

Sacheen Lake Association
P.O. Box 401
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Aug '19

Subject: Milfoil Treatment

Dear Sacheen Lake Neighbors,

Many of you received a letter from the Sacheen Lake Water & Sewer District concerning treatment of Eurasian Milfoil and other invasive weeds in our lake. The purpose of this letter is to emphasize one important action you can take to help control the weeds in our lake. VOTE! Vote YES on the annual Water & Sewer District Maintenance & Operations Levy. This important levy provides funds for the treatment and control of milfoil in our lake, maintenance of the park, management of the lake water level and insurance.

Your first step is to make sure you are registered to vote in Pend Oreille County. If you live in Washington and own property at the lake, you are entitled to vote here. Yes, you give up your ability to vote in your permanent residential county, but your vote (or two votes for couples) is far more important here than in the "big city".

In 2018, the Maintenance & Operation Levy failed to pass by just a couple of votes. Because the levy failed, the Water & Sewer District did not receive any funds in 2019 to spray the noxious weeds in the lake. Not being able to spray in a single year has a long-lasting impact on your lake; the milfoil growth this past spring was staggering in many places. In the letter from the Water & Sewer Board, they provided an estimate that \$50,000 to \$70,000 would be needed to treat all the affected areas. Only \$20,000 was available. That's the reason only the really bad areas were treated this year. By next year, the areas that weren't treated this year will be really bad. It is an ongoing problem that must be managed every year.

In conclusion...

If you are not already registered to vote in Pend Oreille County, please register here.

Vote YES on the annual Water & Sewer District Maintenance & Operation Levy.

Don't let your missing vote be the one needed to pass this important levy.

Sincerely,



Albert Pool

President, Sacheen Lake Association