



# 2025 Sacheen Lake Association Annual Meeting

14 June 2025

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) Annual Meeting
- Formal (By-laws required) SLA members' Annual Meeting with community members and guest speakers
- Robert's Rules of Order for speaking applied as needed

**We encourage participation. However, we have a lot of material to cover today, so discussions will be kept short**

# 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.**”



**South Pend Oreille Fire and Rescue**

325272 Hwy 2 Newport, WA 99156

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

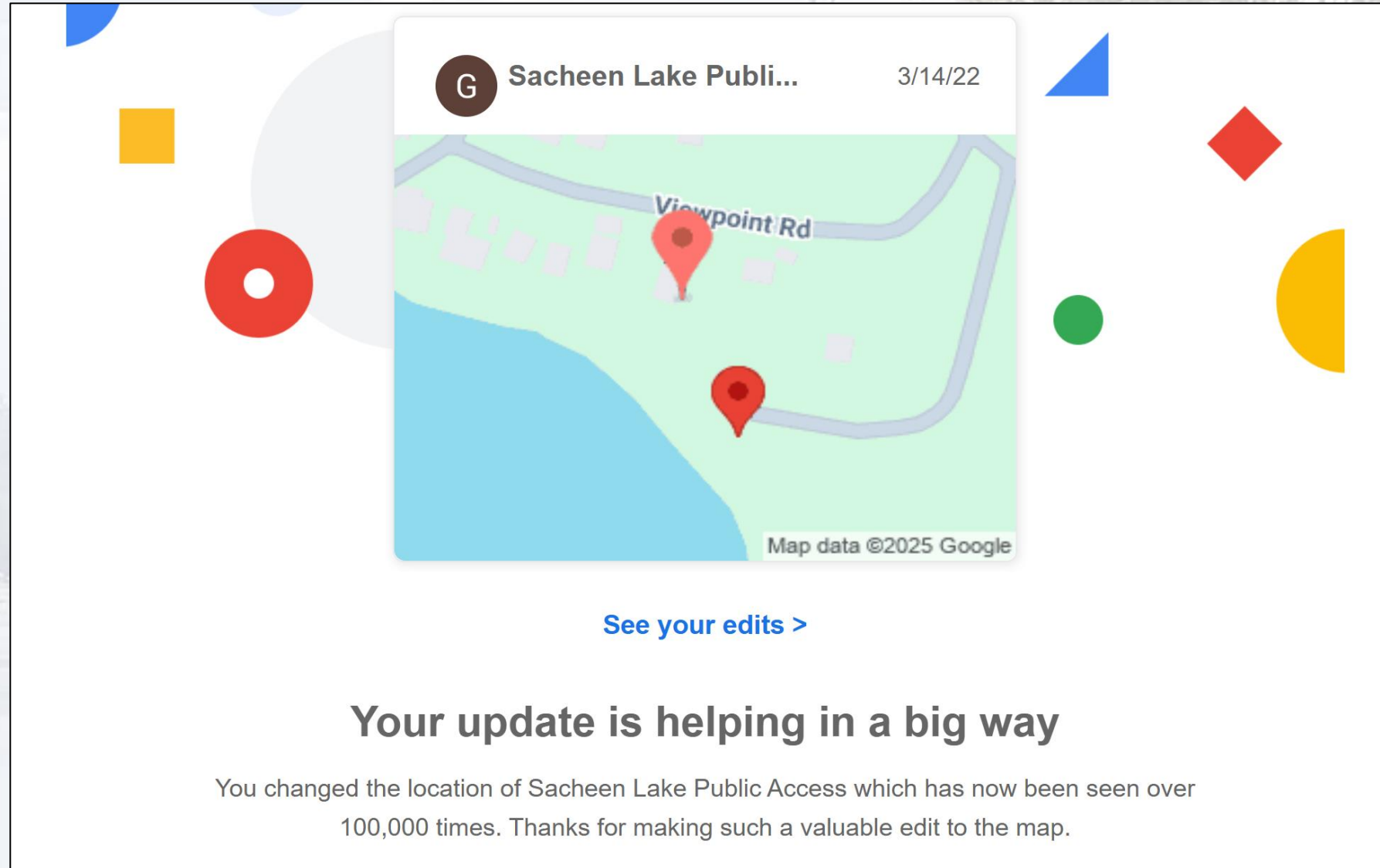
## South Pend Oreille Fire & Rescue Station Use guidelines

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.

# Sacheen Lake is Popular!

We average 33,000 views per year

- 2022 Google Maps change to the location of the WDFW boat launch
- It has been viewed 100,000 times since then!!!



The image is a screenshot of a Google Maps edit confirmation. At the top, it shows a profile icon with the letter 'G', the name 'Sacheen Lake Publi...', and the date '3/14/22'. Below this is a map snippet showing a road labeled 'Viewpoint Rd' with two red location pins. The map data is attributed to '©2025 Google'. Below the map, there is a blue link that says 'See your edits >'. At the bottom, a bold heading reads 'Your update is helping in a big way', followed by a paragraph: 'You changed the location of Sacheen Lake Public Access which has now been seen over 100,000 times. Thanks for making such a valuable edit to the map.'

# Topics

- SLA Introduction
- Weed Board – 15 min
- DNR – 15 min
- W&SD – 15 min
- Aquatex – 10 min
- Break – 10 min
- SLA Board Activities and Plans
- Community Announcements
- Q&A
- Closing and Thanks

# SLA Introduction

- SLA President's Opening Comments
- SLA Mission Statement and Goals
- Accomplishments Summary

# SLA President's Opening Comments



- Slides playing before the meeting were 2025 photo calendar entries
- Thanks to the SPOFR for the use of the facility
- Sign-in, Dues & Contact Form, Merchandise, Break goodies, Weed Board info are available
- SLA Member hands?
- New SLA Member hands?
- Non-SLA Member hands?

# 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, life jacket loaner prog.
- Environmentally sustainable use: wake damage survey and education, cleanup events
- Strong sense of rural community: Annual Meeting, picnic, contests, volunteering

**Thanks to everybody who contributes to the continued success of the SLA Mission Statement execution**

# 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

# Accomplishment Summary (since last Annual Meeting)

- Contests: Ice-off and 2025 photo calendar
- Community education: Safe boating laws & wake-sport boat wave (part 1) and wind (part 2) energy, lake level behavior & status
- Community surveys: wave damage, merchandise desired
- Continued website updates
- Continued operating guidelines (SLA-OG) updates
- Merchandise: new products, tracking system updates, and auditing concept
- Lake level management documentation and high lake-level risk reduction
- New Buoy Manager, database creation, new location map (posted on our website), & buoys permitted by the Sheriff



**Thanks to the Board for their extensive work in all these areas and then some**  
**Thanks to the Community for your constructive input**

# Guest Speakers

- Weed Board – 15 min, Heather Pound
- DNR – 15 min, Andrew Stenbeck & Chad Godley
- W&SD – 15 min, Randy Carasco
- Aquatex – 10 min, Bradley Roth



# Break

- 10 minutes
- Please be ready to restart in 10 minutes

# SLA Overview

- More President's Comments
- SLA Board
- Neighborhood Areas
- Support Staff
- Recognitions
- Treasurer's Report
- Contacting the SLA

# SLA President's Comments – Board's Authority & Ops

- SLA is a registered nonprofit corporation in WA State
- *The Board acts on behalf of the Association consistent with guidelines from the Secretary of State (consistent with RCW 24.03A): “Under the Act, **a nonprofit corporation’s board of directors is the governing body of the corporation and is responsible for managing the affairs of the corporation.**”*
- The SLA Board acts as an integrated group reaching consensus through discussion, agreement (majority), or formal motions

## SLA President's Comments – Communications with the Community

- We broadcast to the general community and SLA members only, and send one-on-one responses to individuals who contact us
- Regarding email responses to individuals: We may or may not bcc all other Board members depending on the email content
  - Bcc for all Board members is used for controversial topics, etc.
- ***We do not distribute SLA Board members' private email addresses***

# SLA President's Comments – SLA Board Records

- Nonprofit corporations are not required to publicly post:
  - Corporate records (Board minutes, By-laws, member lists, etc.)
  - Contacts for Board members – the SLA uses multiple emails to reach us:
    - [SacheenLake.Assoc@gmail.com](mailto:SacheenLake.Assoc@gmail.com) – general communications
    - [Sacheen.Treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:Sacheen.Treasurer@gmail.com) – membership and payment information
    - [Sacheen.Merchandise@gmail.com](mailto:Sacheen.Merchandise@gmail.com) – merchandise orders and/or questions
- RCW 24.03A allows info requests by Association members
  - Request must have a specific purpose – SLA Board will assess records requested
  - Information can ONLY be used for that – SLA Board will assess stated purpose
- Board has implemented a Nondisclosure Agreement (NDA) for Board Minutes and the Member list
  - We are transparent through broadcast emails and Annual/Special Meetings
  - SLA Board posts a lot of information on a publicly accessible website
- By-laws are sent to Association members only



<https://sacheenlake.com/>

# SLA President's Comments – Elephant in the Room

- Petition to remove me as President and related activities required extensive time for the Board to address them
  - Response to the petition created under guidance of VP Karlene Perry
  - Considered, truthful, and respectful responses to community members
  - Description to the community about how the Board will address aspects of RCW 24.03A - Email sent 5/19/2025
- SLA Board sent formal complaint to Change.org regarding policy violation
  - **9. False or Misleading Information — C. Defamation** – “Defamatory content, libel and/or slander will be removed, and in some cases you may face legal consequences.”
  - 25 page letter plus 6 attachments with examples of how the SLA Board operates
- Petition was removed from the website

# SLA President's Comments – Membership Analysis

- Review of all SLA members' property ownership per the By-laws
  - Membership form was not updated when the By-laws were updated in 2024
  - By-laws' 5-mile proximity requirement not met by some paid members
  - Correlation of SLA member names to property ownership not always obvious
    - Property ownership name(s) for Trusts and LLCs
  - Specific names for "Family" membership missing – Families have two votes
    - "Family" not formally defined in the By-laws
    - Sustaining members could be a Family or an Individual; votes properly allocated but Family names not properly addressed
- SLA Board will remedy the above; we anticipate By-laws changes
- The membership form has been changed to address all concerns
- Board will consider requests for changes to a membership type in the future and recommend By-laws changes to the Association if deemed necessary
  - Until the By-laws are changed to allow it, changes to a membership type during a year will not be permitted

# SLA President's Comments – New Membership Form

- Change summary
  - Providing voting member names, especially for 2- vote memberships
  - Members must be at least 18 years of age
  - Provide Trust or LLC names for properties not identified by voting name – see legal ownership note
  - 5-mile proximity requirement listed
  - Type of “address” for legal membership list added
  - Sustaining membership now identifies 1 or 2 vote(s) types

**Sacheen Lake Association Membership and Contact Form**

**Dues for 2025 are \$5 Student, \$10 for an Individual, \$25 Family, \$10 Public/Not for Profit, \$100 Sustaining**  
**Dues are valid for the calendar year in which they are paid**

Please fill out this form and mail it with your check, payable to: “Sacheen Lake Association”  
 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(s):</b> <i>Provide voting member name(s)</i> <i>Must be at least 18 years old</i>	
<b>Trust or LLC Name (if applicable)</b> <i>Must be legal property owner(s)</i>	
<b>Mailing Address:</b>	
<b>Lake Address:</b> <i>Must own property within 5 miles of Sacheen Lake</i>	
<b>Phone:</b>	
<b>Email Address:</b>	<i>If you do not have an email address, enter "NONE"</i>
<b>"Address" for legal Member List?</b> <i>Must be USPS or Electronic</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Mailing Address <input type="checkbox"/> Phone Number <input type="checkbox"/> Email Address                    (Check ONE of the three boxes)
<b>Membership type:</b> <small>Family membership entitles those members 2 votes; Sustaining membership of a "family" nature entitles those members 2 votes. All other memberships are 1 vote.</small>	Check only one <input type="checkbox"/> Student <input type="checkbox"/> Individual <input type="checkbox"/> Family <input type="checkbox"/> Public/Not for Profit <input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining (contributes more dues than required) <input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining Family (contributes more dues than required)

Form 250611

**Please use the form to 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. The SLA supports contacting locals for lost & found, emergencies, etc.**

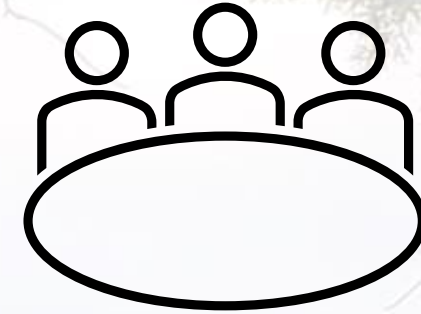
# Community Use of Membership Form

- *If you are not an Association 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!!!*

Name(s): <i>Provide voting member name(s) Must be at least 18 years old</i>	
Trust or LLC Name (if applicable) <i>Must be legal property owner(s)</i>	
Mailing Address:	
Lake Address: <i>Must own property within 5 miles of Sacheen Lake</i>	
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# SLA Board Members (Max of 11 per 2024 By-laws)

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



*Prospective new Board members  
please contact us at:*

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

*Board operations with fewer than 11 (the  
max) allowed by June 2024 By-laws*

1. The President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary form the Executive Committee

2. Prospective Board members have been interviewed; Board has not had time to internally discuss and vote; will do so at July 2025 Board meeting 21

# Neighborhood Area Board Member Assignments

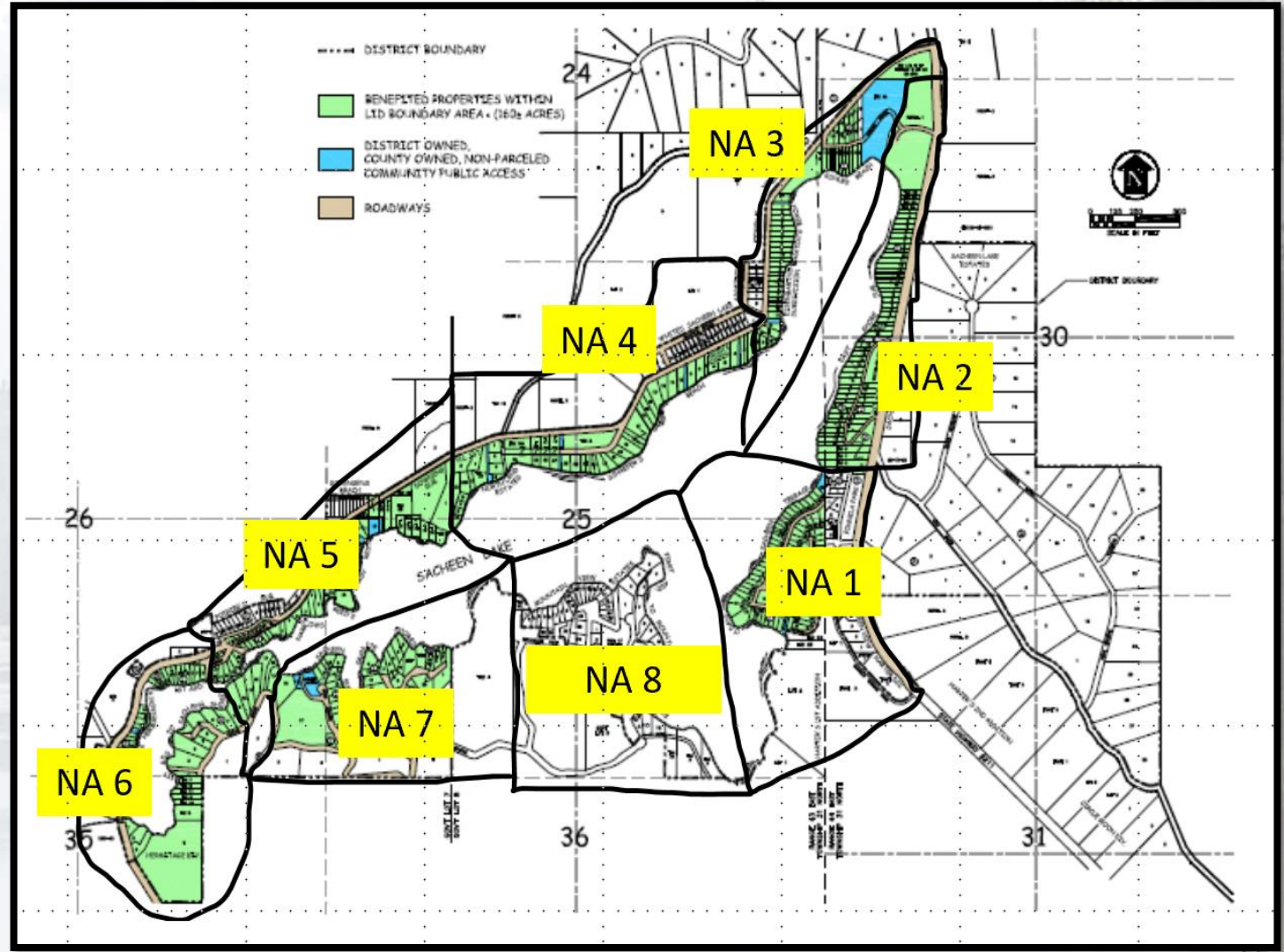


<u>Area</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
NA 1	Denise Reilly
NA 2	Carl Gross
NA 3	Connie Gross
NA 4	Karlene Perry
NA 5	Karlene Perry (temp)
NA 6	Grant Miller (temp)
NA 7	Grant Miller (temp)
NA 8	Grant Miller

(NA = Neighborhood Area)

Lil Hastie and Joe Frauenheim are "At Large"

Specific boundaries are TBD



# SLA Support Staff



# THANK YOU!!!

Email sent to community  
advertising these  
vacancies on 4/25/2025

- SacheenSCOPE Newsletter editor: **vacant** (currently, Grant)
- SLA Merchandise program: **vacant** ([sacheen.merch@gmail.com](mailto:sacheen.merch@gmail.com))
  - Database temporarily being managed by Grant
  - **Individual sales temporarily suspended**
  - Merchandise email not regularly monitored
- SLA Webmaster: Carl Gross
- Lake Level Management: Don Hill. This is a W&SD activity with SLA providing the Lead
  - Lead manages volunteers
  - Shaun Bleecker & Grant Miller as Substitute Leads (Also have an Emergency Lead)
  - Thanks to all of the volunteers, whether you have actually done a clearing or not (yet)
- Lake Level Monitoring (reading the gauge):
  - Don and Grant for lake level data collection
  - Walters family providing regular updates starting June 2025
- Lake Level Flow:
  - Don Hill, Grant Miller, and anybody else who wants to send photos to us (see later slide on details)
- Lake Level Database & Analysis: Grant Miller

# SLA Support Staff

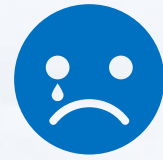


**THANK YOU!!!**

- Buoy management: Kent Henrichsen (SLA procured rock-marking buoys)
  - For missing/damaged buoys contact Kent at (509) 550-2658
- WSPRC Lifejacket loaner program: Karlene Perry & Connie Gross
- Myers/Harter Sanctuary cleanup lead: Carl Gross
- Hwy 211 cleanup lead: Connie and Carl Gross
- WDFW boat launch cleanup lead: Grant Miller
- Community picnic lead: Lil Hastie
- FVR cleanup lead: *Board Vacancy*
- 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 our cleanup events!**

# Recognitions



- Elaine Hooker for SLA Merchandise Lead – resigned due to new job commitment and moving
  - Continues to provide support for the Merchandise Program
- Anthony Patterson for his membership on the SLA Board
- Beverly Schoen for her membership on the SLA Board



***Thank you for your service to the lake and community!!!***

# Treasurer's Information

- SLA has three payment options for dues and merchandise
  - Cash
  - Check – payable to “Sacheen Lake Association”
  - PayPal
    - Use “friends and family” option to avoid fees. Email address for payments is: [sacheen.treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:sacheen.treasurer@gmail.com)
    - SLA Board will ask for additional funds to cover fees if “friends and family” option is not used
- [Sacheen.treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:sacheen.treasurer@gmail.com) email may 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
  - \$25 Public/Not For Profit
  - \$100 Sustaining Member (single or family)
  - 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)
- **Membership fees are for the calendar year in which the payment is made**
  - Our tracking system is not set up for multiple year payments or early payments

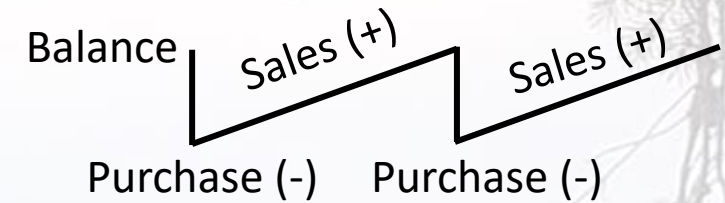
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**Thank you to those SLA members who have paid more than a standard membership!!!**

# Financial Balance Behavior

- Merchandise & Photo Calendar
  - Yearly purchase, followed by gradual sales
  - Merchandise spring purchases ~ \$1500
  - Calendar purchase in early fall ~ \$1000
- Membership Dues
  - Gradual increase in dues paid
  - Many members join at the start of the year, Annual Meeting, and Picnic
- Gradual expenditure through bills paid
- Liability insurance is a large annual expense (~ \$2000) paid in October

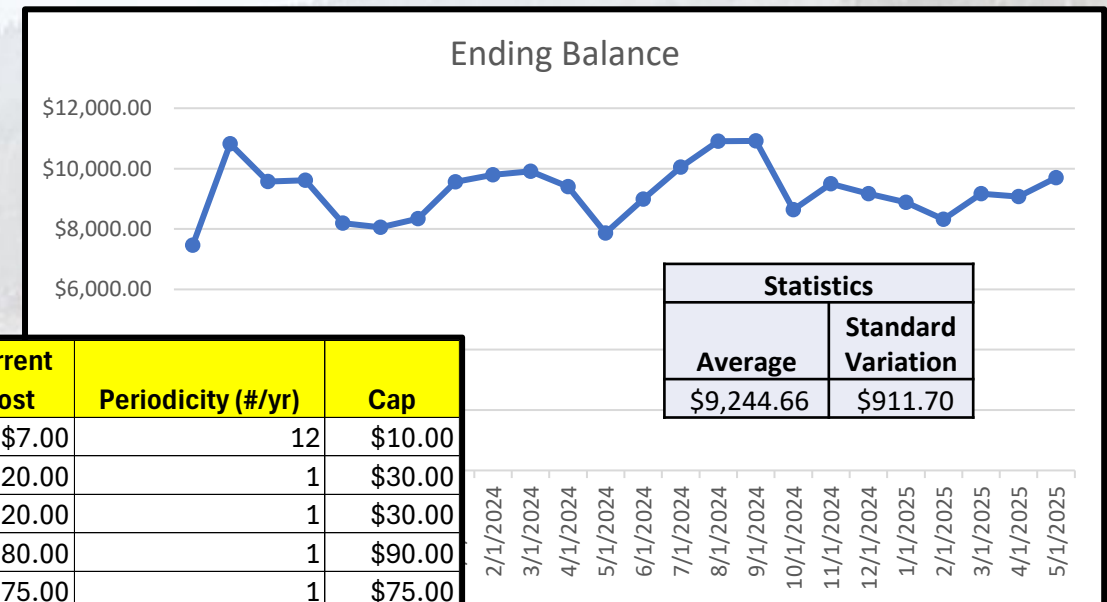


# SLA Financial Tracking and Analysis Tools

- Treasurer’s Monthly Reports
- Annual expenses analysis
- One-Time Approval Bills Tracker
- SLA Financial Balance Graph
  - Supports analysis of proposed expenses for Board motions

Expense Analysis (2022-2023)

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>			



One-Time Approval Bills Tracker

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 6/1/24 – 5/31/25)

INCOME	
Dues	3,023.65
Dues paid for 2026	25.00
donations to SLA	395.00
Merchandise sales	1,888.00
calendar sales	2,254.25
check for merchandise purchased in 2024-2025 FY returned	650.76
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>8,236.66</b>

EXPENSES	
calendar purchase	-913.63
calendar postage	-130.20
PUD Light at Fertile Valley & Highway 2	-84.00
Secretary of State, SLA and SBA	-40.00
PO Box Rental	-109.00
Director's Insurance	-2,070.53
2024 Picnic expenses	-573.29
Ice Off contest winner	-25.00
General Meeting refreshments	-22.99
Sign at boat launch & installation supplies	-384.46
Grabbers for Clean Up events	-48.60
Buoys and Supplies	-624.46
Canopy for Merchandise Sales	-59.94
Prize for 2025 picnic raffle	-140.52
Going away present for prior Buoy Manager	-106.95
Reimburse for calendars not received	-41.50
Postcards and Postage for survey	-266.52
Merchandise Purchases	-974.15
Community Yard Sale ad	-17.50
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>-6,633.24</b>

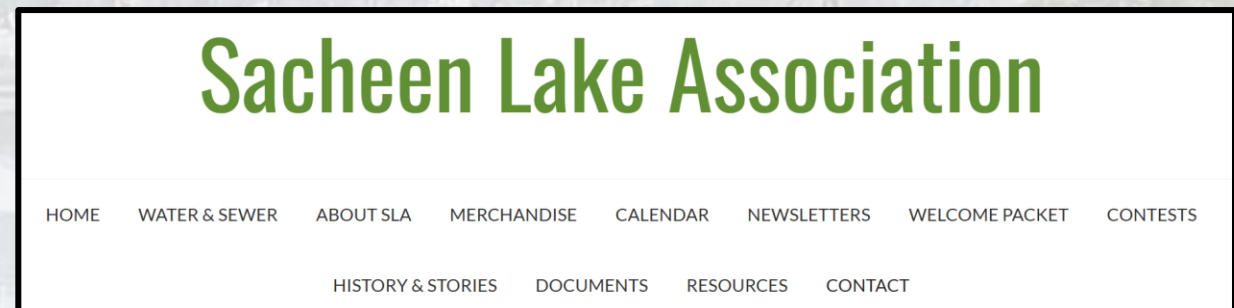
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<b>BANK ACCOUNTS</b>	
<b>Checking</b>	
6/1/2024 balance	2,087.69
24-25 income	8,236.66
24-25 expenses	-6,633.24
5/31/2025 balance	<b>3,691.11</b>
<b>Business Savings</b>	
6/1/2024 balance	1,008.03
dividends	1.52
5/31/2025 balance	<b>1,009.54</b>
<b>Certificate of Deposit</b>	
6/1/2024 balance	4,772.98
dividends	219.11
5/31/2025 balance	<b>4,992.09</b>
<b>Total of all accounts as of 5/31/25</b>	
	<b>9,692.74</b>

# 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) **(temp offline)**
  - Treasurer inquiries: [sacheen.treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:sacheen.treasurer@gmail.com)
- We have an account for Board member file sharing & document archives
- We create our digital surveys using Google Forms from the relevant account
  
- Website: <https://sacheenlake.com/>
  - Continual improvement and updates



# SLA Accomplishments\*

- SLA Events and Contests
- SLA Operations Improvements
- Lake Level Management
- Community Outreach
  - Wave and Wind Energy
  - Surveys: Wave Damage and Merchandise

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\* Since 2024 SLA Annual Meeting

# SLA Events and Contests Held

Event	Date and Time	Location
Myers-Harter Park Cleanup	Saturday, May 10, 2025, 8:00 am	Myers – Harter Park
Hwy 211 Cleanup	Saturday, May 24, 2025, 9:00 am	Meet at Myers – Harter Park



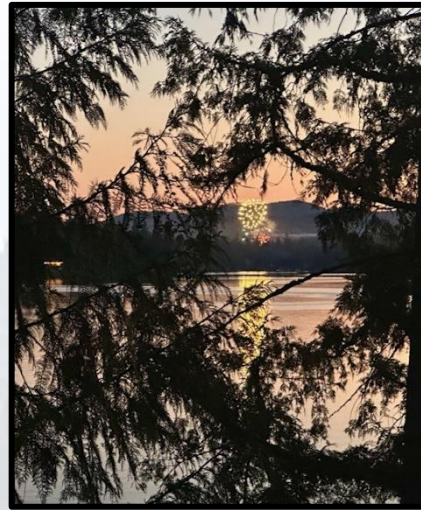
Five volunteers for park cleanup.

Five volunteers for Hwy 211 cleanup. About a mile, from Eastshore to Lily Pond Lane, wasn't cleaned due to a shortage of volunteers.



- Photo Calendar contest
  - Winner: Kirk Hirota, free calendar
  - Photo: Next slide contains winner and 11 other calendar photos
- Ice-Off contest – Ice-off occurred on 3/13/2025
  - Winner: Staci Gloyn, \$25
  - Guess: 3/14/2025 (next closest was 3/18/2025)





# 2025 Calendar Photos



















# SLA Operations – SLA Board’s Digital Records


- Shared Folder Example
  - Shared to all SLA Board members
  - Sharing removed once a person is no longer on the Board

My Drive ▾









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Name ↑	Owner	Last modified ▾
 Annual Meetings	 me	Mar 27, 2025
 Article of Incorporation - SLA	 me	Mar 21, 2025
 Beaver Dam	 me	Mar 27, 2025
 Board Agendas & Presentations	 me	Mar 27, 2025
 Board Minutes and Notes	 me	Mar 27, 2025
 Boating Safety	 me	Mar 27, 2025
 Buoy Management	 me	Mar 27, 2025
 By-laws	 me	Mar 27, 2025

- Restricted Access Example
  - Files contain contact details
  - Beaver Dam clearing volunteers
  - SLA membership list
  - Etc.

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Name ↑	Owner	Last modified ▾
 Beaver Dam	 me	Oct 29, 2024
 Board Member Interviews	 me	Sep 10, 2024
 Boating Safety	 me	Oct 29, 2024
 Buoy Mgmt	 me	Oct 8, 2024

# SLA Operations – Mods to Minutes

- Research into Secretary of State guidelines for non-profit minutes highlighted the need for more details in minutes
- Added specific topic paragraphs aligned with the agenda topics
  - Changes will take effect as of this month (start of our fiscal year)

## **8 Ongoing Business Topics Discussed**

- <Topic name>: <insert a short description of the topic, discussion, conclusion reached>

## **9 New Business Topics Discussed**

- <Topic name>: <insert a short description of the topic, discussion, conclusion reached>

- Minutes are releasable to SLA members only (upon request per By-laws)
  - Minutes release now requires signing a Nondisclosure Agreement
- Note: Agenda files are NOT releasable as they contain detailed SLA Board discussion points which we are not required by law to release
  - Future Presidents may change how they create agendas

# SLA Operations – Merchandise Certificates

- Two types: (1) gift certificates for sale and (2) SLA Board awards
- Valid for one (1) year
- No cash back if \$ Merchandise < \$ Certificate



Type (1)



**Purchaser:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Awards this**  
**Gift Certificate to**  
**Recipient:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**For SLA merchandise**  
**not to exceed a value of \$** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Redeemable from** \_\_\_\_\_ **to** \_\_\_\_\_  
**SLA President:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Certificate #:** \_\_\_\_\_



Type (2)



**The Sacheen Lake Association**  
**Awards this**  
**Gift Certificate to**  
**Recipient:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**For SLA merchandise**  
**not to exceed a value of \$** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Redeemable from** \_\_\_\_\_ **to** \_\_\_\_\_  
**SLA President:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Certificate #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Gift certificates available for sale today – see Merchandise sales table**

# SLA Operations – Merch Tracking Tools Improvements

- SLA digitized merchandise inventory tools, created a specific email account for the lead, and stored files online starting in spring 2023
  - E.g., developed a profit model (profit goes down as cost goes up)
- Improvements to the inventory file include (avail this FY):
  - Inclusion of merchandise gift and award certificate use
  - Better handling of taxed / not taxed (Reseller's Permit) products
  - Inclusion of lost/damaged items in "sales" tracking (cost to SLA with no profit)
  - Invoice fixed cost (setup fees, etc.) tracking and amortization
  - Added automated monthly analysis for Merch reporting to the Board
  - Added automated Annual Report generation for the Board

# SLA Operations – Merch Inventory Tracking Tool

ITEM CODE	Product Name / Image / Size / Color / Date Entered
SWEATSHI... ▾	1/4 Zip Adult Long Sleeve / Heron Sunset / L / Navy / 2023
SWEATSHI... ▾	1/4 Zip Adult Long Sleeve / Heron Sunset / M / Heathered Graphite / 2023
SWEATSHI... ▾	1/4 Zip Adult Long Sleeve / Mountain / Adult XL / Red / 2019
SWEATSHI... ▾	1/4 Zip Female Long Sleeve / Heron Sunset / M / Navy / 2023
SWEATSHI... ▾	1/4 Zip Female Long Sleeve / Heron Sunset / S / Vintage Heather / 2023
APRON ▾	Apron / Heron / Adult / Blue / 2017
APRON ▾	Apron / Mountain / Adult / Tan / 2017

**Products**

**Purchases**

ITEM CODE	Product Name	Invoice or Receipt Date	Stock Due Date	Supplier	Quantity
TANK	Tank / Sacheen Outline / S / Blue / 2024	5/9/2024		Riverside	7
TANK	Tank / Sacheen Outline / M / Blue / 2024	5/9/2024		Riverside	5
TANK	Tank / Sacheen Outline / L / Blue / 2024	5/9/2024		Riverside	5
TANK	Tank / Sacheen Outline / XL / Blue / 2024	5/9/2024		Riverside	5

Product Name	Invalid: Input must fall within specified range	Client (First & Last / # if gift Cert.)	Quantity	Retail Price	Amount
Coffee Mug / Lake Life / One Size / White / 2024		Elaine	2	\$ 10.00	\$ -
1/4 Zip Adult Long Sleeve / Heron Sunset / L / Navy / 2023	6/15/2024	Cash ▾ Shiela	1	\$ 48.00	\$ 48.00
1/4 Zip Female Long Sleeve / Heron Sunset / S / Vintage Hea...	6/15/2024	Cash ▾ Bev	1	\$ 48.00	\$ 48.00
Bib / Lake Life / One Size / Light Blue / 2024	6/15/2024	Cash ▾ Mary	1	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00
Bib / Lake Life / One Size / Light Blue / 2024	6/15/2024	Cash ▾ Shiela	1	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00
Coffee Mug / Lake Life / One Size / White / 2024	6/15/2024	Cash ▾ Karen	1	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00
Coffee Mug / Lake Life / One Size / White / 2024	6/15/2024	Cash ▾ Mary	1	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00
Coffee Mug / Lake Life / One Size / White / 2024	6/15/2024	Cash ▾ Wendy	2	\$ 10.00	\$ 20.00

**Sales**

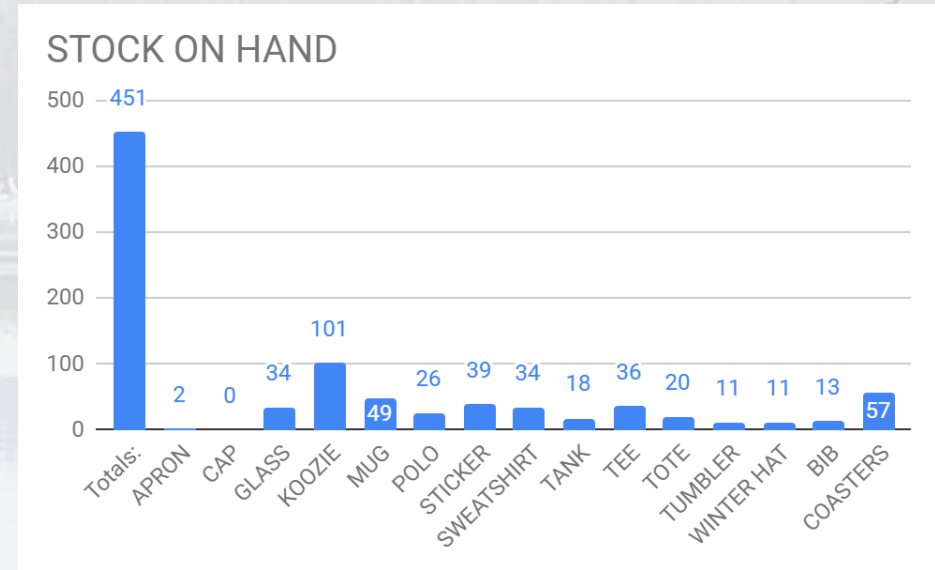
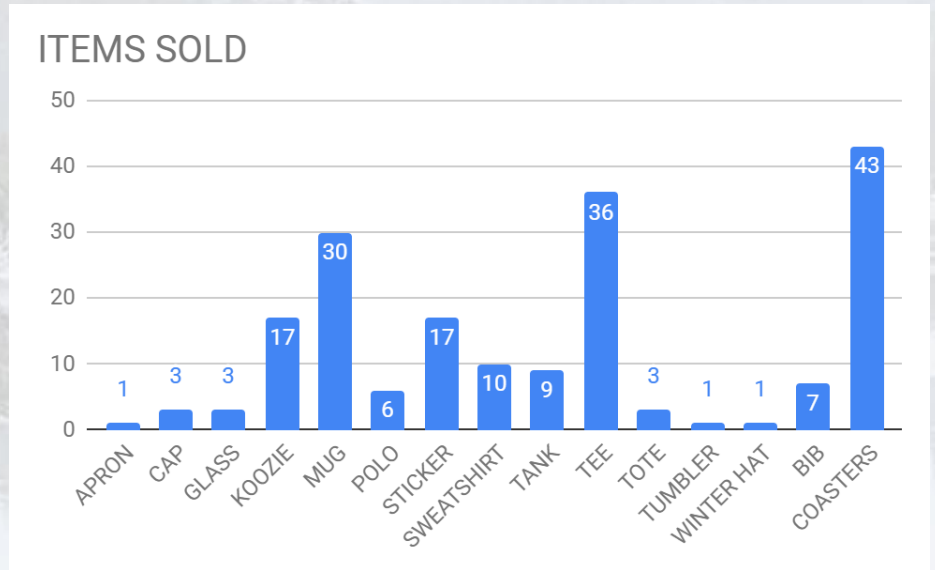
# SLA Operations – Merch Analysis Tools

Monthly & Cumulative

MONTH	Total Cash Sales	Total Paypal Sales	Total Check Sales	Total Sales	Cumulative Sales	Purchases	Cumulative Purchases	Sales - Purchases	Sold Item Profits	Sold Item Cumulative Profits
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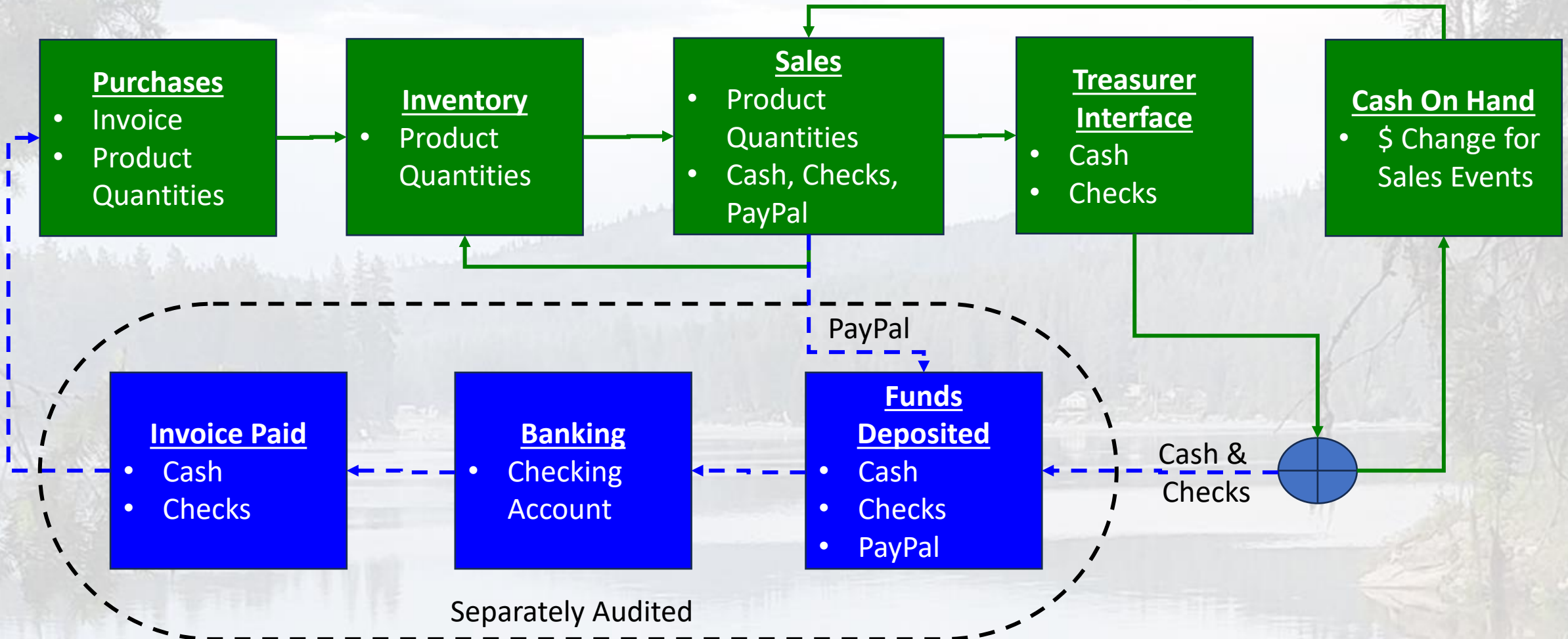
Annual

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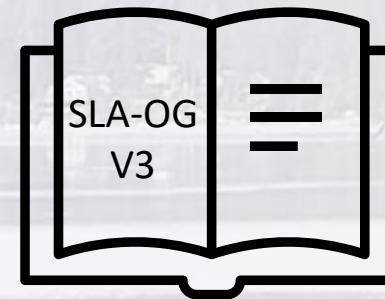
# SLA Operations – Merchandise System Auditing

- Audit transactional interfaces within Merch program and to Treasurer



# SLA Operations – SLA Ops Guidelines Improvements

- Contest & event guidelines: Ice-off, photo calendar, community yard sale, mow park before picnic
- SLA Board file sharing: Google Drive restricted access file mngt (contacts, etc.)
- Financial: one-time approval bills handling, audit report email, invoice payments by Treasurer for others (Merch, etc.), monthly balance over time
- Merchandise: auditing (draft), process updates, gift certificates and processing
- Community email templates updated: Ice-off, photo calendar, 2024 By-laws changes,
- W&SD liaison reporting for Board meetings
- Website mods: Welcome Packet description
- Leave life jacket out all year (ice-fishers)
- Buoy management process
- Meeting minutes mods
- Support Staff transition training requirements
- Petition processing



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Many mods are fully developed; others are in various states of development

# SLA Operations – Buoy Management

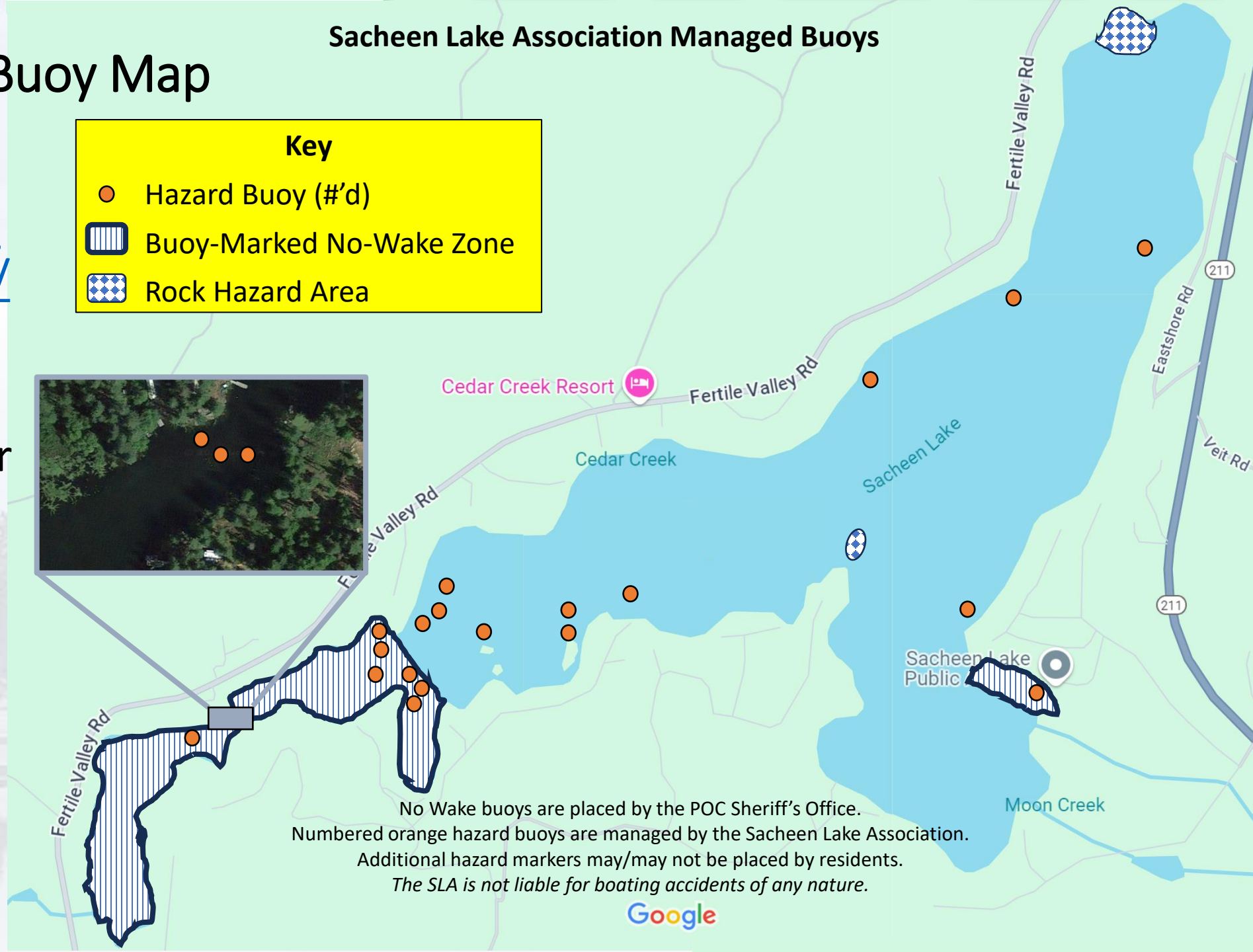
- New Buoy Manager – Kent Henrichsen – (509) 550-2658
- New Buoy Database
- Permitting by County Sheriff

Buoy Ref Number (Counter clockwise from Boat Launch)	Buoy Latitude	Buoy Longitude	Buoy Location (Closest Street Address and/or Area)	Owner ("SLA" or Person's Name)	Buoy Manager	Which SLA Sub-Mngr	Mngr / Sub-Mngr Duties	Storage Location	Is Buoy Permitted	Who Permitted the Buoy	When Were Buoy Permitted	Permit Expiration Date
1	48.150943	-117.307850	Boat Launch 61 Viewpoint Rd	SLA	SLA Sub-Mngr	John Reilly	In/Out/Store	SLA Sub-Mngr	Yes	Sheriff Glenn Blakeslee	11/13/2024	12/31/2026

# SLA Operations – Buoy Map

- Map available at: <https://sacheenlake.com/documents/sla/>
- Recommend rental property owners have a copy in their clients' welcome package
- We still have two buoys to address that are placed by property owners

## Sacheen Lake Association Managed Buoys



# Lake Level Management – Division of Responsibility

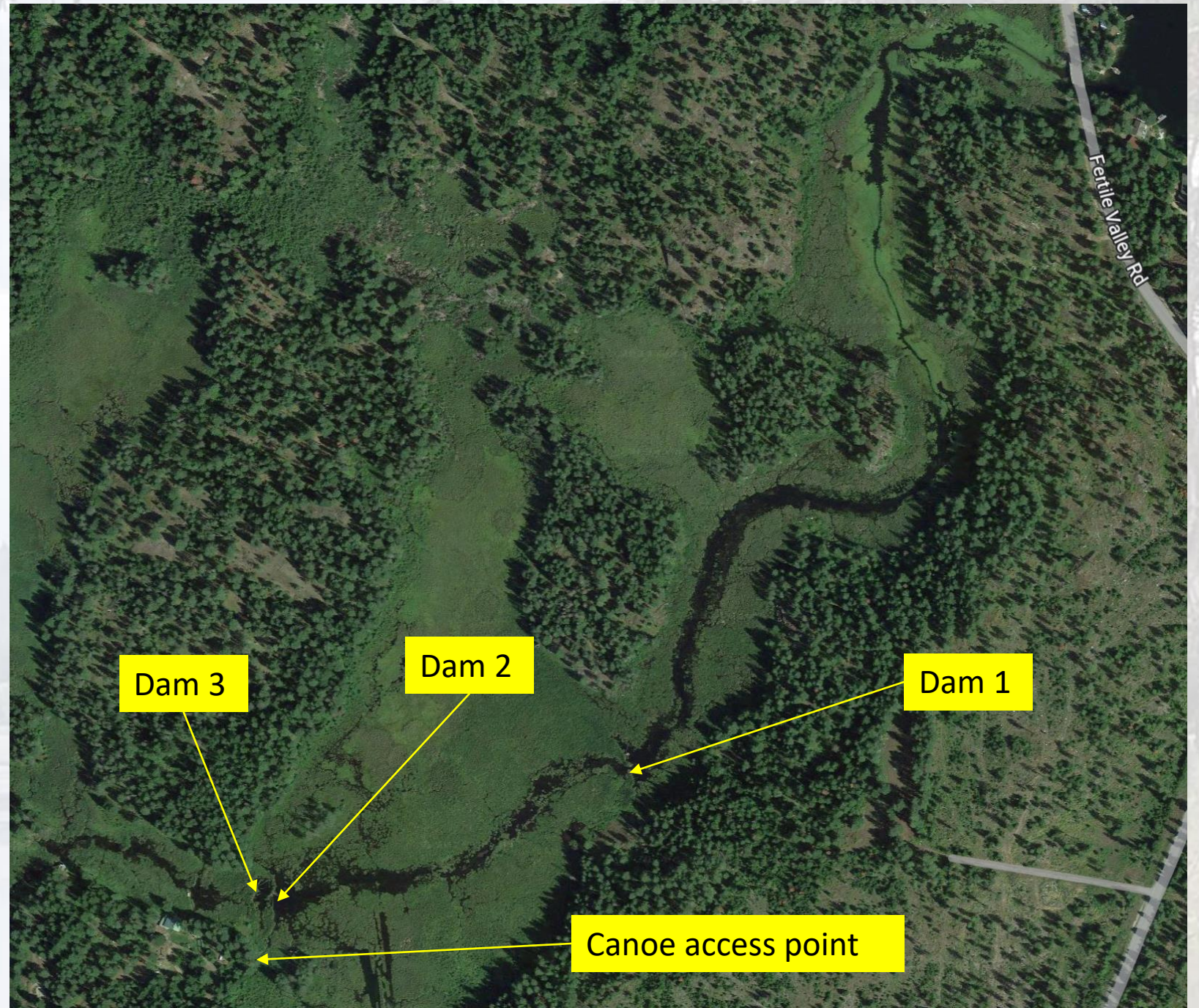
- Division between what the SLA does and what the Sacheen Water and Sewer District (W&SD) does for overall lake health
- W&SD – Overall Lake Health
  - Passing the yearly levy is key to these activities!
  - Monitors water quality
  - Contracts and pays for invasive weed control
  - Contracts and pays for beaver removal
  - Holds agreements with WDFW and local landowner for beaver dam / culvert clearing - Hydraulic Project Approval and Access Agreement, respectively
- SLA Board – Lake Level Focus
  - Sends yearly reminder to community to vote for levy, if asked by W&SD
  - Lead is Support Staff to SLA – manages outings, selects volunteers, coordinates with local landowner for access
  - Community members are volunteers to W&SD for beaver dam / culvert clearing
  - Monitors and assesses lake level

# Lake Level Management Overview

- Lake level and flow is monitored regularly
- A determination is made to execute a clearing outing or not with each new lake level measurement or flow assessment
  - There are 3 existing dams (must remain) and two tubes at each dam (may be cleaned), and sometimes new dams (may be removed)
- If an outing is required, it is a coordinated event with the landowner, Lead, and a volunteer
- Clearing activities **MUST** follow WDFW and landowner documented requirements (agreements with W&SD)
  - Documents are signed agreements between the Sacheen W&SD and the WDFW and W&SD and the landowner
  - Hydraulic Project Approval (WDFW)
  - Access Agreement (Landowner)

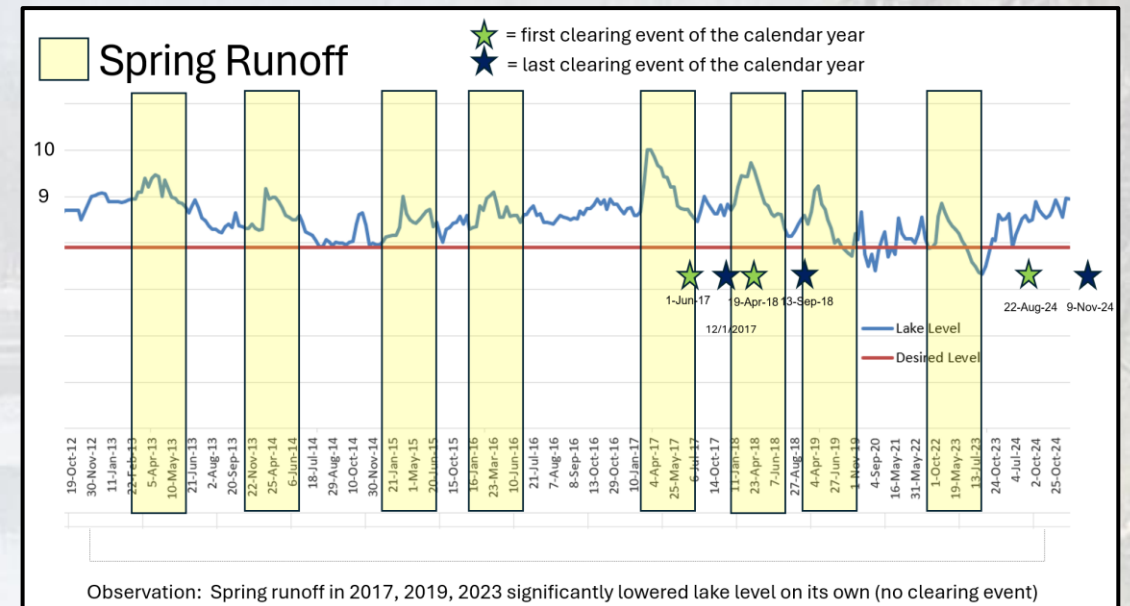
# Existing Dams and Tubes

- Dam 1 is closest to the lake at 3/5 mile from FVR bridge
- Dam 2 is another 1/5 mile downstream
- Dam 3 is immediately downstream from Dam 2



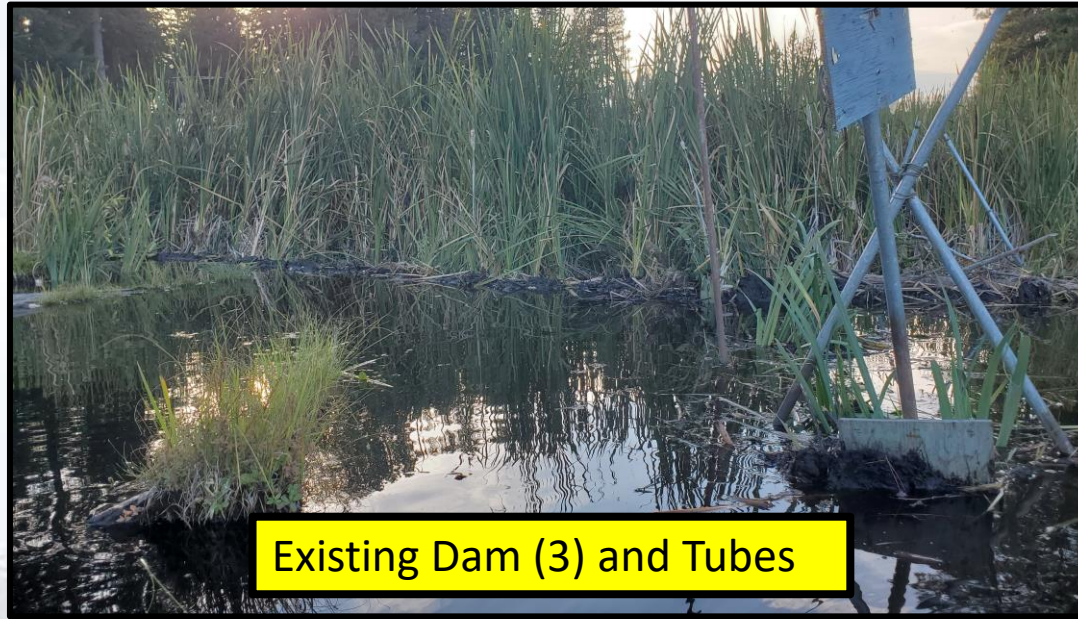
# Lake Level Management

- Culvert clearing PowerPoint (pdf) training package generated and provided to new volunteers
- Lake level assessments in fall 2024 (why staying high)
  - Determined that clearing events could not keep up with the beaver activity
  - Request of and paid by W&SD to remove 16 beavers
  - Sent community email on 9/15/2024
- 2025 Spring Runoff Analysis
  - Illustrated the behavior of runoff:
    - Highest lake level all year long
    - Frequently lake level lowers on its own – rare that it does not
- Clearing event date inclusion
  - Provided better reasoning for lake level
  - Still have to enter all historical clearing data available



# Lake Level Management

Lake Level Gauge

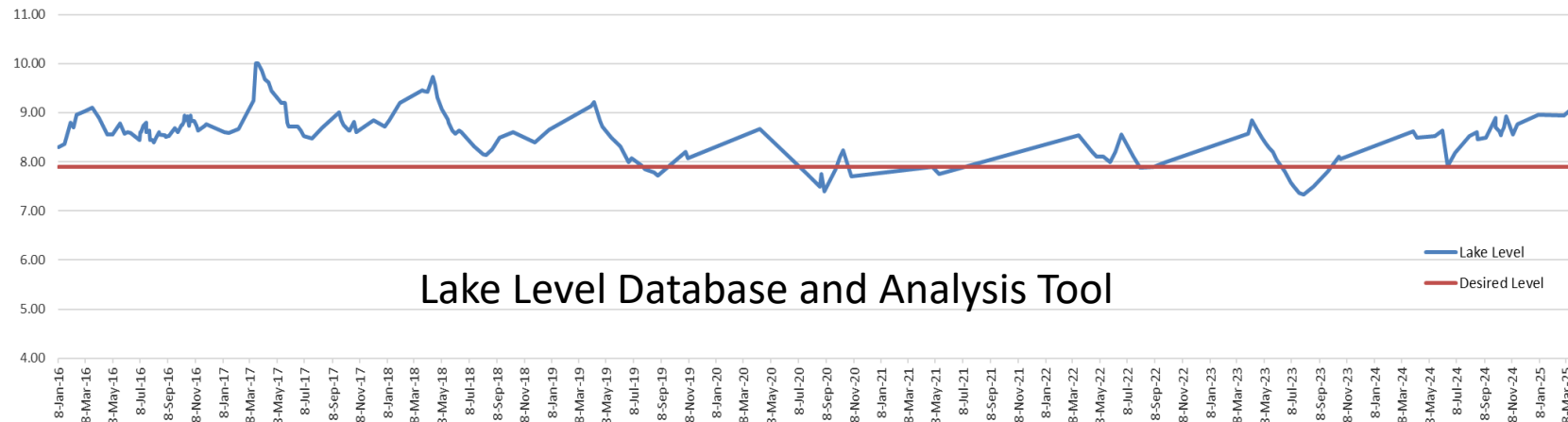


Existing Dam (3) and Tubes



Clogged Tubes

Lake Level Readings, Last Ten Years



Lake Level Database and Analysis Tool

# Lake Level Managers & Volunteers

- Leads
  - Single Lead oversees lake management
  - Coordinates and leads clearing events
- Support Leads
  - Lead clearing events as coordinated with or by the Lead
  - Supports repeated trips alternating among people trained to lead volunteers
- Emergency Lead - can lead a clearing event
  - In dire cases (all other leads unavailable)
- Volunteers
  - AA: Must be “indemnified and properly trained”
  - AA: Releases landowner from any & all claims
  - HPA: May be held liable for loss or damage to fish or their habitat
  - HPA: Failure to comply can result in civil action against you



Selected Volunteer

**Excel File: Beaver Dam Volunteers**

- Name
- Phone Number
- Current Status (active, inactive)
- Address

# Volunteer Training Requirements



= Required Reading  
(Blue text below)

- Digital training package: “Lake Level Management: Beaver Dams & Tubes”, current version: 10/12/2024

- Purpose
- Introduction – W&SD and SLA Involvement
- A Brief History of Beaver Dams and Tubes
- Lake Level Management
- **Beaver Dam Locations** and Beaver Activity
- HPA: What It Is and **Key Information for Volunteers**
- Access Agreement: What It Is and **Key Information for Volunteers**
- Dam and Tube Clearing Overview
- **Clearing Process Overview**
- **Tube Clearing Activities**
- What About the Inlet Waters to Sacheen?
- Points of Contact

- First outing field training

- Qualified Lead teaches the clearing process as part of their first clearing event

## Sample Required Reading Slide

### Key HPA Provisions for Volunteers



#### TIMING - PLANS - INVASIVE SPECIES CONTROL

1. **TIMING LIMITATION:** You may begin the project immediately and you must complete the project within 5 years.
  2. **INVASIVE SPECIES CONTROL:** Thoroughly clean all equipment and gear before arriving and leaving the job site to prevent the transport and introduction of aquatic invasive species. Properly dispose of any water and chemicals used to clean gear and equipment. You can find additional information in the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife's Invasive Species Management Protocols (November 2012), available online at <http://wdfw.wa.gov/publications/01490/wdfw01490.pdf>.
  3. **APPROVED PLANS:** You must accomplish the work per plans and specifications submitted with the application and approved by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, entitled JARPA, dated September 12, 2022, except as modified by this Hydraulic Project Approval. You must have a copy of these plans available on site during all phases of the project construction.
- #### NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS
4. **NOTIFICATION:** You, your agent, or contractor must contact the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife by e-mail at [HPAapplications@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:HPAapplications@dfw.wa.gov); mail to Post Office Box 43234, Olympia, Washington 98504-3234; or fax to (360) 902-2946 at least three business days before starting work. The notification must include the permittee's name, project location, starting date, and the Hydraulic Project Approval permit number.
  5. A log shall be kept of all work done under the Hydraulic Project Approval. The log shall include the nature of work done, date work performed, and names(s) of those that conducted work. A copy of the log shall be sent to the Area Habitat Biologist listed below by September 30 of each year the permit is in effect.

# Lake Management Activities (1 of 3)

- Monitor

- Lake level: we maintain a historical record of lake level (since 1994)

- The level is read, and data is entered into the tracking file

- Water flow:

- Low flow may imply beaver's have dammed the culverts and/or created a new dam(s)

- There is usually a flow visible in the lake itself

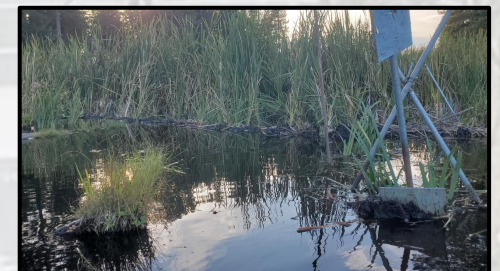
- Flow can be examined on the barrier dam north of Harworth and about ½ mile in from Fertile Valley Rd

- The dam is a barrier to unwanted fish species swimming upstream into Sacheen Lake

- Low flow may indicate that beavers have blocked the tubes

- Inspect tubes and for new dams

- Inspections provide good guidance on if there are problems now or coming up and where work is needed



# Lake Management Activities (2 of 3)

- Analysis
- Tracking file
  - The behavior of the lake level is examined with each new data entry
  - Increasing height above the desired level is an indicator that a clearing event may be required
    - Spring runoff is also considered
  - Decreasing height indicates that flow is occurring (out of the lake, or none into the lake)
    - A clearing may still be needed if the decrease is slow, or the height is still too high

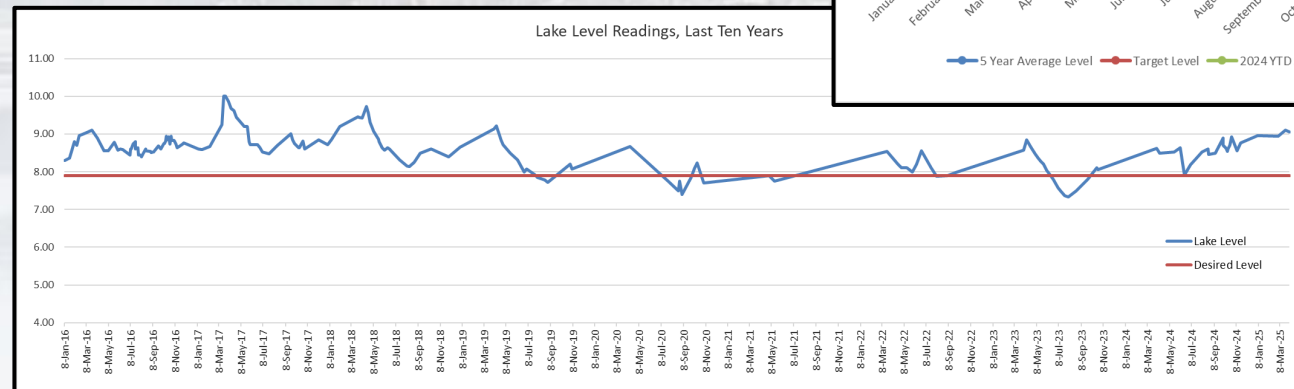
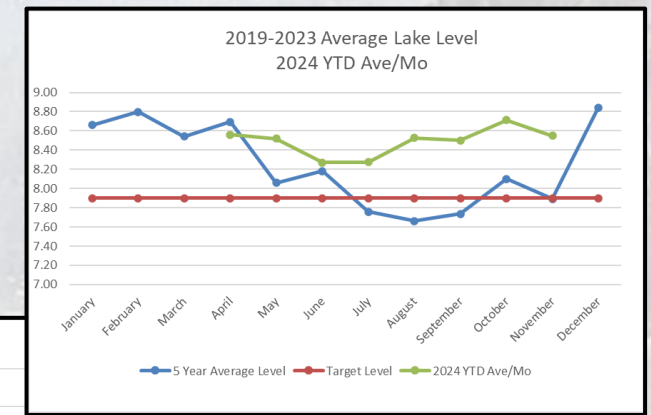
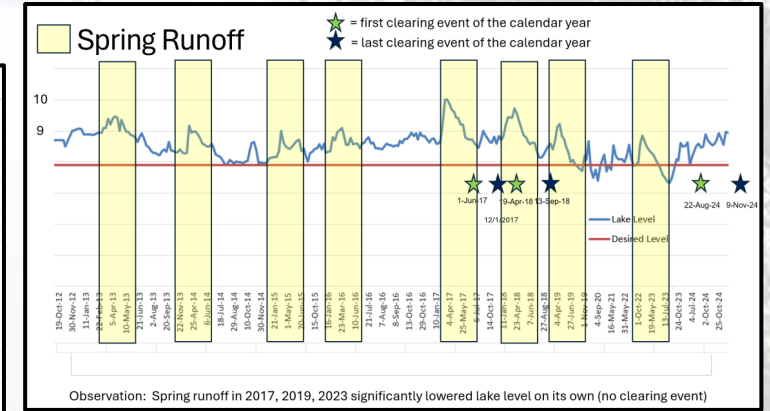
Beaver Dam				
Date	Lake Level	Desired Level	Clearing Date	Comment
16-Oct-24	8.60	7.9		
20-Oct-24	8.70	7.9		
25-Oct-24	8.93	7.9	25-Oct-24	Grates on tubes at 3 cleared. Good flow.
20-Nov-24	8.76	7.9		
9-Nov-24	8.55	7.9	9-Nov-24	Measurement for cleaning. Grates on tubes at 3 cleared. Good flow.
6-Jan-25	8.96	7.9		
3-Mar-25	8.95	7.9		
23-Mar-25	9.10	7.9		
3-Apr-25	9.05	7.9		

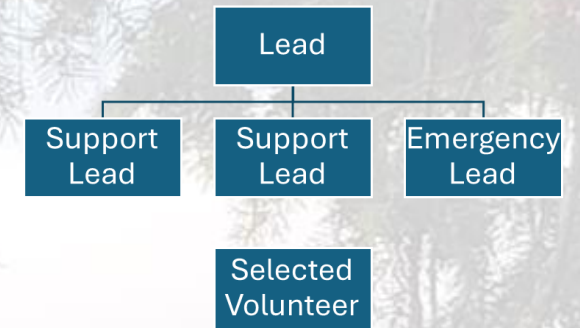
Table Instructions: Ensure that the range of the below data table data is correct with each new entry.		
	Level	Date
Number of Recordings		726
Historical Minimum	7.33	3-Aug-23
Historical Maximum	10.50	24-Jan-06
Historical Max Spread	3.17	
Historical Average	8.63	Cannot contain blank rows for correct average
Historical Std Dev	0.45	
Two-Sigma Dev	0.91	For a normal curve, 2-sigma represents 95% of the data
Two-Sigma Min	9.54	21 Two-sigma Count Above Ave
Two-Sigma Dev	7.72	16 Two-sigma Count Below Ave

Graph Instructions: After adding data, edit the "Master Graph" tab to add data to the graph 10 Years" tab after each entry		
Total Count		727
Above	9	134 18.4%
Below	8.5	265 36.5%
Below	7.9	35 4.8%
2-sigma above		21 2.9%
1-sigma below		16 2.2%



# Lake Management Activities (3 of 3)

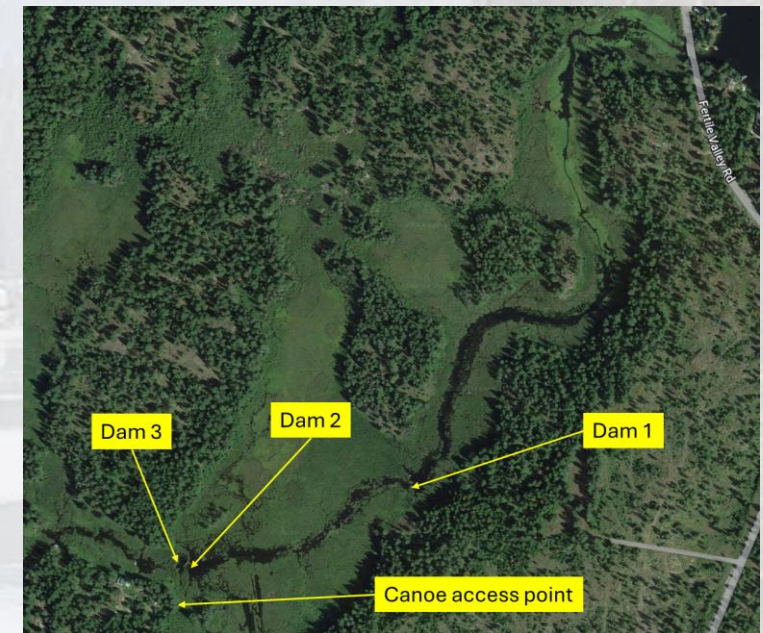


- Clearing event

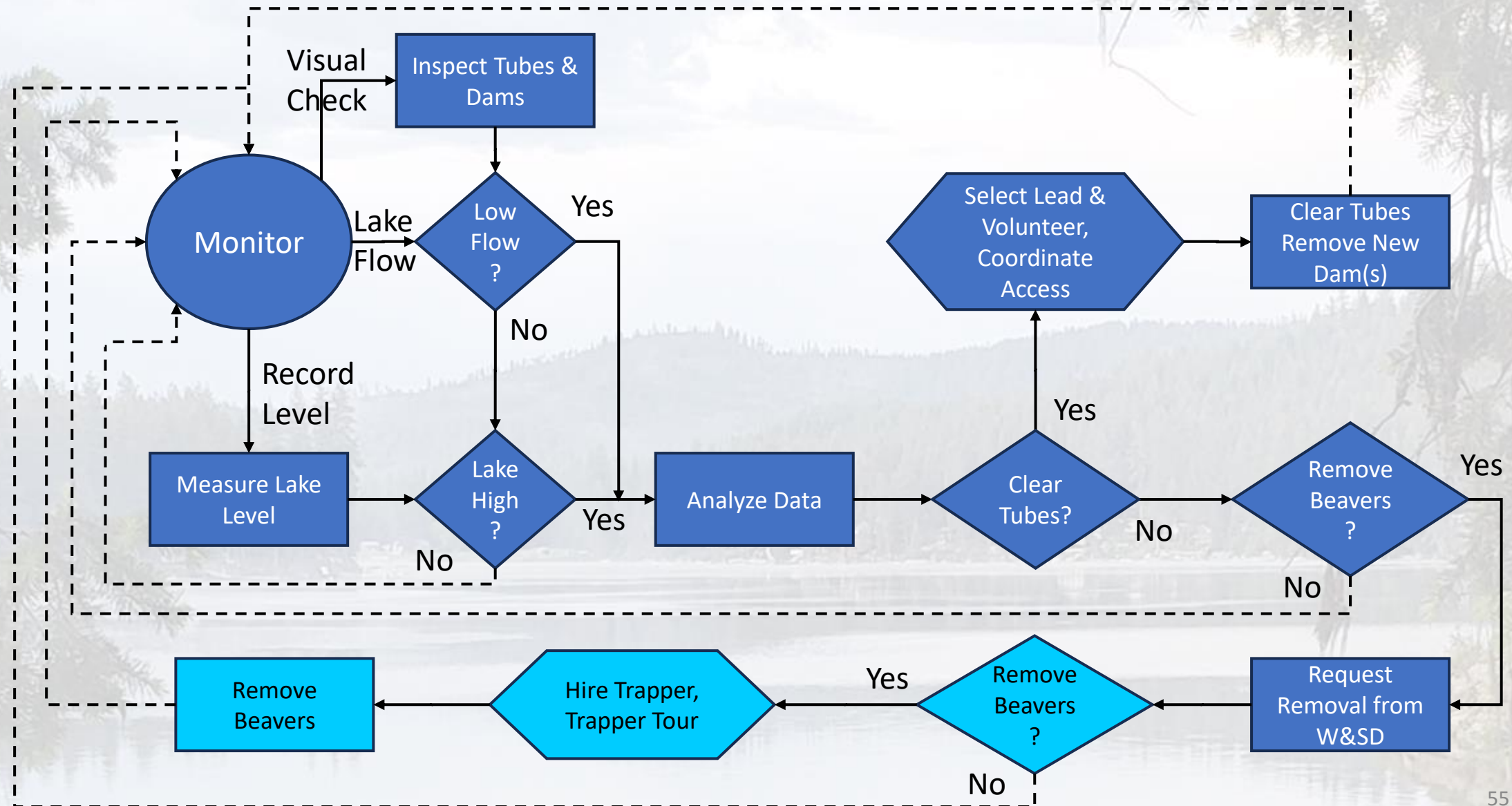
- Lead coordinates availability with trained leads
  - Must be executed by a trained Lead and a trained volunteer
    - Lead: Don Hill
    - Substitute Lead: Grant Miller
    - Substitute Lead: Shaun Bleecker
    - Emergency Lead: Bill Storms

Beaver Dam Volunteers (Historical)				
<u>Name</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Comment</u>

- Lead selects an available volunteer
  - Volunteers must understand guidelines placed on the activity
  - An SLA training package should be reviewed before the first outing
  - First outing is considered a field training event
- Lead must coordinate land access with the landowner
  - Need to coordinate with landowner's schedule for access
  - Property is gated and locked
- Lead and volunteer clear tubes, check for new dams (remove if present), take debris out of the lake and leave at landowner's property (they burn the debris), store gear

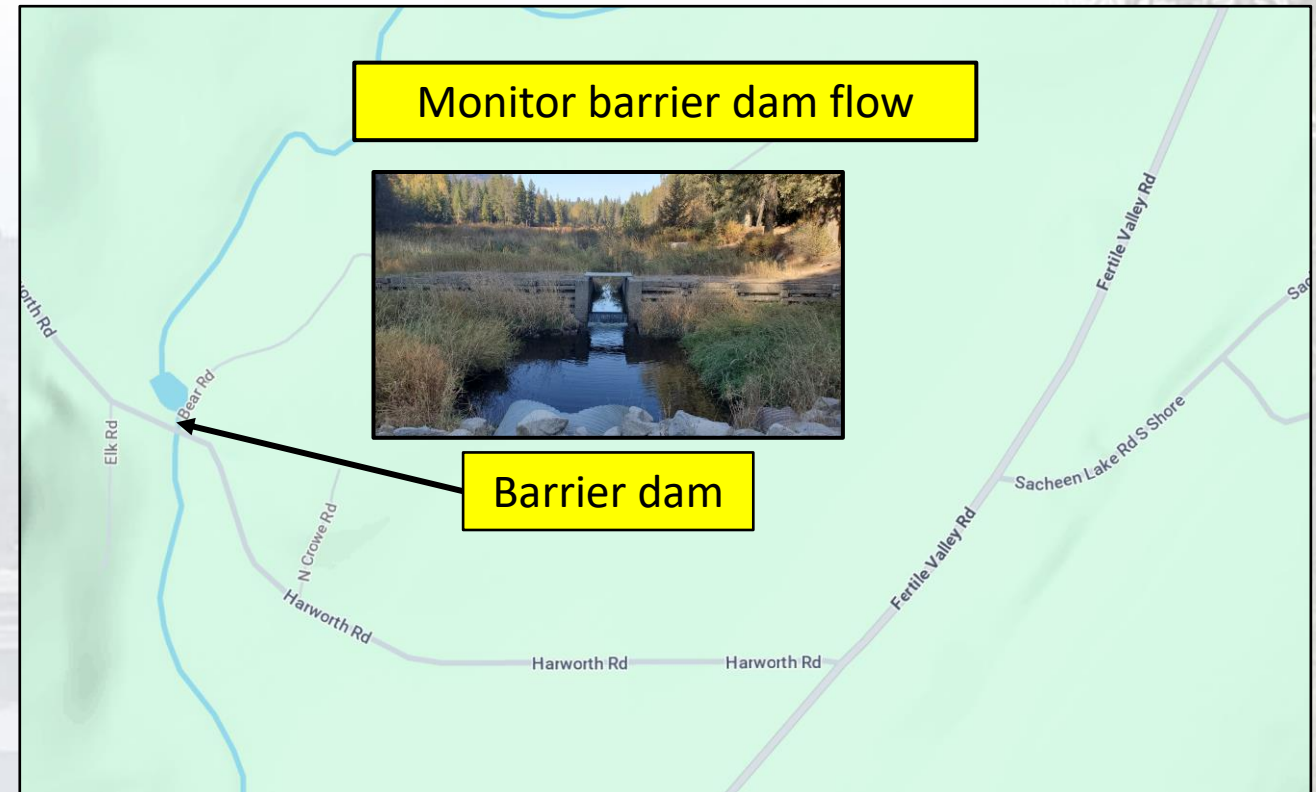
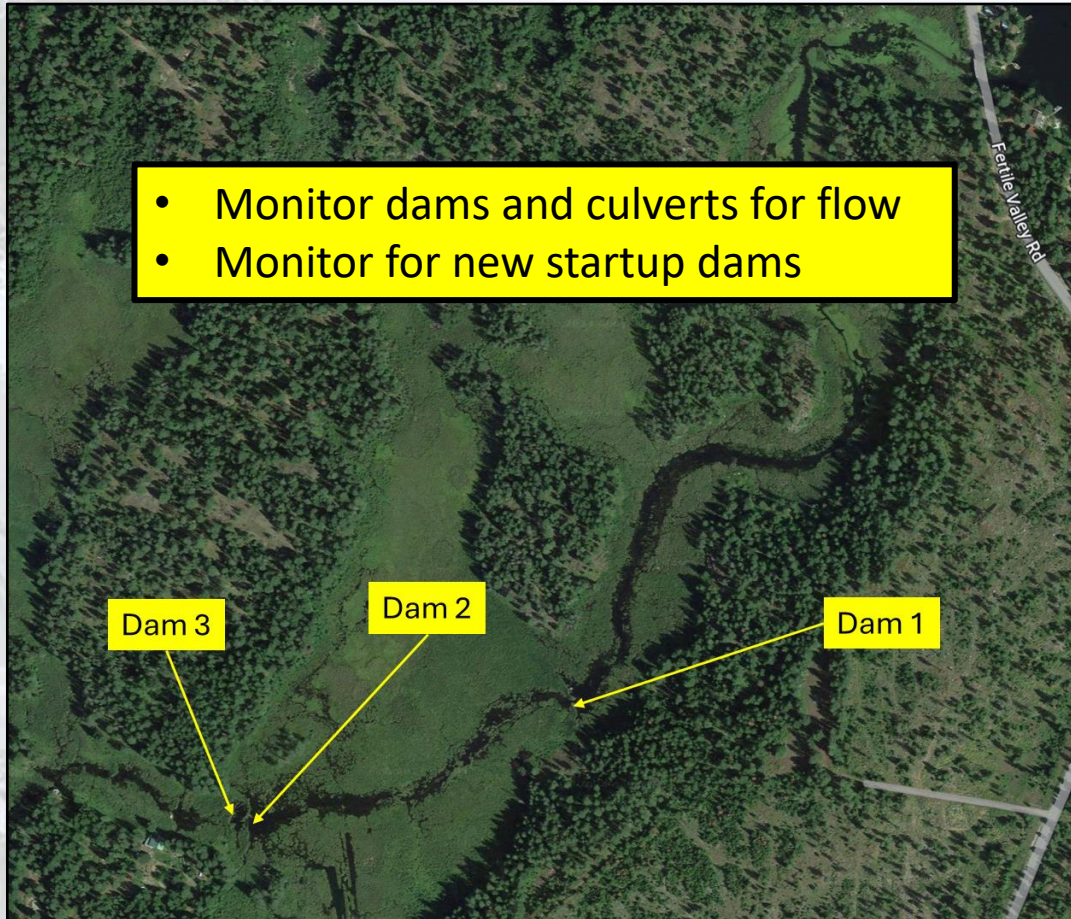


# Lake Level Management Process



# Community Support - Lake Monitoring

Send photos and comments to: [Sacheenlake.Assoc@gmail.com](mailto:Sacheenlake.Assoc@gmail.com)



# Community Outreach - Summary

- Increased number of people on email system
  - People joined throughout the year and 10 or so after receiving the wave damage survey postcard
- Updated our USPS mailing list for use in survey postcard mailing
- Continued website updates
- Email updates on SLA Board operations
- Educational lake level emails explaining lake level behavior, etc.
- Wave energy presentations and damage survey (more herein)
- Merchandise preference survey (more herein)

# Community Outreach – Wave Energy

- Purpose: Want both sides of the wake-sport boat concern to understand the other side and to look for the best solutions for the community
- Actions beyond education and community concerns assessment are beyond what the SLA Board plans to do
- Our goals today for this section are to:
  - Briefly summarize the critical aspects of the education
  - Illustrate the positive in what has transpired
  - Ask the community to be civil in addressing the “other side of the fence”

# SLA Authority to Address Wave Damage

- Community members complained that SLA Board overstepped its boundaries in educating the community about wake-sport boat wave and wind wave energy
- Our By-laws support and fundamentally insist on our involvement in understanding the issue and community educational outreach
  - For details, see the 5 October 2024 presentation slide 5 (and 6 for process)
- **In fact, non-profit organizations can legally lobby for legislative change**
  - “Research, preparation, or planning activities done in anticipation of lobbying are not considered lobbying.” That is, our education has not been lobbying
  - “Grassroots communication addressed to the public is lobbying, if a substantial portion of the communication is intended to influence state legislation by providing a call to action.”
  - “In Washington State, an organization communicating with its own members is not lobbying.”
  - ***The SLA Board has not lobbied for legislative change nor do we intend to do so***

# Community Outreach – Wave Damage Timeline

- Many people that got involved recently did not initially / may not still understand the 3-year timeline with this activity, including what we did to get the community involved
- Top level activities:
  - 2022: Initial wave energy analysis, Board discussions, shoreline management paper with a draft concept of a wake-boat op area based on UofM research
  - 2023: Executed community email survey of damage and presented results; Board discussions on how to address community concerns with consensus reached guided by our Mission Statement; proposal for a sign at the boat launch
  - 2024: Boat launch sign education, WDFW approval, purchase, and installation; due to more complaints, a call for damage photos to the community; 2<sup>nd</sup> round of wave energy analysis, and 1st broad-spectrum safe boating educational presentation to the community, including marine Deputy's presentation on what to provide to the Sheriff in a complaint
  - 2025: 3<sup>rd</sup> round of wave energy research, this time with wind focus and 2<sup>nd</sup> presentation to the community; detailed email to the community on the history and SLA Board plans; created survey, emailed and USPS mailed the survey link, collected and summarized results (shown today)
- In 2024 and 2025 responded to peripheral high water level issues, requested beaver removal, updated and fully documented the lake monitoring and beaver dam and culvert cleaning process (just presented)

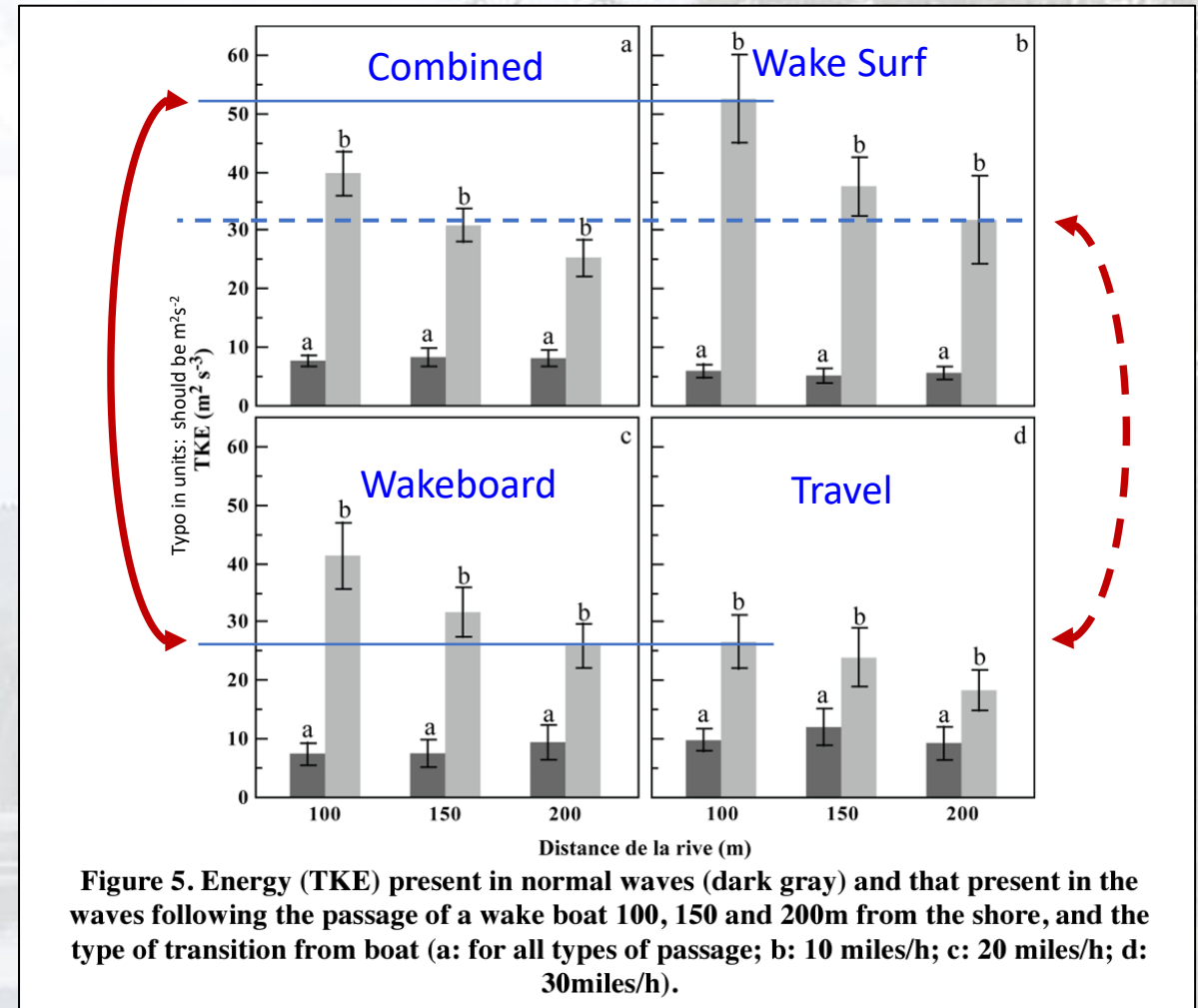
***The SLA Board has been very proactive, listened intently to all community members, respectfully responded, and provided non-biased education and a survey***

# Community Outreach – Education Process

- Wave & wind study Special Meetings (Oct 2024, Mar 2025)
  - Presentations and meeting minutes are posted on the SLA website
    - <https://sacheenlake.com/10-2024-wave-damage-meeting/>
    - <https://sacheenlake.com/3-2025-wave-damage-part-2-wind-meeting/>
- Wave damage survey held and results analyzed (presented later)
- Benefits of the process summarized (presented later)
- After today, the SLA Board has completed its planned activities regarding wave damage on Sacheen Lake

# Community Outreach – Wave Energy Comparison

- Turbulent Kinetic Energy (TKE)
- **Solid Red Line:** TKE of wake surf mode  $\approx 2 \times$  TKE of travel mode at 100m (328 ft)
  - Travel mode = no additional ballast
    - Recreational boat weighs less
- **Dashed Red Line:** TKE in wake surf mode @ 328 ft further away than travel mode is still higher than travel mode TKE
  - It takes MORE than 328 ft for the wake mode energy to reduce to that of the travel mode energy
  - Another study using four boat types concluded it takes 500 ft



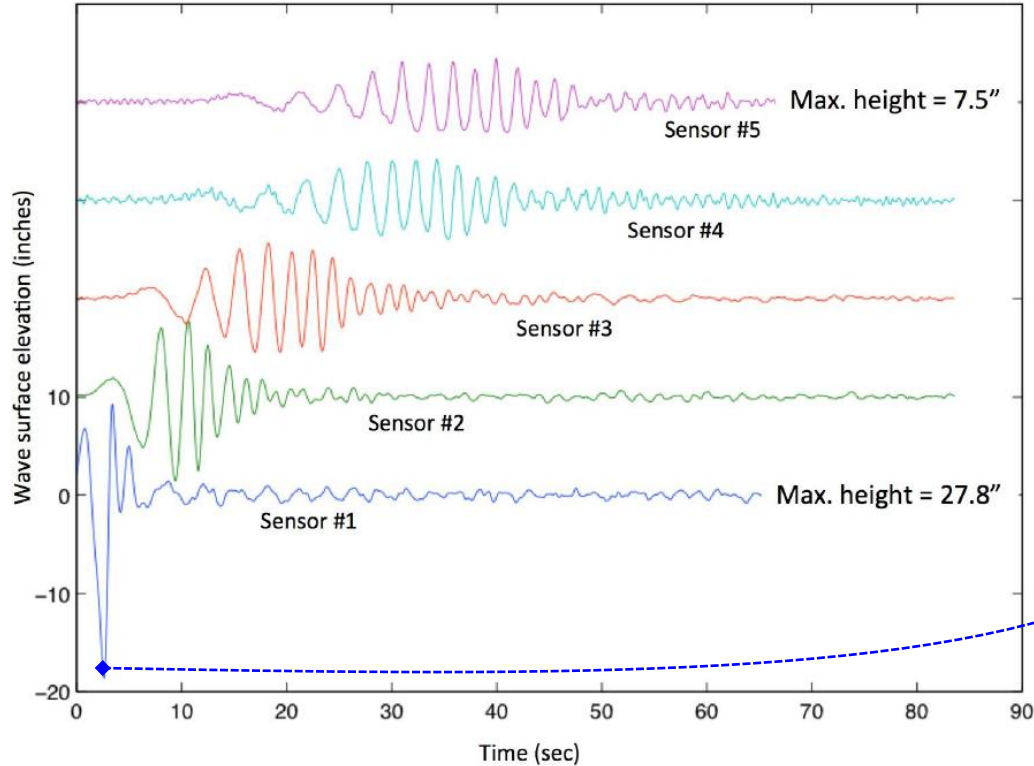
- a. Normal Conditions: No passing boat (dark bars)
- b. Wake Surf: Ballast on one side only filled
- c. Wakeboard: Both ballast tanks filled
- d. Travel: Empty ballast tanks

# Community Outreach – Wave & Wind Energy Determination (Part 2)

Converting Measured Data

**Wave Height -> Power -> Energy**

**Symbolically illustrated as:  $H^2(t) \rightarrow P(t) \rightarrow E$**



Does the power curve make sense?

Power is proportional to wave height squared.

For largest waves:

S1  $H^2 = 773$

S2  $H^2 \sim 225$

...

S5  $H^2 = 56$

**$H^2(t) \rightarrow P(t)$**

See the addendum for an additional energy chart

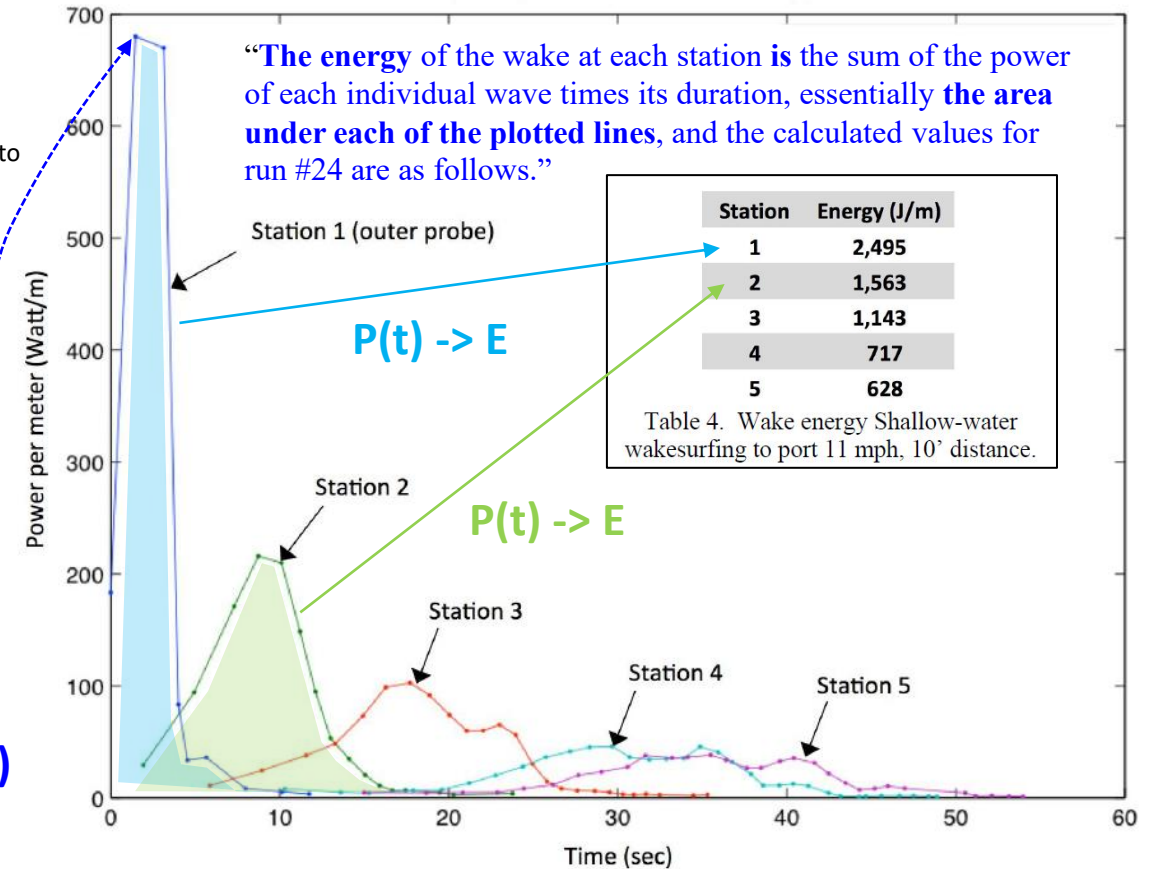


Figure 12. Shallow-water Run #24 - Wakesurfing to port, 11 mph, 10' standoff.

Figure 22. Shallow-water Run #24 - Wakesurfing to port, 11 mph, 10' standoff.

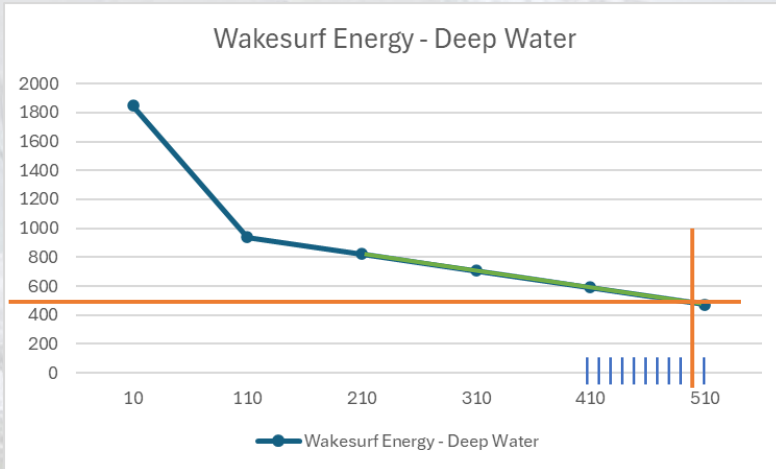
Note that all waves essentially dissipates within 60 sec after passing the sensor (the remaining wave height is 0). The wave has continued toward the shore

The figure above illustrates the wave power over time. The total area under each power curve is proportional to the total energy in the wave. The power curves for stations 1 (blue) and 2 (green) illustrate this concept

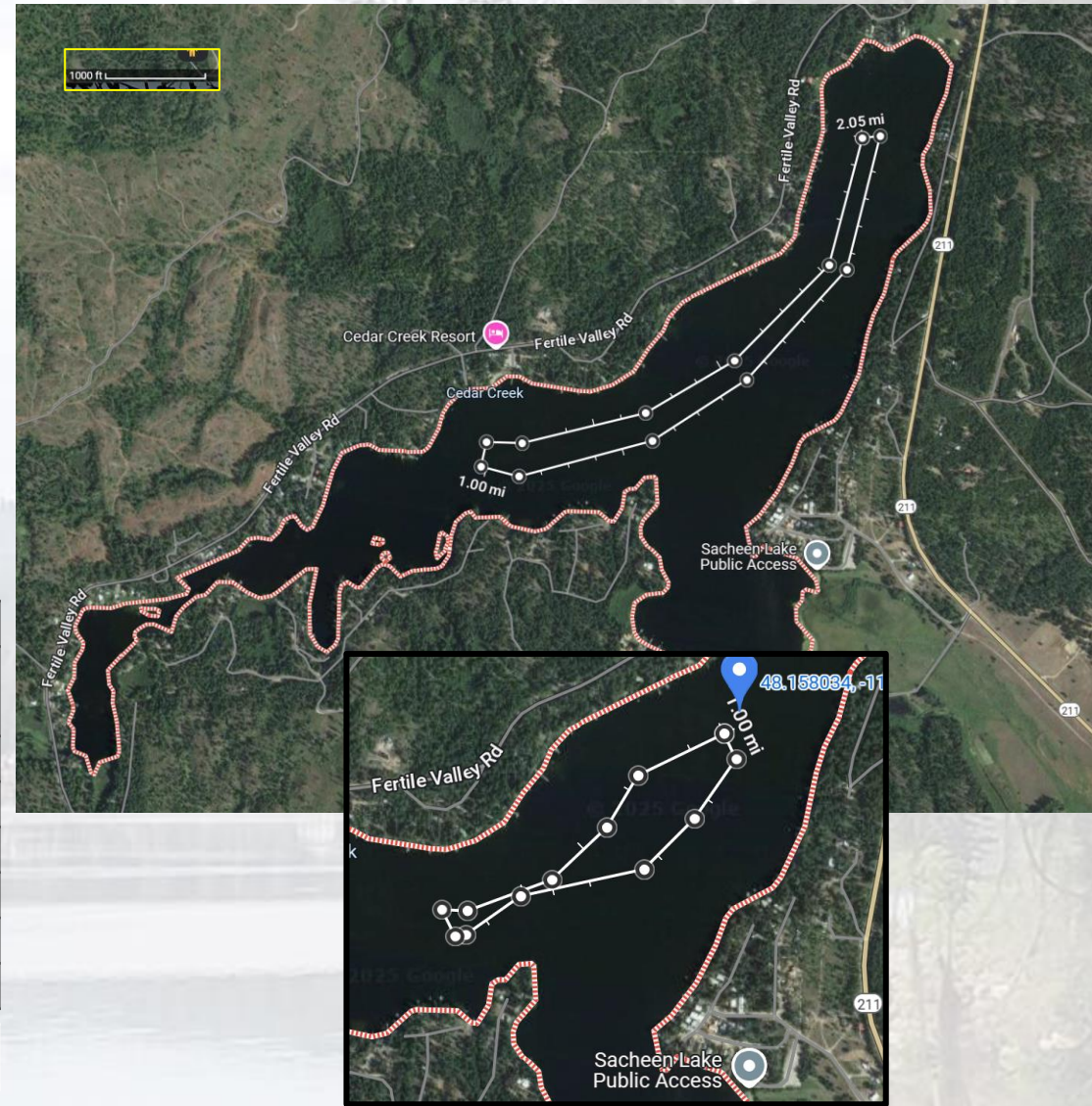
# Community Outreach – Wave & Wind Energy Determination (Part 2)

## One Surf Loop Around Sacheen – Energy Produced

- Smaller surfing loop and kept ~ 500ft from shore:
  - $T_{surf} = 1\text{mi}/10\text{ mph} = 6\text{ min}$  Assuming no other lake traffic or falls
  - See “Smaller surfing loop” map to the lower right
- Energy of wakesurf at shore on a loop 500 ft from shore = 485 J/m
  - See below chart. Green line is the linear extrapolation, orange lines show energy at 500 ft



Wakesurf Energy - Deep Water		
Distance from Sensor	Energy (J/m)	Source
10	1846	Table 7
110	937	Table 7
210	821	Table 7
310	705	Extrap
410	589	Extrap
510	473	Extrap
<b>500</b>	<b>484.6</b>	<b>Calc</b>



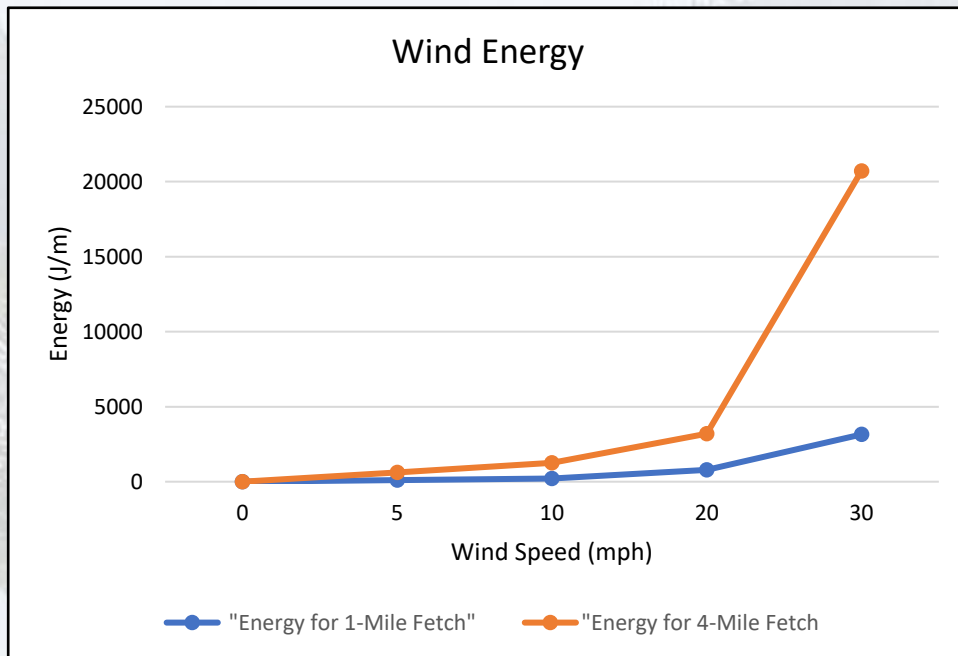
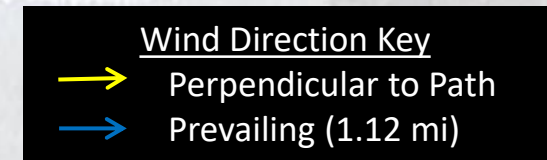
Smaller surfing loop

\* Distances determined by Google Maps

# Community Outreach – Wave & Wind Energy Determination (Part 2)

## Wind Comparison to One Short Loop Around Sacheen

- Energy at shore with 5 mph winds and 1-mile fetch = 104 J/m (below chart/graph). How often can the boat in wakesurf mode go by and produce the equivalent shoreline energy?
  - Solve:  $104/60 = 485/X \rightarrow X = 4.7$  min
  - The wakesurf boat would have to go by every 4.7 minutes to produce the same total energy the wind at 5 mph. This is more frequent than going around a 1-mile loop at 10 mph (once every 6 min.)
- The fetch length of the winds perpendicular to the wakesurf loop and hitting against the shoreline is about 1750 ft (e.g., width of the lake from NW to SE)
- Energy from the wind imparted on the shorelines opposite the boat path over a majority of the ski path would be a lot less than the 104 J/m of a 5 mph prevailing wind because there is insufficient distance to build up the waves to the equivalent height obtained in a 1-mile fetch
- The boat's energy (485 J/m or ~5X of the prevailing wind) will reach most of the shoreline around the entire boat path. The periodic, much higher energy from the boat (vs the wind) will have a greater impact when considering breaking forces



$$H^2(t) \rightarrow P(t) \rightarrow E$$

Wind Speed	Fetch	Energy (J/m)	Source
0	1	0	Extrap
5	1	104	Extrap
10	1	208	Table 6
20	1	790	Table 6
30	1	3148	Table 6

Sacheen Lake prevailing wind using max of average monthly wind speeds

# Community Difference of Opinion

- Community had differing views of wake-sport boat use on the lake long before the SLA Board got involved – we are not the source of “division”
- Fear can be a powerful motivator and a strong divider
  - Property Owner fear of damage to their property (financial and time impact) and not being able to enjoy the lake as they desire
  - Wake-Sport Boat Owner fear of not being able to use their financial investment on the lake (financial and time impact) and not being able to enjoy the lake as they desire
- **How does the community bridge the gap in the difference of “how” to enjoy the lake?**
  - **Please be civil with your neighbors**
  - **Please be considerate of the impact you have on your neighbor(s) and act appropriately**

# Community Outreach – Bridging the Gap

- Positive feedback from community interaction
  - **Consideration by wake-sport boat owners to operate more toward the middle of the lake**
  - **When you anchor out in the lake to enjoy it, please do not anchor in the middle of the lake**
    - Anchoring in the middle forces boats' sporting activities to move closer to the shore
    - Please try to anchor closer to within 100' of the shoreline
    - Please respect the neighbors whose property you anchor close to (noise, etc.)

# Community Outreach – Parallel Benefits

- Parallel lake level discussions occurred resulting in:
  - Generated a training package for new volunteers for culvert and new beaver dam clearing
    - Full understanding of the process and WDFW and access requirements
  - Fully documented the lake level management process, so people have a better understanding of what is done and why
    - Future community feedback can be more constructively focused
  - Recommending wider community support for certain monitoring approaches – anybody in the community can send photos via the SLA email
    - Harworth flow inspection
    - Downstream visual inspection of culvert blockage and beaver dams
  - Implemented having more Support-Leads and an Emergency-Lead
    - Already planned based on 2024 experience of simultaneous injury to two existing leads
  - Provided the community with more insight into lake level seasonal behavior

# Community Outreach – High Lake Level Lake Use

- When the lake level is high, consider reducing or eliminating your use of sports-oriented boating
  - Possibly swap it out for low-speed lake cruising to enjoy the scenery with/and your family and friends on your boat
- Reducing sports-oriented boating during high water level will reduce the amount of wave activity reaching the shoreline and docks
  - Reduced wave activity = reduced probability of shoreline or property damage

***Being responsible for your activity on the lake is an act of respect and kindness to your neighbors and their property***

# Community Outreach – Wave Damage Survey Results

- Reminder: Survey purpose limited to wave damage, not an assessment of all factors affecting property and people – but we included more including “other” options to support any thoughts desired
- Survey provided by digital link to people on SLA email system
- Postcards provided to property owners around the lake
  - People joined the SLA email system as a result of receiving a postcard
- Number of responses: 87
- Observation: Creating an extensive, unbiased survey is not easy
  - Identifying biased answers should also be part of a good survey – did respondents purposely try to bias the results?
  - Some took the survey as a bad joke and their responses were not respectful
  - Appreciate those that provided negative, but constructive feedback
- Survey plots and analysis on following slides

Thank you all for taking the time to respond, regardless of how you felt about the SLA Board’s activities in this area

# Wave Damage Survey Analysis Results Up Front

- People expressed that damage is just part of lake life
- What people want to do to manage man-made waves spanned the entire spectrum
  - No wake allowed
  - Expand distance from shore, dock, etc., for wave-producing boats
  - No new restrictions
- A majority around the lake would prefer to legally restrict the making of artificially large wake (61% for, 39% against)
  - The same percentage split believe education is not enough
  - In another question, 71% would prefer restrictions

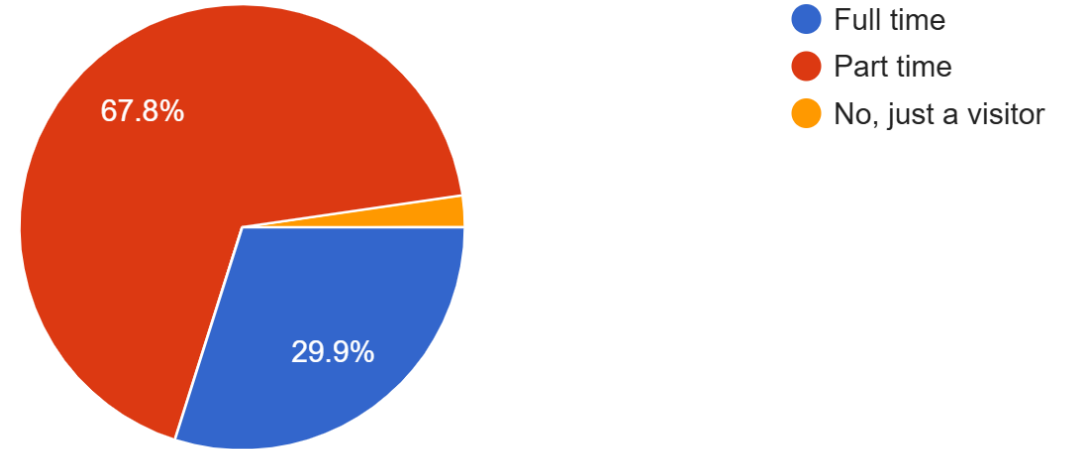
**Surveys can have  
variances in the  
same question**

**The SLA Board did not attempt to slice and dice the data to determine any biases; the raw results are presented**

# Who Are We?

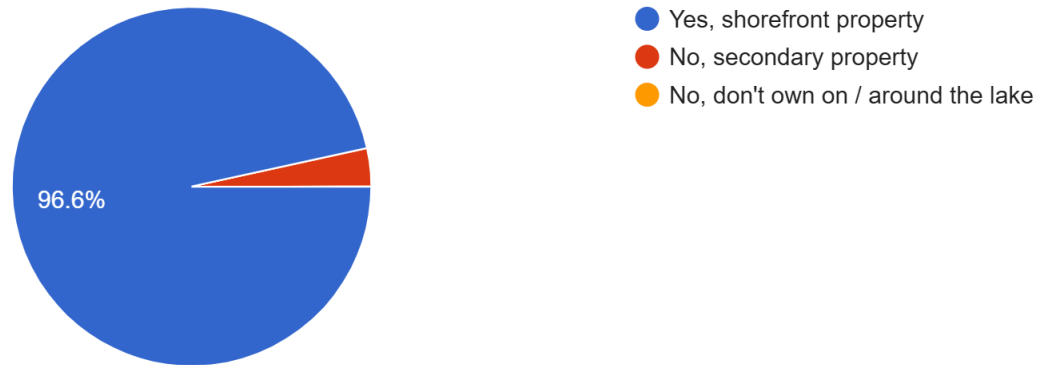
Do you live at Sacheen Lake?

87 responses



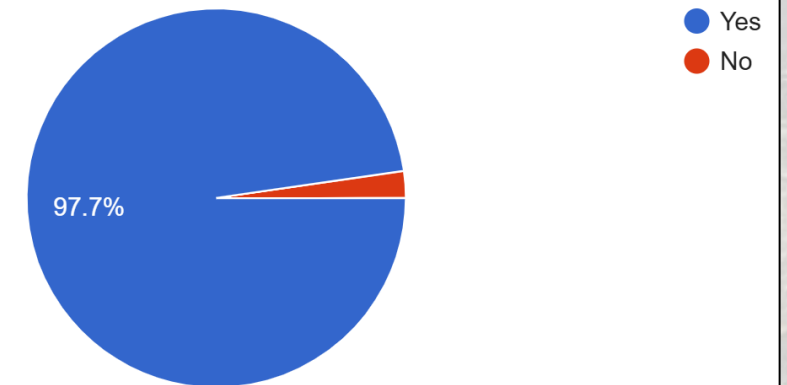
Do you own shorefront property on Sacheen Lake?

87 responses



Do you own a dock on Sacheen Lake?

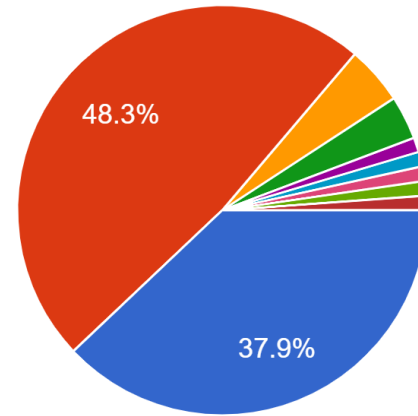
87 responses



# Docks and Repairs

If you own a dock on Sacheen Lake, what is the frame construction material? Note: If this question does not apply to you, select "NA"

87 responses



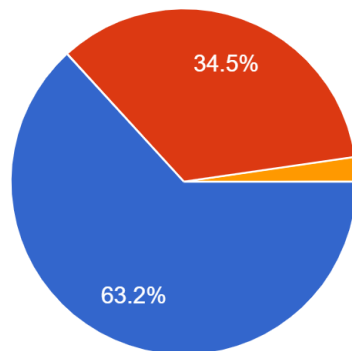
- Wood based frame
- Metal based frame
- Plastics based frame
- NA
- Knight Docks metal tubes with grated composite decking
- we had a wood dock and are in the pr...
- Wood dock on plastic barrels
- Metal floating frame with Trex decking
- Both wood and plastic

If you own a dock, have you had to replace or repair it in the last five (5) years? By "dock" in this question, it is referring to the dock and any portion securing, anchoring, or leading to the actual floating or fixed dock.

**Note: If this question does not apply to you, select "NA"**

**All questions from here on assume responses are relative to Sacheen Lake unless otherwise noted.**

87 responses



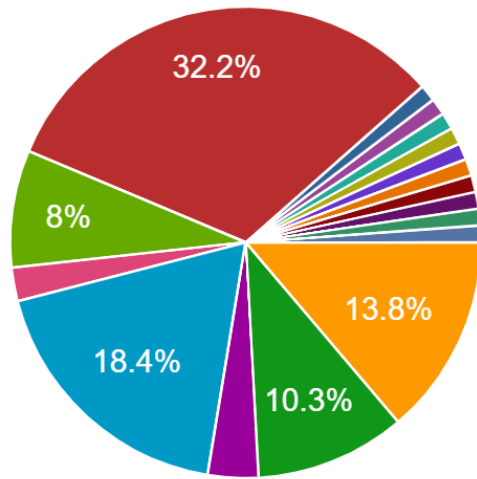
- Yes
- No
- NA

About 39% have a wood-framed dock

# Dock Damage Cause

If you answered **yes** to the prior question (replace or repair dock), please select which one item best describes what you **believe** is the reason for the replacement or repair. If you select "Other" please describe the other cause.

The selections below assume that the boats are obeying the Pend Oreille County Boating Safety Ordinance No. 2001-01, Section .290 Speed Restrictions, paragraph (02) describing no wake zone "when within 100 feet of any, dock, ..., trolling vessel, shoreline, swimmer, ...", etc. One of the options below specifically identifies boats violating this ordinance.



- Wind waves
- Recreational boat waves
- Wake-sport boat waves
- Combination of all boats' waves
- Combination of all boats' and wind wa...
- Age of the dock
- Boats violating the 100 ft no-wake zon...
- High water level on the lake

**Two answers in particular provided extensive history on their experience with their docks worth noting. In summary, everything contributes.**

- Wind waves
  - Recreational boat waves
  - Wake-sport boat waves
  - Combination of all boats' waves
  - Combination of all boats' and wind waves
  - Age of the dock
  - Boats violating the 100 ft no-wake zone near shorelines, docks, etc.
  - High water level on the lake
- Original List**

- NA
- Waves (all types) AND Water Erosion...
- wind and ice, also large boat waves b...
- combination of all boats, boats violatin...
- Ice
- My dock is anchored properly. I'm on t...
- age, combo boat waves and violation...
- Ice movement

- In our case our dock chains and ropes needed replacing due to what we believe is a combination of normal wear and tear from lake conditions, the age of the equipment, and the natural stresses from a high lake level, storms, and reg...
- water corroding the connectors (dock chains)
- Damage from winter lake ice

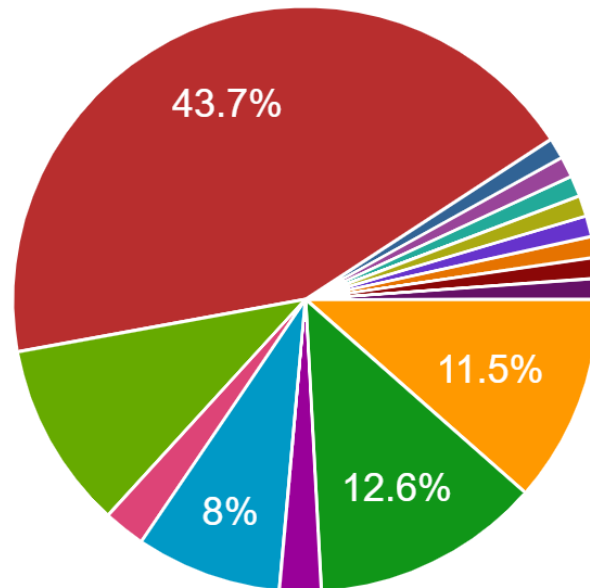
# Dock Damage Cause – Survey Copy and Paste Error

If you answered yes to the prior question (repaired or replaced dock, etc., in the last 5 years), please select which one item best describes what you believe...r replacement, provide a brief description.

87 responses

Should have said retaining wall, etc.

Similar results to prior correct question

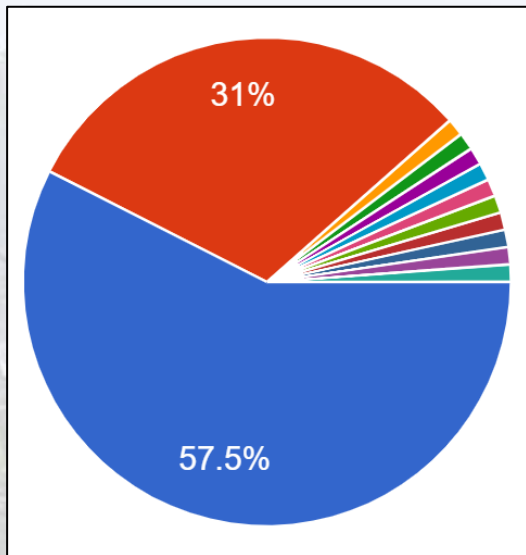


- Wind
- Recreational boat waves
- Wake-sport boat waves
- Combination of all boats' waves
- Combination of all boats' and wind waves
- Age or improper initial design of the structure
- Boats violating the 100 ft no-wake zone
- High water level on the lake

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# Retaining Wall, Etc., Ownership

Do you have some form of retaining wall, rocks, log(s), or other barrier along some portion of your shoreline to protect the shoreline (at or relatively close to the shoreline)?



- Yes
- No
- Concrete landing and ramp to get to d...
- concrete piers set in the water for a w...
- anchor block for suspended dock
- floating logs on both sides & landing
- Both a retaining wall and landing
- Had one but was damaged heavily ov...

- NA
- 25 + years ago, we had a small cinder block wall along the shore, but over time it has broken apart and eroded.
- Concrete landing
- Concrete landing and bulkhead

# Retaining Wall, Etc., Damage

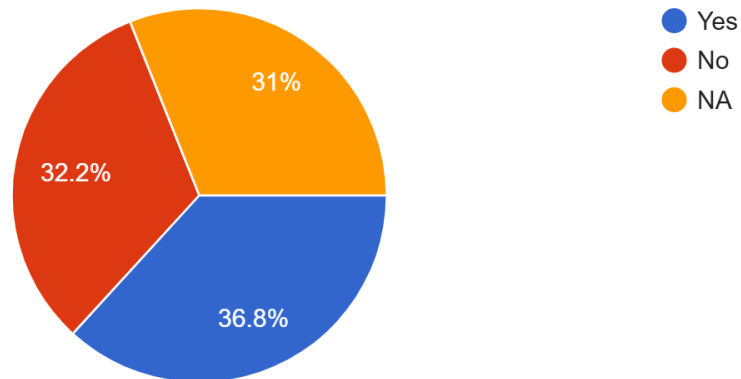
If you have some form of retaining wall, rocks, log(s), or other barrier along some portion of your shoreline, has it been damaged in the last ten (10) years?

**Notes:**

If this question does not apply to you, select "NA".

If you selected "Other" to the prior question indicating a dock landing, etc., please answer yes or no.

87 responses



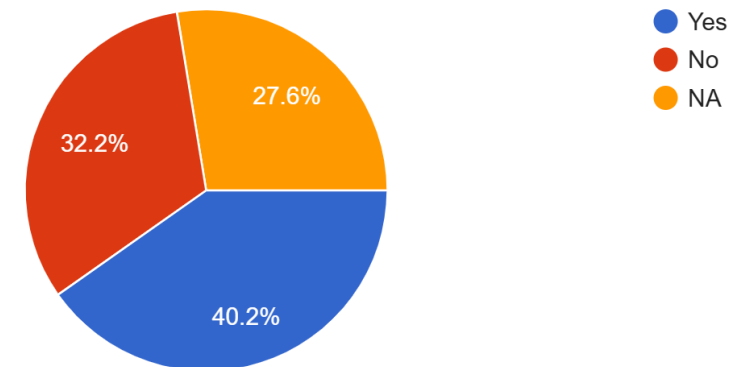
If you have some form of retaining wall, rocks, log(s), or other barrier along some portion of your shoreline, have you had to repair or replace it in the last five (5) years?

**Notes:**

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If you selected "Other" to the question indicating a dock landing, etc., please answer yes or no.

87 responses

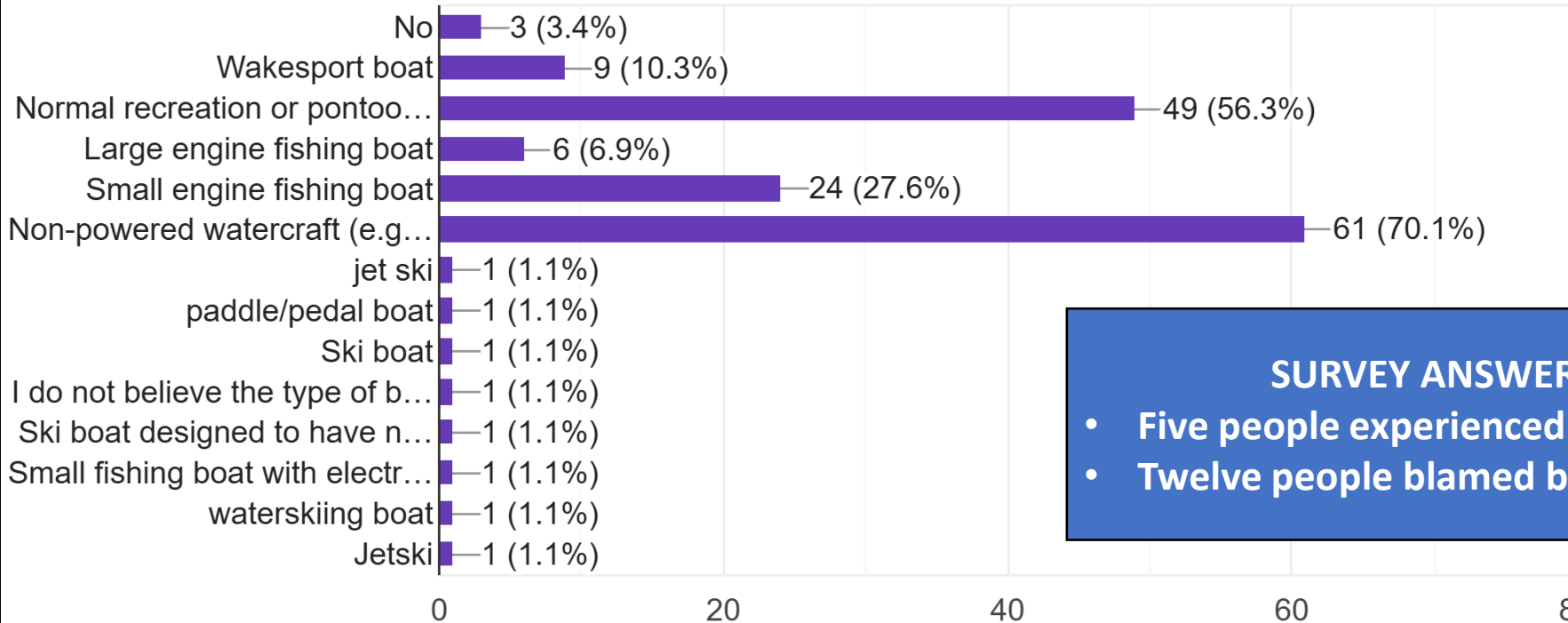


Do results illustrate that the first question should have been damage between 5 and 10 years ago?

# Types of Boats on the Lake (by Survey Responders)

Do you own and use a watercraft of any kind on Sacheen Lake? Select all that apply. If you select "Other", please provide a brief description.

87 responses



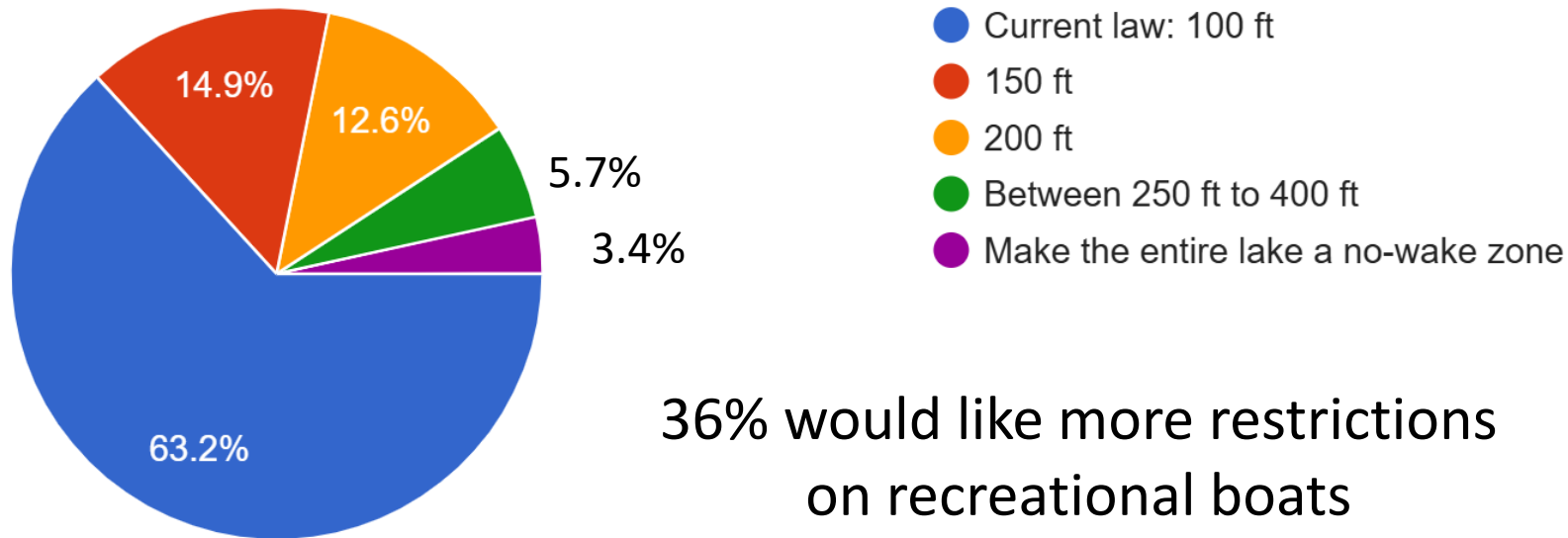
## SURVEY ANSWERS CAN BE BIASED

- Five people experienced boat damage
- Twelve people blamed boat damage on something

# Restrictions for Normal Recreational Boats

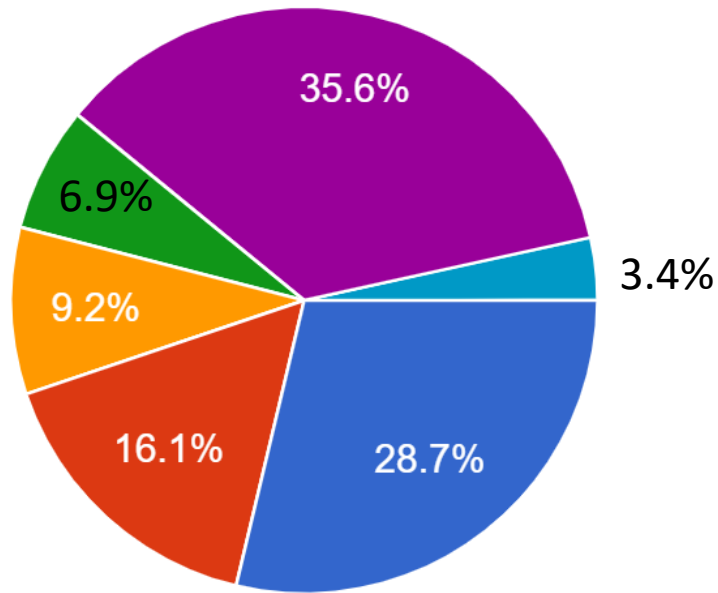
What no-wake zone, or speed restriction zone per county ordinance, do you **believe** is appropriate for Sacheen Lake and the operation of recreational boats (e.g., skiing, tubing, etc.), pontoon boats, larger engine fishing boats, wake-sport boats in non-ballast cruising mode, etc., but **not wake-sport boats or others purposely making artificially large wake for sporting purpose?**

Boats purposely making artificially large wake for water sporting are addressed in the next question.



# Artificially Large Wave Restrictions

What no-wake zone, or speed restriction zone per county ordinance, do you **believe** is appropriate for Sacheen Lake and the operation of boats operating in a mode to make artificially large wake for the purpose of wakeboarding, wake surfing or similar wake-specific sports activity ( e.g., a wake-sport boat with added ballast or a boat operating in a sustained pre-planing mode with the intent of making artificially large wake)?

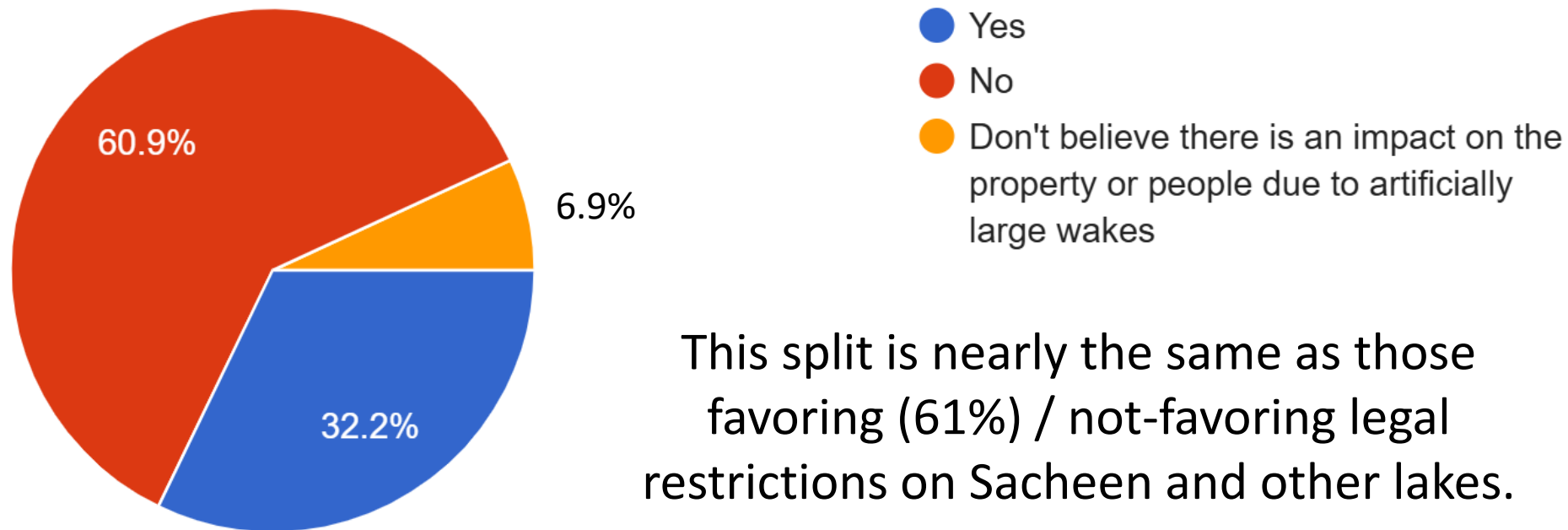


- Continue to have the current no-wake zones
- Restrict boats from making large artificial wake within 100' to 200' from...
- Restrict boats from making large artificial wake within 200' to 300' from...
- Restrict boats from making large artificial wake within 300' to 600' from...
- Disallow boats from making artificially...
- Make the entire lake a no-wake zone

71% would like more restrictions on artificially created large waves

# Education as Single Source to Reduce Damage

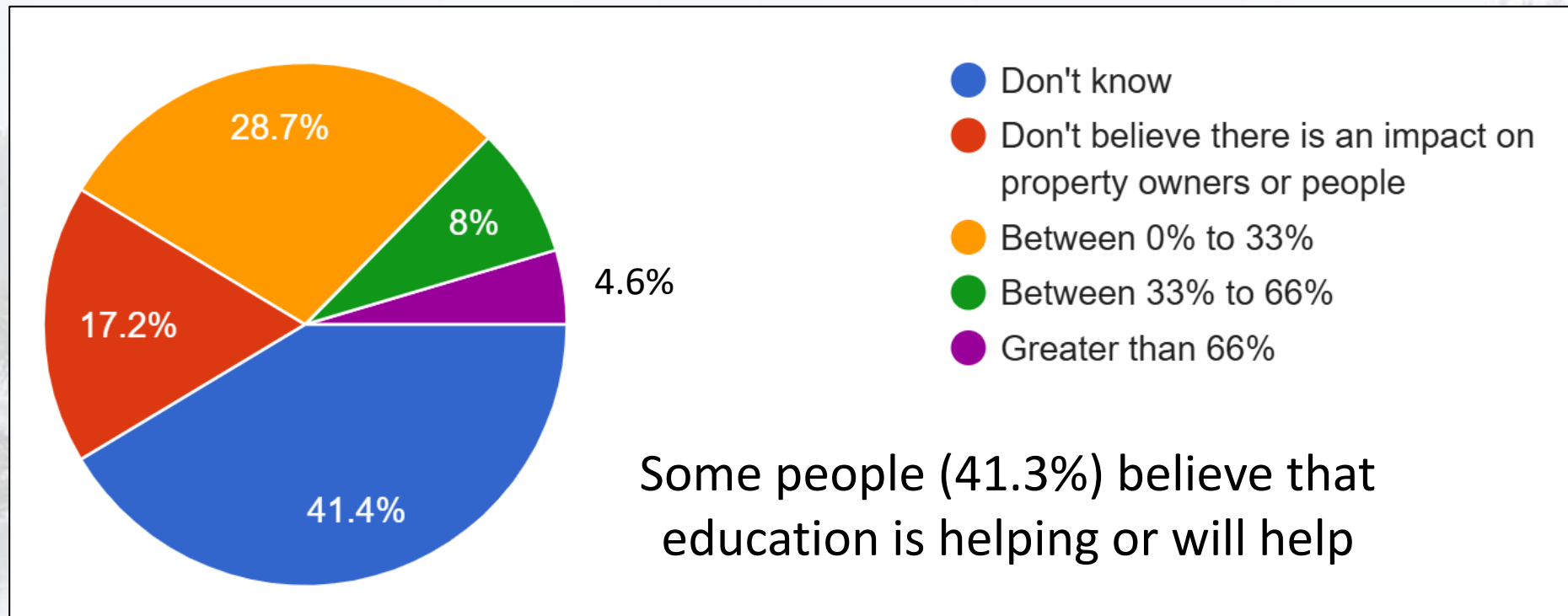
Do you **believe** that education will be sufficient to reduce the possibly harmful impact of artificially created large wakes on the property of people owning shoreline property or people recreating in/on Sacheen Lake?



This split is nearly the same as those favoring (61%) / not-favoring legal restrictions on Sacheen and other lakes.

# Impact of Education to Date / Future

Given the education to date by the SLA Board and/or future educational information, what percentage of Sacheen Lake property owners that use wake-sport boats on Sacheen Lake do you **believe** will reduce or already have reduced the impact of large artificially created waves on property and people?



# Educational Media

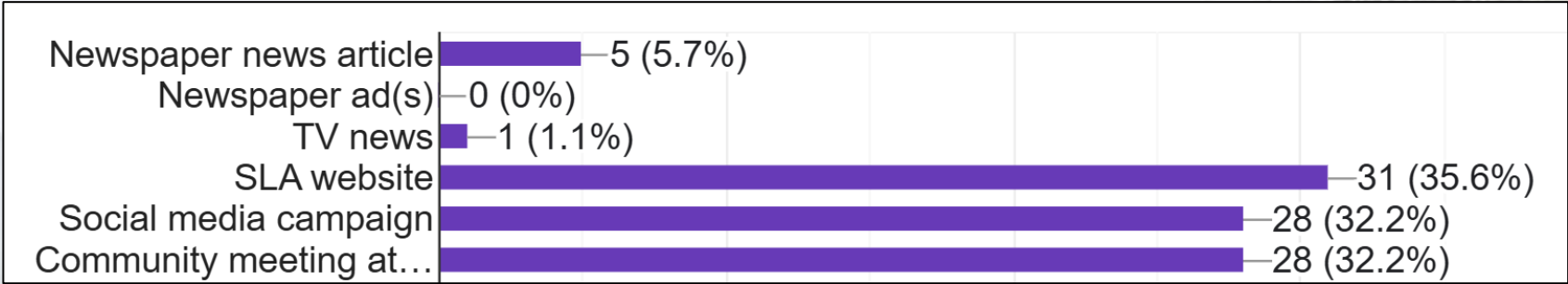
This question received the most “other” inputs

What education media do you **believe** will be the most effective to educate boaters about the possibility of damages or injury from artificially created large wake and what they can do to reduce the risk?

Select only the *top two most effective options*.  
If you select "Other", please provide a brief description.

- Newspaper news article
- Newspaper ad(s)
- TV news
- SLA website
- Social media campaign
- Community meeting at Hwy 211 Fire Station
- Other...

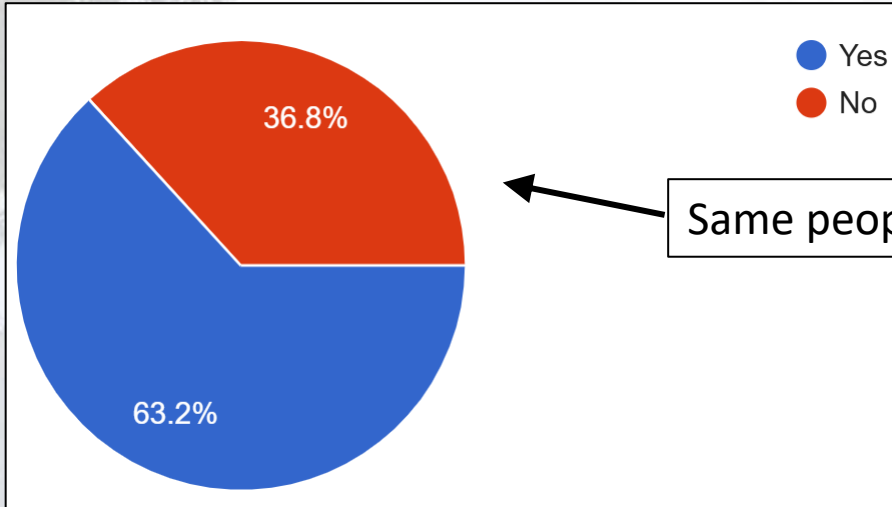
**Original List**



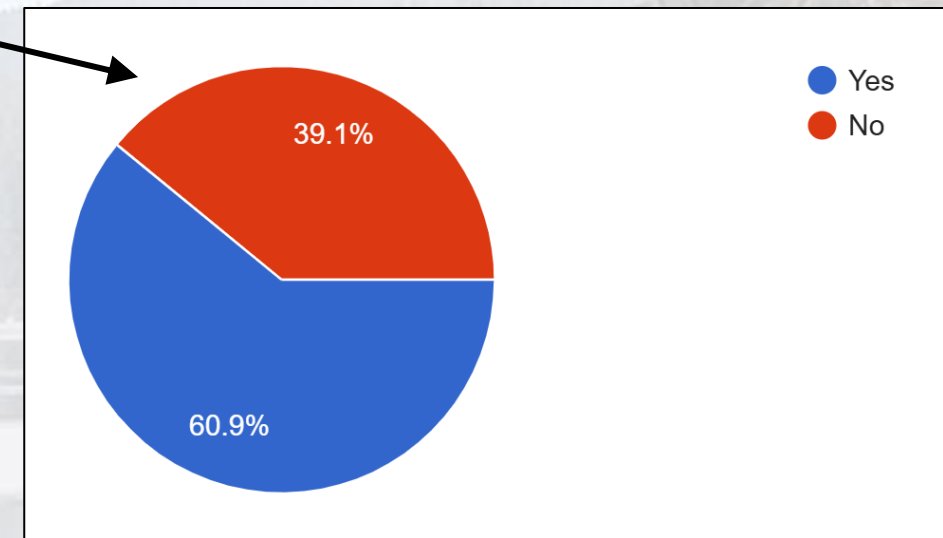
- Other answers:**
- “This is a stupid question. Grant, just stand in your yard and yell at passing boats, that should work.”
  - “I think everyone already knows”
  - “Sheriff presence citing boats that are operating irresponsibly”
  - “Signage at the boat launch” (multiple answers of this nature)

# Boating Restrictions

Do you **believe** that having a boating safety law in place reduces the risk of the law being broken even if there is little to no enforcement?



Same people? We did not try to slice and dice data

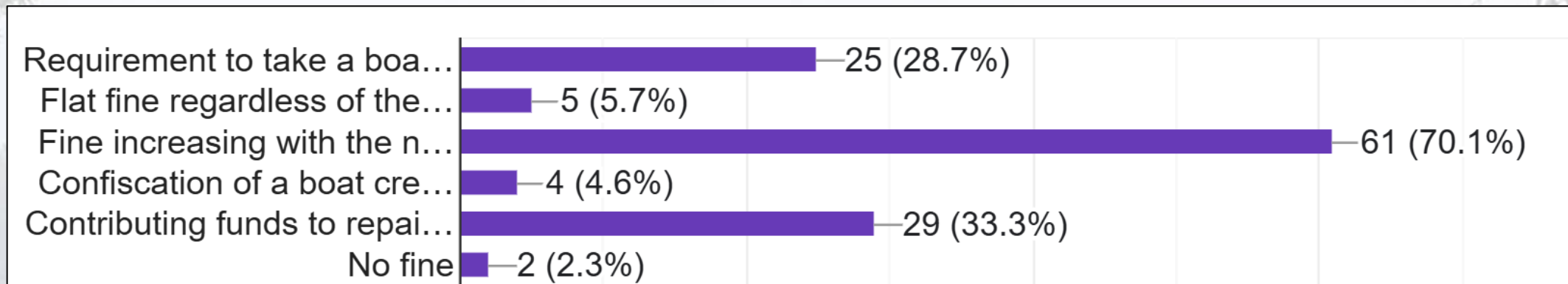


Do you believe that a law should be created to restrict or eliminate the creation of artificially large wake on small lakes such as Sacheen Lake?

For the purpose of this survey question, please consider "small" as any lake where a wake-creating sports zone exists that has a shore-to-shore distance across the lake, in the wake-creating sports zone, at less than approximately 1200 feet.

# Violation Impact, If There's a Law

If there is a law prohibiting artificially created large wake for water sport purposes on small lakes, what do you **believe** the fine should be for violating the law? If you select "Other", please provide a brief description.



This question received the 2<sup>nd</sup> most “other” inputs, but probably the most disrespectful inputs

**Hopefully, you all understand better how your neighbors may feel and can utilize the information constructively**

# Community Outreach – Merchandise Survey Results

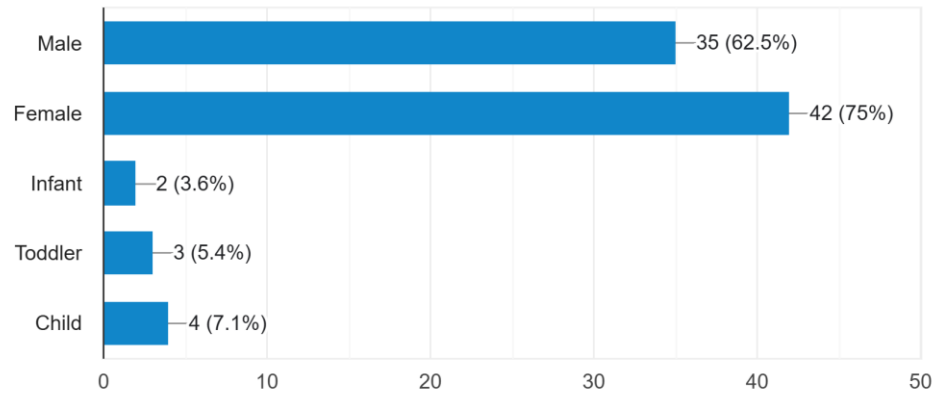
- Survey provided by digital link
- Purpose: To obtain a more global view on the community desires for Sacheen Lake merchandise
- Survey obtains a better spectrum of body type, size, color, and type of clothing preferences as well as non-clothing merchandise
- Number of responses: 56
- Survey results presented on the following slides
- We'll consider the preference on future orders

SLA Board appreciates the input!

# Community Outreach – Merchandise Survey Results

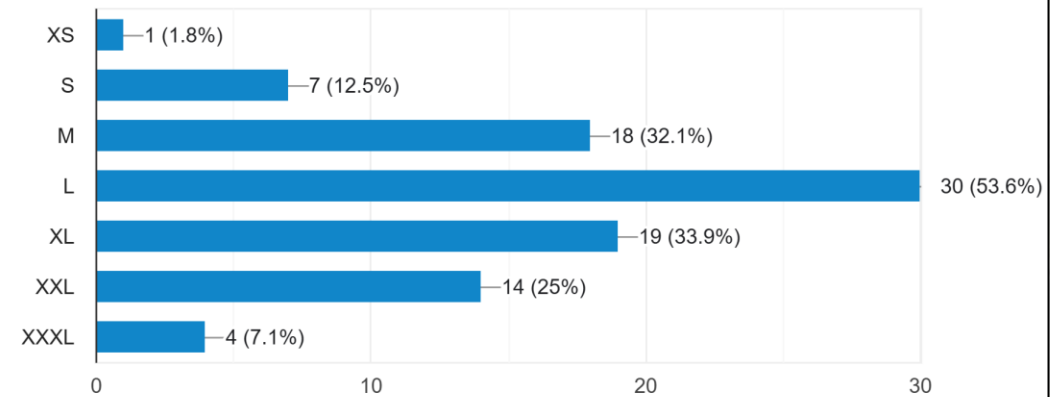
## Upper Body Type

56 responses



## Preferred Shirt Size

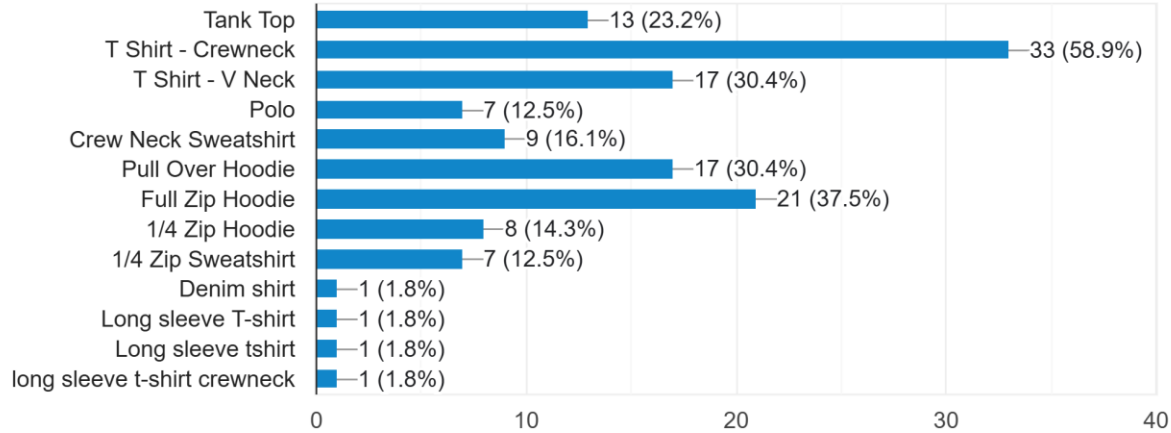
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# Community Outreach – Merchandise Survey Results

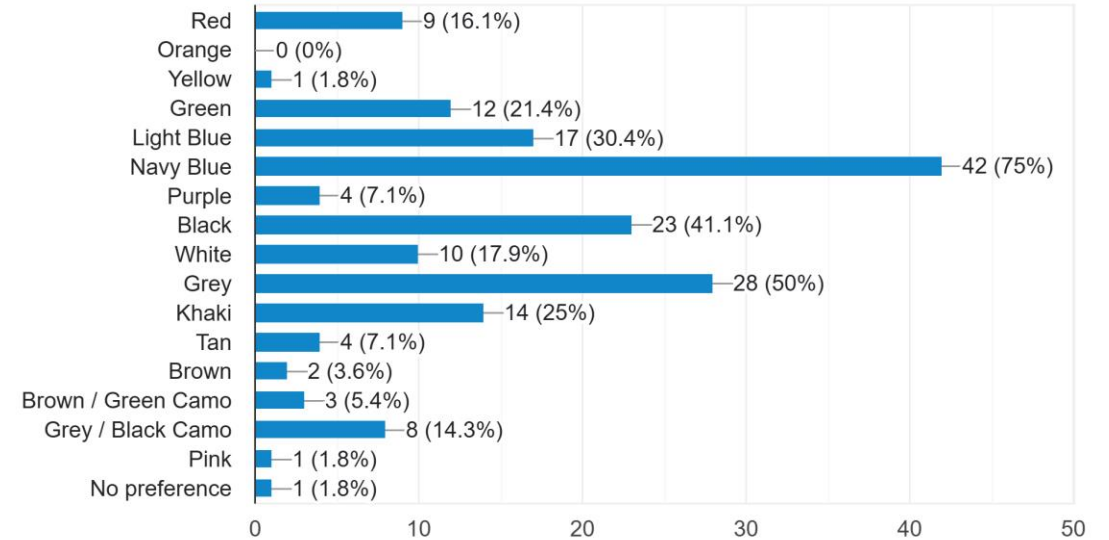
## Preferred Shirt Style

56 responses



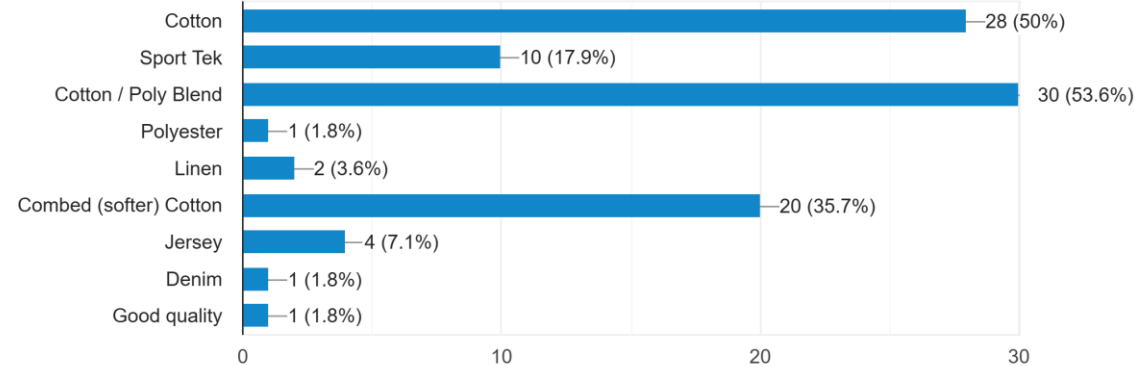
## Preferred Colors

56 responses

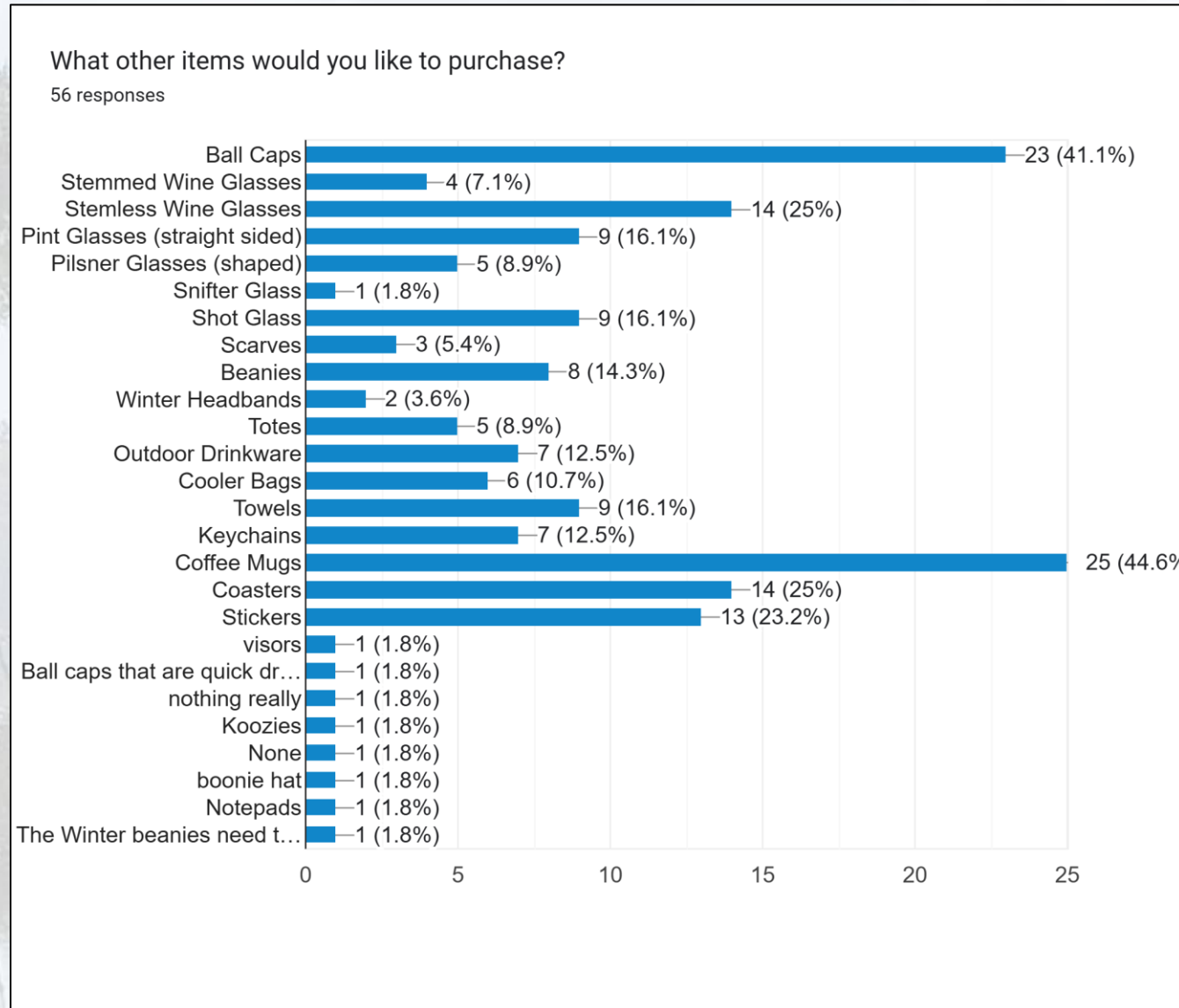


## Shirt Material Preference

56 responses

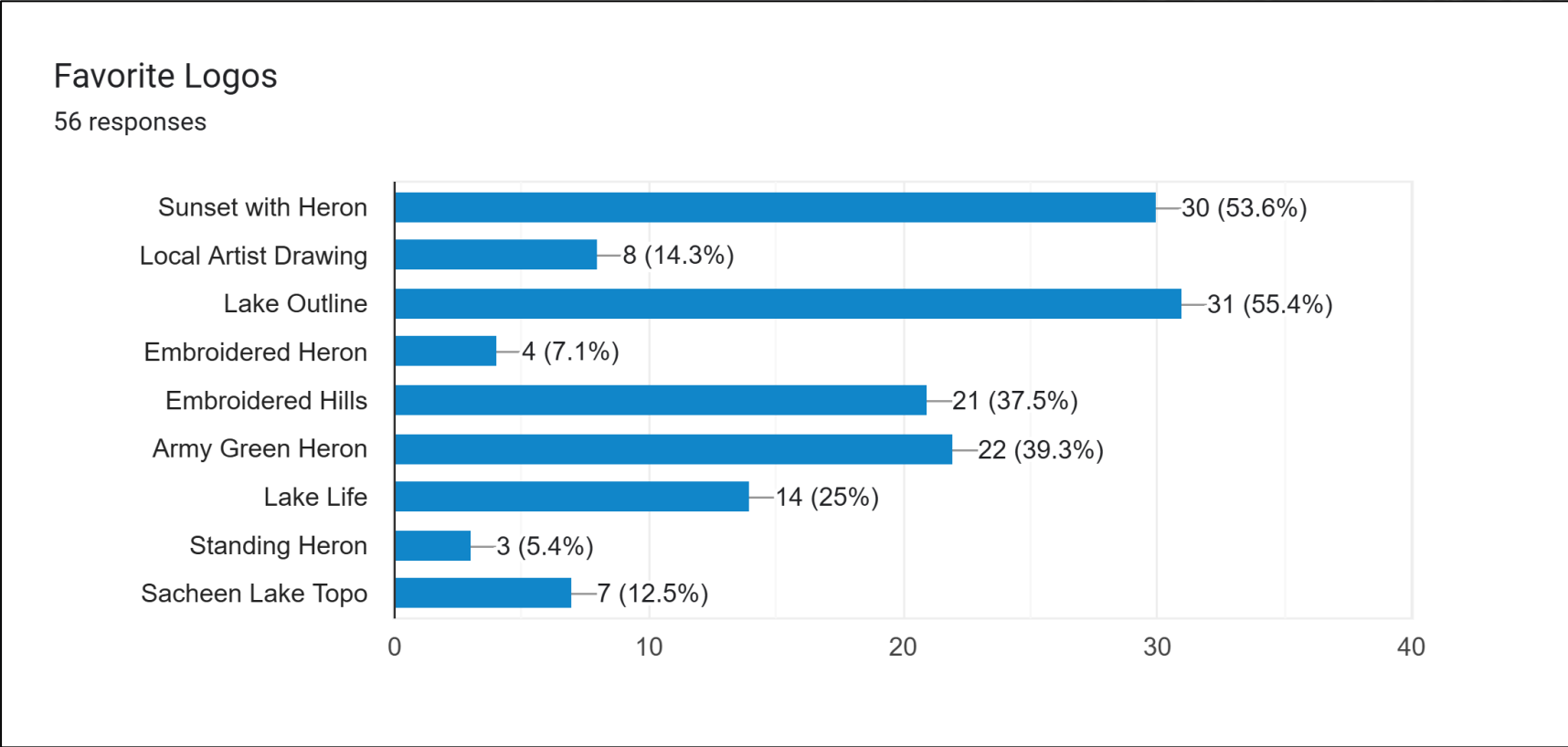


# Community Outreach – Merchandise Survey Results



SLA Board will use  
all of this data to  
help with future  
merchandise orders

# Community Outreach – Merchandise Survey Results



# SLA Board Plans for FY 2025-2026

- Assess Merchandise survey for future orders
- Produce SacheenSCOPE (summer and fall)
- SLA Events
- Community Events
- Documentation Updates (slides herein)
- Photo Calendar Contest (slides herein)

# SLA Board FY 2025-2026 Plans - Events

- SLA planned events

Event	Date and Time	Location
SLA Annual Meeting	Saturday, June 14, 2025, 9:00 am	Fire station on Hwy 211
Boat Launch Cleanup <sup>1</sup>	Saturday, June 21, 2025, 8:00 am	Meet at WDFW boat launch
Sacheen Community Annual Picnic	Saturday, July 12, 2025, 11:00 am	Myers – Harter Park
Fertile Valley Rd Cleanup	Saturday, July 19, 2025, 8:00 am	Meet at Myers – Harter Park
Hwy 211 Cleanup	Saturday, August 23, 2025, 9:00 am	Meet at Myers – Harter Park

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

*Attendance at SLA Events requires signup and release of liability of the SLA (at time of event)*

# Community Events

- Community Planned Events\* (SLA coordinate)

Event	Date and Time	Location
4 <sup>th</sup> of July Parade	Friday, July 4, 2025, 2 pm	Section of the lake near the boat launch
Community Yard Sale**	Saturday, August 16, 2025, 9 am	Hwy 211 SPOFR Station
Photo Calendar Pickup	Saturday, Nov 8, 2025, 10 am - noon	Hwy 211 SPOFR Station

\* 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.

\*\* Yard sale will occur with a commitment of at least five sellers.

- Yard sale will occur if 5 or more sellers commit

# SLA Board FY 2025-2026 Plans - Documents

- SLA Operating Guidelines\* (SLA-OG) updates
  - We have a continually running proposed modifications database
  - The counts for version 2 to version 3 are illustrated to the right

Status Summary	
5	Pending
0	Board agreed to add
41	Input drafted
0	Input is final
46	Total

- Finalize, document, and test the Merchandise auditing approach

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\* Board vote is not required on any modifications. Process changes with impact (e.g., profit calculations) are usually presented to the Board through normal Board meetings. Board reviews occur on redlined versions.

# SLA Board FY 2025-2026 Plans - Documents

- Proposed By-laws mods:
  - Membership clarifications
  - “Ownership” clarifications (e.g., Trusts and LLCs)
  - Member information requirements (name and “address” per RCW 24.03A)
  - Nondisclosure Agreement and release of records
  - Clarity on Board Meeting Minute requirements
  - Expand the use of Special Meetings
  - Clarity of the President’s authority (vs the Board) to represent the Association
    - Board represents the Association
    - President can represent the Board
- Content requirements for petitions and Board’s rights and requirements for petition processing

} **How we currently operate**

# SLA Board FY 2025-2026 Plans – Photo Contest

- Tentative Schedule:
  - 22 June 2025: Commitment from the SLA Board and community members to buy at least 50 calendars. This is the minimum required to have the contest (more is better to drive down the per calendar cost) **6/13/25 Count: 52 calendars**
  - 30 June 2025: Go/no-go on the contest. And if a go, a reminder to the community to pre-order calendars and photographers to send photos
  - 7 September 2025: All photos must be received by the contest entrants
  - 15 September 2025: Last chance to pre-order calendars
  - 20 September 2025: Calendar order placed before this date
  - 5 October 2025 or earlier: A payment due notification will be sent once we know the final cost
  - 8 November 2025: Calendar payment & pickup event at Hwy 211 fire station

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Green dates are modified from the original email to the community to advance the schedule ~ 1 month

# Community Information

- Boat Launch – WDFW Updates
- Real-time Email Survey
- Community Involvement Question
- Wake-boat Sign Status
- General Information Slides – similar to prior years' slides

# Boat Launch - WDFW Updates

- Unlikely that the boat launch extension will be funded this year
- WDFW agreed to leave the wake-boat sign up, but taped over some things for which complaints were received
  - Ultimately wants a different sign (no suggestion yet provided)
- Agreed to allow install of a formal Life Jacket Loaner sign from WSPRC
- Signs now have to go through formal review before installation (statewide change)

# SLA Email Real-Time Survey

- Do people want fewer SLA emails? Show of hands yes, then no
- Emails the SLA Board considers essential to continue
  - SLA Association meeting announcements (Annual & Special)
  - SLA and Community event announcements
  - Contest announcements (rules, winners)
  - SacheenSCOPE newsletter
  - Lost & found (lake oriented, not land oriented)
  - Status updates on lake level, beaver removal, etc.
  - Critical interactions with the SLA Board and others (Gov, etc.)
    - E.g., status of boat launch extension from WDFW
  - SLA Board changes possibly affecting Association members
  - Forwarding of information at the request of the Sacheen W&SD (weed poisoning, levy info, etc.)
- What category of information should we stop sending?
  - Nixle fire ban status
  - All other Nixle status messages (road closures, cell service outages, etc.)
  - Sheriff's monthly stats reports
  - WALPA announcements (WA State Lake Protection Association)

**Plan is to implement  
“Bottom Line Up Front”  
for long emails**

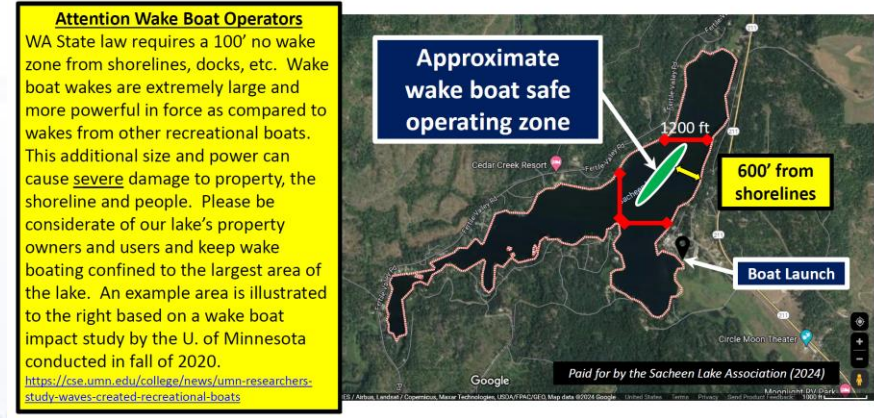
# Community Involvement – How Done?

- Community concern: **Can the SLA Board modify their process for notifying more of the community about things affecting the entire community?**
- A few people expressed frustration that they did not have a say in the wake boating sign installed at the WDFW boat launch last year
  - SLA Board provided information to the community via our emails, web posting, and Annual Meetings in 2022, 2023, and 2024 before the sign was purchased and installed
  - We did NOT mail a flier
- SLA Board reaches out to the community through emails, Annual Meetings, and Special Meetings
  - **Show of hands for those that regularly read our emails**
- USPS mailing is expensive and very time consuming
  - We dropped the hard copies of the SacheenSCOPE due to cost when we bought liability insurance
  - We sent postcards once at a cost of ~\$265, approx 80 - 100 hours to update the property-owners database we have, and ~ 25 hours to develop the postcards and send them
- **Is the community willing to sign up to our email system to receive notifications?**
- **Is the community willing to attend the Annual Meeting and/or Special meetings?**
- **Is the community willing to read web-posted, online information to get up to speed on issues that might affect you?**

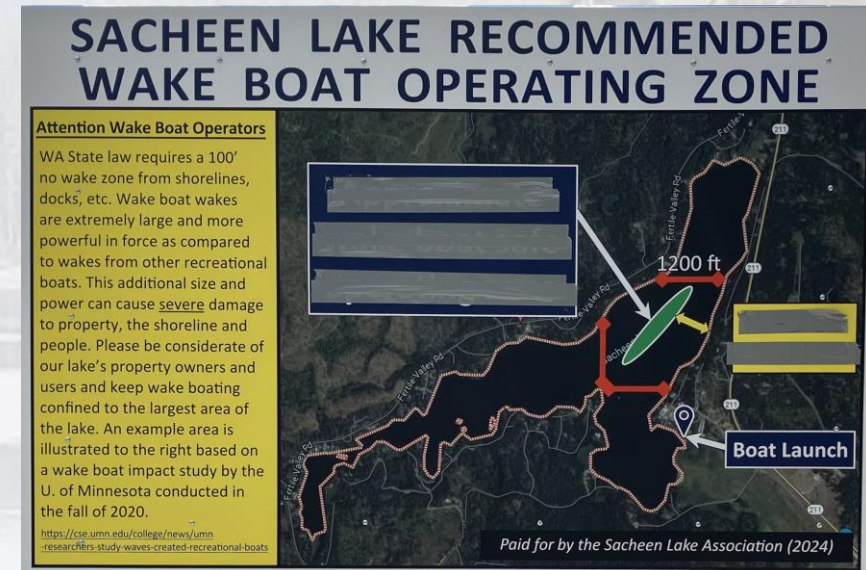
# Recommended Wake Boat Op Area Sign

- WDFW received complaints
  - Believed the 600' number was not real
  - 600' = 100' Pend Oreille County requirement + 500' additional distance for wake-sport boat wakes to dissipate to that of a normal recreational boat
- WDFW felt compelled to address the complaint
  - Temporary solution is to tape sections of the sign – see photo to right
- Current SLA Board plan
  - Leave the sign up – it is informational, a recommendation only, and does not imply a new law

## Sacheen Lake Recommended Wake Boat Operating Zone



Sign has been vandalized since this photo



# Safe Boating Laws

- POC Sheriff's Office is updating the boating laws ordinance
  - 4/22/25: Upon query, Sheriff replied that the effort has stalled due to staffing shortage
  - Will inform us when it starts back up
  - SLA Board expressed interest in specifically knowing when the review period will occur so we can notify the Sacheen Lake community via email

## 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

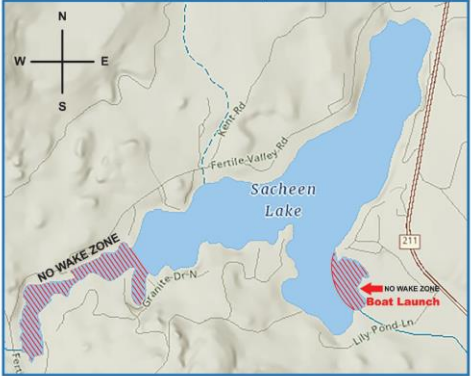
- 35 MPH 1/2 hour before sunrise until 1/2 hour after sunset
- NO WAKE SPEED (5 MPH) from 1/2 hour after sunset until 1/2 hour before sunrise
- Poor weather conditions & boating congestion require lower speeds

### 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

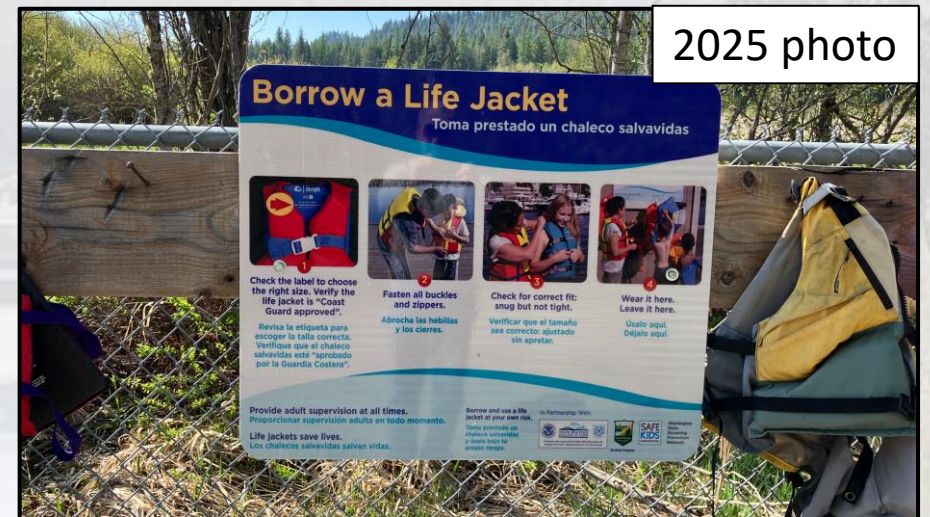
- Sign is posted at the WDFW boat launch
- There may be changes affecting the sign
- Recommend rental property owners have a copy in their clients' welcome package

# 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 jacket before use***
- WSPRC life jackets are frequently borrowed and not returned
- SLA updated our inventory from WSPRC
- Please return any borrowed life jacket



2021 photo



2025 photo

# Other Buoys on Sacheen Lake

- From the Pend Oreille County Boating Safety Ordinance (2001-01)
  - Color and size requirements
  - Sheriff permits them
  - Violations identified
  - No slalom buoys unless authorized
- Sheriff places no-wake zone buoys
- SLA place hazard marking buoys
  - Permitted by the Sheriff

## .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.

# 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

# 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
  - 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>

# First Responders, Address Signs, & Nixle Link

- First Responder, blue address signs can be made through the SPOFR
- Contact: Dean @ (509) 589-0017
- \$30 per sign (“expected” donation – nobody doesn’t pay)

*For local emergency alerts, register to Nixle at <https://www.nixle.com/>*



## **Current SPOFR Administration:**

**Chief:** Shane Stocking [sstocking@spofr.org](mailto:sstocking@spofr.org)  
**Chief of Operations:** Jennifer Krusing [jkrusing@spofr.org](mailto:jkrusing@spofr.org)  
**Volunteer Division Chief of Wildland:** Brad Martin  
**Battalion Chief Station 81:** Larry Hiebert  
**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)

## **Current Sheriff's Office Administration:**

**Sheriff:** Glenn Blakeslee  
**Phone:** (509) 447-1901  
**Dispatch Phone:** (509) 447-3151  
**Address:**  
331 S. Garden Ave  
PO Box 5075  
Newport, WA 99156



# Outside Burning\*

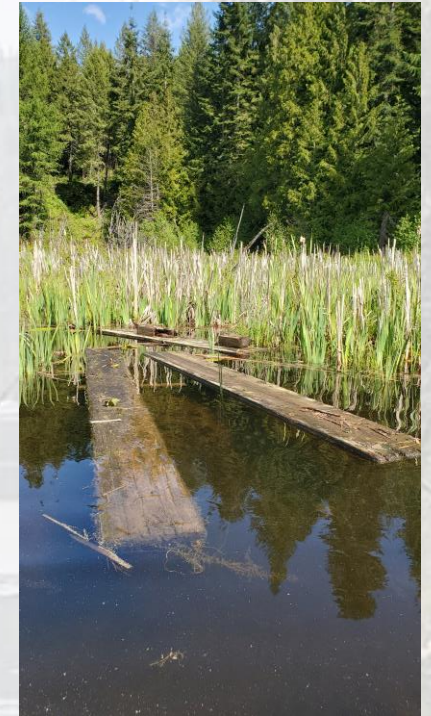
- Sign up for Nixle alerts and you should receive notifications for a change in the burn ban status (and other important info such as road closures)
- DNR and Department of Ecology have burn ban regulations
- Before you burn, know the burn ban status
  - DNR: [dnr.wa.gov/burn-restrictions](http://dnr.wa.gov/burn-restrictions)
  - 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

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\* This slide does not address permit-oriented burning

# 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)
- [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 ...”



# 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
- If you have thoughts regarding community issues, events, etc., please send us an email at [sacheenlake.assoc@gmail.com](mailto:sacheenlake.assoc@gmail.com)

# Q & A

# Closing Comments

- Thank you all for coming and participating
- We hope to see you out and about enjoying our beautiful surroundings, lake life, wildlife and neighbors