

Pend Oreille County Commissioner's Meeting

18 April 2017

Issue: Shoreline Erosion- Sacheen Lake

Background:

High water levels compared to historical norms have led to severe shoreline erosion at Sacheen Lake, resulting in property damage and degradation of water quality (siltation).

Efforts to control lake level have been ongoing for many years (30+) with marginal success. Culverts in beaver dams on the outlet stream are maintained under the auspices of an Hydraulic Application Permit (HPA) held by the Sacheen Lake Water & Sewer District, with the help of Sacheen Lake Association volunteers.

When water is high, such as spring and early summer, boat wakes exacerbate the erosion significantly.

Advisory votes in the last two Sacheen Lake Association annual meetings favor contacting the Pend Oreille County Commissioners to request no-wake limits during periods of high water. The consensus did not favor an outright ban of wake boats at this time, in favor of the middle-of-the-road approach: wake limits during periods of high lake level.

Currently the lake level reading is just under 10 feet, compared to a nominal 8 ½ feet during summer and fall. (Lake Level Historical Data Attached)

Request:

The Sacheen Lake Association respectfully request that the Pend Oreille County Commissioners invoke a no-wake limit at Sacheen Lake until the lake level is brought to below 8.7 feet.

Respectfully,

Donald J. Hill

President, Sacheen Lake Association