Dear Director Mike Kuttel, Jr.,

References 1) and 2) were, respectively, a request for extension of the WDFW boat launch on Sacheen Lake and the plan for its extension. In reference 2), Ms. Juli Anderson indicated the project was on the list "for the current state biennium, which runs through June 30, 2023". The Sacheen Lake Association (SLA) has worked closely with Mr. Daniel Dziekan regarding the status of that extension project. He indicated that the project was delayed due to the needed permitting for the extension.

Mr. Pool noted in reference 1) that in summer 2021 "the lake water level reached its lowest point in over 25 years." Since then, the new lowest level since 1994 (when the SLA started recording the level) occurred in August 2023. The SLA continues to receive complaints regarding the viability of the boat launch during these historically low lake levels.

Reference 3) contains information regarding the current status of the boat launch extension project. Mr. Dziekan indicated that the boat launch extension "... proposal has been accepted, it scored very highly in our statewide Agency ranking."

The SLA requests that the project continue to receive high attention from the DFW, and we appreciate the efforts to move this project along as rapidly as possible.

Thank you and respectfully,

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Cc:

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