

Exhibit B

**Public Correspondence Received
as of February 1, 2023**

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Som Prabhu <somjprabhu@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2023 9:19 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Cc: Somnath Prabhu
Subject: Request for permit to save Devil's Lake
Attachments: Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Commission.pdf

Commissioner(s),

The explosive infestation of elodea into Devil's Lake, beloved to Lincoln County, has quickly developed into a dire and critical situation. Native species of wildlife, including eagles, osprey, otters, and underwater aquatic flora and fauna are all being significantly impacted by the elodea which has now all but taken over the lake forming carpets of weeds. The uncontrolled weed growth has also affected waterways making boating, fishing, swimming and other recreational use of the lake unsafe. I used to love frequently seeing bald eagles and osprey hunt for fish from their high perch on the pine in my yard, but with elodea overgrowth those bird sightings became rare last summer. Now, the area around my dock has become useless for fishing and swimming, and the thickness of the weeds prevents operation of my boat prop.

Attached find my letter requesting you to please support and vote to accept the changes to the OARs that will allow introduction of sterile grass carp to Devil's Lake. The introduction of carp is a vital part of the multi-pronged long term solution plan adopted by Devil's Lake Water Improvement District to bring the lake back to health from the current massive weed infestation.

Sincerely,
Somnath J Prabhu

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: M S N Service <dklaus7@msn.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2023 9:39 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Cc: Bill Sexton
Subject: Devils Lake elodea growth

I am a resident of Lincoln City on Devils Lake. The elodea growth is a problem that grows larger each year. In the past 15 years it has gone from a lake that I could swim across, at its narrowest, to a lake I don't want my granddaughters to swim in by the edge of the dock. If, no when, you become entangled in the grass you are pulled under the water. The problem has come to the point that the grass looks like an island floating in the lake, many islands. The Devil's Lake Water Improvement District Board is a competent, thoughtful organization that we on the lake are fortunate to have. This is a problem that will only rapidly grow worse. As many problems there is a balance of interested needed to consider and the Board's plan seems open to adjusting as the problem is rectified. Thank You for your consideration.

Dean and Debbie Klaus
3520 Yacht Street
Lincoln City, Oregon
dklaus7@msn.com

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Tim Wiese <twiese1966@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2023 10:33 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Devils lake

Carp are desperately needed to clean up the lake and wildlife. Fish are dying in the lake as a result of this weed growth and development. Please help clean up the lake.

Sincerely,

Tim Wiese (home owner since 2003 on D Lake)

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Andrea Prabhu <andrezins@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2023 12:47 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Attachments: Letter to Commission from Andrea Prabhu.pdf

Dear Commissioner,

Please see the attached letter.

We bought our lake home in 2021. The summer of 2021 was amazing on the lake. We swam, boated, floated, and enjoyed the lake.

Last summer everything dramatically changed. Starting with our annual plunge into the lake Memorial Day weekend, we had an Elodea infestation all around our dock. I swam through these very thick weeds and ended up getting swimmer's itch all over my body. If you have never had it before, it is insanely itchy. Like wake up at night scratching levels of itch. It took a week of oral and topical meds to stop the itch. Because of this, we had to be careful about swimming in the lake in areas without visible weeds (like in the middle). Then the entire lake was taken over by Elodea including the middle.

We have a boat, and we had to change the water pump TWICE because it sucked up weeds and overheated. In the middle of the lake, our engine started to smoke because it wasn't cool enough and we had to be towed to shore TWICE. We no longer feel we can use our boat in the lake because the weeds are not going anywhere any time soon.

We have a four year old daughter and we are begging you to PLEASE put sterile grass carp in the lake. There are no other good solutions. We do not want to have chemicals poured into the lake or pay money for a weed harvester that merely skims the surface of the lake and still did not allow us to enjoy the water.

Property values and tourism will also plummet for a disgusting weedy lake.

Please help!

Sincerely,
Andrea Prabhu and Priya Prabhu (4 years old)
Devil's Lake Residents

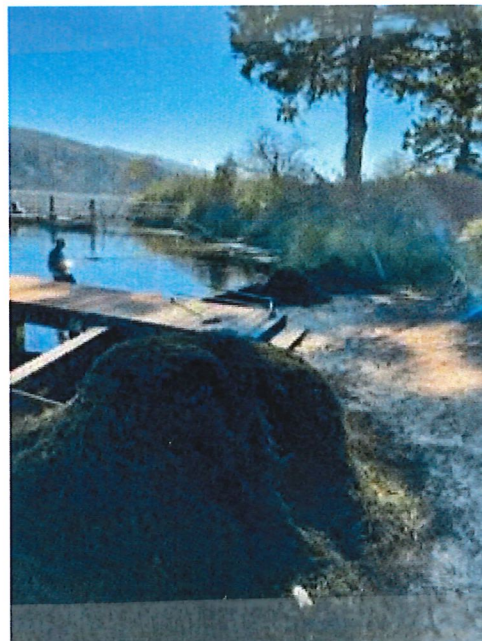
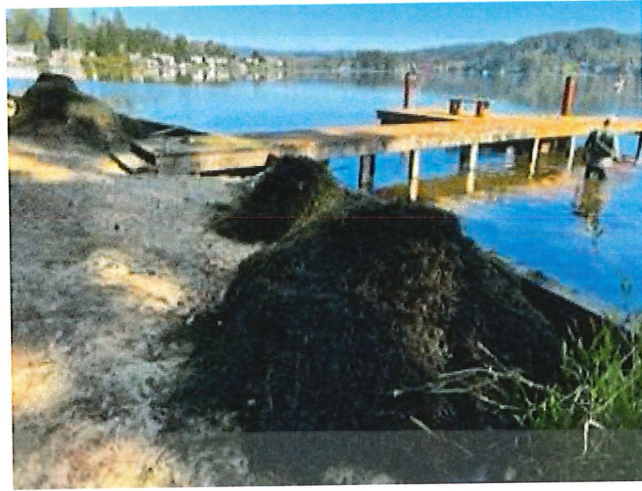
BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Jana McFarland <mcfarland.jana@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2023 3:26 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Devils Lake Permit & OAR Change
Attachments: IMG_1794.JPG; IMG_1812.JPG; IMG_1813.JPG; Letter to Commission from Members 2.0 - Jana.pdf

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My father and mother purchased our property on Devils Lake in 1958. Five generations have spent time creating memories there and hope to continue to enjoy everything the lake has to offer for years to come. I believe that can only happen with finding a way to control the weed problem the lake is now experiencing. The pictures I have included are from October 2022. The weeds were so thick around our walkway and dock that it blocked water movement so as you can see the algae was stagnant. I believe the reintroduction of sterilized grass carp should be considered as a solution to the future health of Devils Lake.

Sincerely,
Jana McFarland
P.O. Box 122
Neotsu, OR 97364



BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: alcar4@charter.net
Sent: Friday, January 20, 2023 11:17 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Grass Carp in Devils Lake
Attachments: Letter_to_Commission_from_Members.docx

From Allan Kramer, 1116 NE Lakewood, Lincoln City, OR 97367

Dear sir: I strongly encourage you to restore Grass Carp into Devil's Lake. Having lived here lakefront for the last 21 years, once the Grass Carp died out the lake became largely unusable. I had great hopes for weed harvesting but it proved to be inadequate for the acreage and density of the weeds. Please restore the Grass Carp!!!

ODF&W Commission
Mary Wahl, Chairperson
4034 Fairview Industrial Drive, SE
Salem, Oregon 97302
Via email at odfw.commission@odfw.oregon.gov

Dear Chair Wahl:

Devils Lake is a public lake located in Lincoln County. It is an integral part of my neighborhood and the communities of Lincoln City, Otis, Neotsu and all of the central coast of Oregon. This beautiful lake needs your help.

Over the last year, the situation in Devils Lake has become dire with the explosive growth of Elodea. In little over a year's time, this invasive weed has covered a significant portion of the lakebed. Given the shallowness of the lake, Elodea is greatly impacting all beneficial uses of Devils Lake, including the migration of native coho salmon into Rock Creek. Native freshwater clam beds have disappeared in some areas of the lake, impacting otters. Limited visibility is impacting the use of Devils Lake as a nesting and feeding ground for bald eagle, osprey, egrets, herons and migratory birds. Many areas of the lake have become unnavigable to boats and unsafe for swimming. This invasive species is likely being introduced into other water bodies throughout the Pacific Northwest through direct transmittal on watercraft.

The Devils Lake Water Improvement District (DLWID), which is tasked with maintaining the water quality in Devils Lake, filed with ODF&W in August 2013, an application for an exception under OAR 635-056-0075(1)(a)(O) to allow the restocking of grass carp into Devils Lake. While a multi-pronged approach to eradicating Elodea is necessary, it is the general consensus that the re-introduction of grass carp into Devils Lake is vital to a long-term solution to this problem.

Please acknowledge this catastrophe by directing ODF&W staff to work with DLWID to modify DLWID's pending exception application to set stocking levels appropriate to current situation and to bring this matter before the Commission at its September 15, 2022 meeting. Further delay in addressing DLWID's application will only result in further damage to the unique environment that Devils Lake provides for all users – whether fish, fowl or human. Thank you for your consideration.

CC: Governor Kate Brown, Attn: Constituent Services, 900 Court Street, Suite 254
Salem, Oregon 97301-4047
Curt Melcher, Director, ODF&W, 4034 Fairview Industrial Drive SE, Salem, Oregon 97302
– via email at curt.melcher@odfw.oregon.gov

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: mopete123 <mopete123@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, January 20, 2023 12:38 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Return Carp to Devils Lake
Attachments: Letter to Commission from Members 2.0.pdf

My family has owned a second home on Devils Lake for 20 years. Our grandchildren were uncomfortable swimming and playing in the Lake this past summer due to the elodea.

Please allow the Carp to return to Devils Lake.

Molly Peterson
mopete123@comcast.net

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: FW: Devils Lake

From: Tammy Nicolaysen <tammynicolaysen@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2023 8:59 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW <ODFW.COMMISSION@odfw.oregon.gov>
Subject: Devils Lake

1/18/2023

Dear commissioner:

I hope it's true that a picture is worth a thousand words. Just in case I'm sending both.

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Duane Nicolaysen <o2bduane@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2023 12:51 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Devils Lake Elodea Crisis

Dear Commissioner:

I realize you must be getting tired of dealing with the issue at/in Devils Lake, but something HAS to be done. Last year, we — along with thousands of other Oregonians and visitors — could not use the lake that we live next to. The weeds were just too thick and widespread that most watercraft could not access the lake. We've tried harvesting the weeds (I could show you pictures), but that is a difficult, costly, and losing process. Chemicals are an option, but even that is costly and probably not that good for the fish, swimmers, or the ecosystem in general. Grass-eating carp (in a controlled manner) is hands down the best solution; not harmful to the environment, the swimmers, and not predatory to other fish.

WE IMPLORE YOU TO CONSIDER PUTTING CARP BACK INTO OUR ONCE-BEAUTIFUL LAKE!

Devils Lake is an integral part of my neighborhood and now more than ever our beautiful lake needs our help. The Devils Lake Water Improvement District (DLWID) is pursuing a permit under OAR 635-056-0075(2) from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) to re-introduce sterile grass carp into Devils Lake. In furtherance of this goal the District has submitted a permit application which also serves as its management plan setting forth the timelines, policies, and processes that will be used for the re-introduction and ongoing management of grass carp in Devils Lake. In order for our permit to be processed certain changes to the Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR's) will be presented by ODFW staff for your consideration in the February Commission meeting.

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To ensure that Devils Lake Water Improvement District has the tools necessary to ensure the lake can be enjoyed by Oregonians for generations to come, I request that the Commission vote in favor of the proposed changes to OAR 635-056-0075(1)(a).

Sincerely,

Tammy Nicolaysen



This is what the lake looked like in late summer.

I could send so many more photos but I think that's enough so that you might understand the importance of this letter.

Devils Lake is an integral part of my neighborhood and now more than ever our beautiful lake needs our help. The Devils Lake Water Improvement District (DLWID) is pursuing a permit under OAR 635-056-0075(2) from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) to re-introduce sterile grass carp into Devils Lake. In furtherance of this goal the District has submitted a permit application which also serves as its management plan setting forth the timelines, policies, and processes that will be used for the re-introduction and ongoing management of grass carp in Devils Lake. In order for our permit to be processed certain changes to the Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR's) will be presented by ODFW staff for your consideration in the February Commission meeting.

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Sincerely,

Tammy Nicolaysen



We've personally removed tons of Elodea in front of our home and have paid hundreds to have it hauled away.



This is how we spent our summer last year.

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: FW: comments on draft carp regulations [SR-ACTIVE.FID5521900]
Attachments: 2023.01.23 LT FWC re draft carp regulations(118008011.1).pdf

From: Curtiss, Sarah Stauffer <sarah.curtiss@stoel.com>
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2023 12:53 PM
To: SEABOURNE John D * ODFW <John.D.SEABOURNE@odfw.oregon.gov>
Cc: Susan Elworth <susan.elworth@gmail.com>; Joshua (josh@dlwid.org) <josh@dlwid.org>
Subject: comments on draft carp regulations [SR-ACTIVE.FID5521900]

John,

On behalf of the Devils Lake Water Improvement District, please find attached a letter to the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission related to the draft regulations that would allow ODFW to authorize carp placement on Devils Lake.

If you could please confirm that this letter will be distributed to the Commission and included in the rulemaking record, I'd appreciate it.

Thank you,

Sarah Stauffer Curtiss | Partner
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January 23, 2023

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VIA EMAIL (john.d.seabourne@odfw.oregon.gov)

Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission
c/o Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
4034 Fairview Industrial Dr SE
Salem, OR 97302

**Re: Draft Regulations Allowing Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to Authorize
Carp Placement in Devils Lake**

Dear Members of the Commission:

This office represents the Devils Lake Water Improvement District (District), a water improvement district organized under Oregon Revised Statute Chapter 552. The District's mission is to: improve and maintain the quality of Devil's Lake; improve the environment for fish, wildlife and humans; improve recreational opportunities; improve and maintain safe and efficient navigation; increase public access; improve the economy of north Lincoln County; and increase public awareness and education of Devil's Lake.

To support this overall mission, one of the District's main priorities is reducing aquatic invasive species such as parrotfeather and native nuisance species such as elodea canadensis. These species present hazards to recreation, navigation, and water quality, and outcompete other native species. The impact of these invasive and nuisance species is significant. In the spring of 2022, massive amounts of elodea suddenly appeared in Devils Lake. By mid-summer 2022, the lake was 48.6 percent occupied by volume with elodea, with 40.1 percent of the surface of the lake covered by weeds and 100 percent of the bottom of the lake covered with elodea. Based on the District's recent survey, there is as much as 116 million cubic feet of submerged aquatic vegetation present in Devils Lake. In August 2022, for the first time in 5 years, Devils Lake saw a decrease in dissolved oxygen.

Since the 1980s, the District has worked closely with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) to address aquatic vegetation issues, including working with the Department to introduce approximately 32,000 sterile grass carp into Devils Lake between 1986 and 1993. The parties agree that too much vegetative cover was removed by the carp stocked in the late 1980s and early 1990s, but the amount of submerged aquatic vegetation has increased dramatically since that time. Since 2006, the District has tested various measures to manage submerged aquatic vegetation, including mechanical harvesting, application of herbicides, bottom barriers, drawdown, hand pulling, suction harvesting, water dyes, and rotoation. Of the measures used over the last 40 years, only the introduction of sterile grass carp has been found to be economical, socially acceptable, and environmentally benign.

Although the District will continue to utilize mechanical harvesting and to apply herbicide in certain locations within Devils Lake to reduce invasive and nuisance species, the District believes that the introduction of sterile grass carp is an essential component of a well-balanced approach to controlling and reducing invasive and nuisance submerged aquatic vegetation within Devils Lake.

Because the Department's current regulations do not provide a mechanism for the Department to allow the District to introduce sterile grass carp into Devils Lake, the District supports the addition of the draft provision at OAR 635-056-0075(1)(a)(B). This new provision will give the Department the discretion to authorize the stocking of sterile grass carp in Devils Lake and will allow the District to continue to work collaboratively with the Department on a stocking plan that is acceptable to the Department and the District.

The District appreciates the time that Department staff has devoted to this issue and looks forward to the opportunity to work collaboratively with the Department to optimize a stocking plan that is acceptable to the District and the Department.

For these reasons, we urge the Commission to adopt the proposed language in Section 635-056-0075(1)(a)(B) as proposed.

Thank you for your careful consideration of this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sarah Stauffer Curtiss', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Sarah Stauffer Curtiss

EXHIBIT B

PUBLIC CORRESPONDENCE

Received January 18, 2023, to January 30, 2023

Subject: ODFW Commissioners: Devils Lake Elodea Issue

**51 individuals submitted the attached letter
(Letter & List Attached)**

***Note:** Letters with additional comments and photographs have also been included.*

From	Subject	Received	SM...
Monday			
DAN HOLMES	Grass Carp in Devils lake	Mon 1/30/2023 10:06 AM	5...
Sunday			
Charlene Beck	ODFW Commission: RE: Grass Carp in Devils Lake, Lincol...	Sun 1/29/2023 10:43 PM	6...
Charlene Beck	Grass Carp to help Devils Lake in Lincoln City	Sun 1/29/2023 10:34 PM	6...
JAMES GAY	Devil's Lake Elodea	Sun 1/29/2023 3:11 PM	7...
Last Week			
Patty Sorensen	Devils Lake	Fri 1/27/2023 3:51 PM	6...
Duane Nicolaysen	Devils Lake Elodea Crisis	Fri 1/27/2023 12:51 PM	5...
Kim Merchant	ODFW Commissioners, Devils Lake Elodea issue	Fri 1/27/2023 8:23 AM	8...
Ray Cranston	Devils Lake Elodea	Fri 1/27/2023 7:53 AM	9...
Dani Carlson	Devils Lake	Wed 1/25/2023 6:34 AM	7...
kathy kremer		Tue 1/24/2023 12:40 PM	2...
Kenepfau	Devils lake	Mon 1/23/2023 6:53 PM	6...
Steve Reinking	Devil's Lake elodea control	Mon 1/23/2023 2:56 PM	7...
Lisa Bakke	Devil's Lake Elodea Resolution	Mon 1/23/2023 11:19 AM	6...
paul@nofzigers.net	Devils Lake	Sun 1/22/2023 5:07 PM	8...
Crystal Marks	Fw: letter to commissioner	Sun 1/22/2023 12:48 PM	1...
Two Weeks Ago			
marycrussell@aol.com	Letter to support the sterile grass carp to be re-introduc...	Sat 1/21/2023 5:45 PM	9...
Jack French	Devils Lake Grass Carp	Sat 1/21/2023 1:57 PM	1...
Josh Hammer	Concerns regarding Devils Lake degradation	Sat 1/21/2023 11:34 AM	8...
Joanne Pfau	SAVE DEVILS LAKE!	Sat 1/21/2023 10:01 AM	7...
Mary Gregoire	Devil's Lake	Fri 1/20/2023 9:52 PM	5...
Ron Frey	Letter to Commission	Fri 1/20/2023 7:05 PM	7...
Josef Leisten	D-Lake	Fri 1/20/2023 3:46 PM	7...
mopete123	Return Carp to Devils Lake	Fri 1/20/2023 12:39 PM	8...
Jenny Dunham	Devils Lake	Fri 1/20/2023 11:43 AM	6...
garypmail@aol.com	Letter from Devils Lake Resident	Fri 1/20/2023 11:05 AM	1...
Monica Walker	Proposed changes to OAR 635-056-0075(1)(a)	Thu 1/19/2023 8:57 PM	2...
Donette Paige	Devils Lake Lincoln County Grass Carp Request...	Thu 1/19/2023 4:57 PM	5...
Jana McFarland	Devils Lake Permit & OAR Change	Thu 1/19/2023 2:12 PM	1...
Mitzi Johnson	Devils Lake	Thu 1/19/2023 2:09 PM	1...
Jake Hammer	Re: Devils Lake Waterfront Improvement District	Thu 1/19/2023 11:00 AM	6...
William Holt	Devils Lake Weed Infestation	Wed 1/18/2023 9:58 PM	5...
Jay Hansen	Sterile Grass Carp	Wed 1/18/2023 3:09 PM	9...
Paul Toennis	Devil's Lake	Wed 1/18/2023 3:06 PM	5...
Patty Cramer	Devil's Lake Elodea Invasion	Wed 1/18/2023 2:20 PM	1...
Ruth Shelly	Letter to Commissioners re Devils Lake	Wed 1/18/2023 1:57 PM	8...
ljjboro1@gmail.com	FW: Permit under OAR 635-056-0075(2) from the ODOF ...	Wed 1/18/2023 12:34 PM	1...
Don B Williams (via Google Docs)	Letter to Commission from Members 2.0	Wed 1/18/2023 12:26 PM	8...
Dawn Brooks	Support for reintroduction of grass carp in Devils Lake	Wed 1/18/2023 12:16 PM	6...
ncrdad@gmail.com	Introduction of Grass Carp to Devils Lake	Wed 1/18/2023 11:45 AM	6...
Greg LaMothe	Devil's Lake grass carp	Wed 1/18/2023 11:45 AM	6...
Robert Freelander	Re-introduction of Sterile Carp to Devils Lake	Wed 1/18/2023 11:44 AM	5...
merrykindred@comcast.net	Devil's Lake Grass Carp needed	Wed 1/18/2023 11:43 AM	6...

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Deb Kemp	Letter to Commissioner - Devils Lake, proposed changes ...	Wed 1/18/2023 11:37 AM	8...
Carol Stenzel (via Google Docs)	Document shared with you: "Commissioner:"	Wed 1/18/2023 11:28 AM	6...
DOUGLAS MACGOWAN	Devils Lake Grass Carp Re- introduction	Wed 1/18/2023 10:40 AM	7...
Eve Scott (via Google Docs)	Letter to Commission from Members 2.0	Wed 1/18/2023 10:18 AM	8...
Som Prabhu	Request for permit to save Devil's Lake	Wed 1/18/2023 9:19 AM	9...
thejorgs@frontier.com	OAR 635-056-0075(2)	Wed 1/18/2023 9:00 AM	5...
amarillowest47@gmail.com	Devil's Lake Elodea Problem	Wed 1/18/2023 8:57 AM	5...
John Pumphrey	The Oregon Devils Lake Water Improvement request	Wed 1/18/2023 8:51 AM	4...
S Seward	SAVING DEVILS LAKE - NEED YOUR SUPPORT	Wed 1/18/2023 8:03 AM	6...

Letter to Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Commission

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Sincerely,

Devils Lake Resident

1/18/23

Letter to Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Commission

Commissioner:

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AFFECTS HOME VALUES BUT TAXES CONTINUE UPWARD
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Sincerely,

Skip Seward
3550 NE West Devils Lake Road
Lincoln City, OR 97367

Devils Lake Resident

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: John Pumphrey <john1951.4852@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2023 8:48 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: The Oregon Devils Lake Water Improvement request
Attachments: Devils Lake Improvement request..odt; Devils Lake condition 10-28-2022.pdf

Please review the attached documents and photos of Devils Lake in Lincoln County, Oregon as of 10-28-2022.
Thank you
John Pumphrey
ph/txt 971 371 8471

Commissioner:

Devils Lake is an integral part of my neighborhood and this beautiful lake needs care. The Devils Lake Water Improvement District (DLWID) is pursuing a permit under OAR 635-056-0075(2) from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) to re-introduce sterile grass carp into Devils Lake. In furtherance of this goal the District has submitted a permit application which also serves as its management plan setting forth the timelines, policies, and processes that will be used for the re-introduction and ongoing management of grass carp in Devils Lake. In order for our permit to be processed certain changes to the Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR's) will be presented by ODFW staff for your consideration in the February Commission meeting.

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Sincerely,

John W. Pumphrey

Sharon M. Pumphrey

Devils Lake Residents



Steve and Karen Allen

3865 NE East Devil's Lake Rd

Otis, Oregon

Email: steve@crest-properties.com

January 18, 2023

odfw.commission@odfw.oregon.gov

Dear Commissioners:

We have had our house on Devil's Lake for 57 years and have experienced the lily pad invasion, now the elodea, a sea lion in the lake and witnessed the improvements initiated over all those years including the carp planted decades ago. Our Devil's Lake Water Improvement District (DLWID) is pursuing a permit under OAR 635-056-0075(2) from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) to re-introduce sterile grass carp into Devils Lake. In furtherance of this goal the District has submitted a permit application which also serves as its management plan setting forth the timelines, policies, and processes that will be used for the re-introduction and ongoing management of grass carp in Devils Lake. In order for our permit to be processed certain changes to the Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR's) will be presented by ODFW staff for your consideration in the February Commission meeting.

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Devils Lake Residents

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Robert Freeland <robertf@richardshomewares.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2023 11:43 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Re-introduction of Sterile Carp to Devils Lake
Attachments: Dear Commissioner.docx; Devils Lake.png

Per the attached letter I urge you to process the necessary changes to the Oregon Administrative Rules as it pertains to making it possible to re-introduce carp into the lake.

The situation is dire, not only for the recreational needs of the lake, but for the entire eco system. Salmon cannot reach their spawning grounds and the food source for game birds is dwindling, just to name two.

I am 71 years old and for me do what I did, per attached, just to clear some on my property is not sustainable.

Thanks and regards,

Robert Freeland
3791 NE Johns Loop
Neotsu, OR.

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1/18/2023

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Sincerely,

Robert C Frelander

Devils Lake Resident
3791 NE Johns Loop
Neotsu, OR. 97364

11:31



July 4, 2022
2:42 PM

Edit



BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: ljjboro1@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2023 12:33 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: FW: Permit under OAR 635-056-0075(2) from the ODOF go introduce sterile grass carp into Devils Lake
Attachments: Letter to Commission from Members 2.0.pdf

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

From: ljjboro1@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2023 12:29 PM
To: odfw.commission@odfw.gov
Subject: Permit under OAR 635-056-0075(2) from the ODOF go introduce sterile grass carp into Devils Lake

Devils Lake is enjoyed by so many. Last year was a nightmare regarding the elodea. Spent many hours removing from around my dock and as far out as I could reach. Two loads to the dump. This evasive plant makes it hard to kayak let along do any water sports on our lake. Many people from the Devils Lake Neighborhood Association worked hard to combat elodea. Hopefully we will be able to get on top of this with the sterile grass carp which were used many years ago with great success.

Thank you.
Laurie Jones
3152 NE Loop Dr.
Otis, OR 97368

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Patty Cramer <patty@cramer-cpa.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2023 2:19 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Devil's Lake Elodea Invasion
Attachments: Devil's Lake Elodea Letter.pdf

Dear Commissioner,

We have a home on Devil's Lake and love it! In the past we have been able to enjoy boating, swimming and fishing on the lake.

With the Elodea invasion the lake has become almost impossible to do that. It was a huge challenge this summer having to stop often to clear the weeds from the propeller while only being in the middle of the lake. And then a difficult challenge to get to our dock.

We hope that you are able to introduce the sterile carp back into the lake to help it be cleaned naturally and return to the beautiful lake that it has been in the past.

Thank you,

Patty Cramer
1727 NE East Devils Lake Road
Otis OR 97368

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Jay Hansen <Jay@cjhansen.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2023 3:09 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Cc: Bill Hansen
Subject: Sterile Grass Carp
Attachments: CW Hansen ODFW DLWID Grass Ltr.docx

I have prepared a statement I would like to submit to the OSFW regarding the troubles with vegetation wrecking Devils Lake in Lincoln City and the desire to reintroduce sterile grass carp into that lake to mitigate the aquatic vegetation. This worked so well since the mid 80's when the sterile grass carp were originally introduced but have since died off and the vegetation has very quickly returned. Please read and enter the attached statement into the discussion around allowing this to happen again.

Carster W (Bill) Hansen, PE., President

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Sincerely,

Carsten W. (Bill) Hansen
3197 NE Johns Loop
Neotsu, OR 97364

Dear commissioner:

1-18-2023

I have been a resident user of Devils Lake for over 25 years and deeply appreciate the amazing job the sterile grass carp did in keeping the elodea grasses under control. Unfortunately, the regulations pursuant to restocking have caused delays to such a point that serious degradation of the lake environment is now taking place. The Devils Lake Water Improvement District (DLWID) is pursuing a permit under OAR 635-056-0075(2) from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) to reintroduce sterile grass carp into Devils Lake. In furtherance of this goal the District has submitted a permit application. In order for our permit to be processed certain changes to the Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR's) will be presented by ODFW staff for your consideration in the February Commission meeting.

The situation in Devils Lake has become dire with the explosive growth of elodea. No longer am I able to safely teach children how to sail, kayak or even fish on this weed choked lake. Over the past two decades, I had hosted Boy Scout troops, Cub Scout troops and individual family groups to camp out on my property, learn and enjoy the multi-use aspects of Devils Lake. Unfortunately, now the educational aspects of this wonderful environment are gone, and many youths, who seldom escape from their urban apartment dwellings, will not know the benefits of the lake experience.

How do you expect me to be able to teach sailing when I can not leave the dock without being caught in the weeds. How do you expect me to teach fishing when the hook is constantly fouled by weeds. Why would a troop want to visit a weed choked lake when the use aspects have been eliminated by elodea.

Devils Lake has always been a multi-use lake with great acceptance and understanding between the various users. The fishermen put up with me cutting too close over their trolling lines, the wake boarders are put up with while we see our shorelines eroded and our boats tossed about, the kayakers put up with everybody else, and the birds and bunnies live here and ignore the swimmers too. If the grass carp are not reintroduced soon all will cease. The lack of grass carp is taking away the joy a man feels when seeing his granddaughter complete her first solo sail in a little El Toro or catch her first fish.

Having worked as a coastal engineer for over two decades with the Corps in Operations and Maintenance as well as R&D, I worked with many in the F&W field and feel that this upcoming decision should be a no-brainer and request that the Commission vote in favor of the proposed changes to OAR 635-056-0075(1)(a).

Sincerely,

Douglas M. Pirie

3621 NE 10th Street, Otis, Oregon 97368

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Jake Hammer <jake@esautoworks.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2023 10:59 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Devils Lake Waterfront Improvement District

To whom it may concern,

Attached is a letter in favor of reintroducing the Grass Carp into Devils Lake. Our family has owned a home on the lake since 1998 and our extended family has had a home on the lake since the 1950's. We are confident the Carp would help alleviate the abnormal abundance of grass and other weeds that have started growing in Devils Lake over the last few years. Thank you for your time and consideration,

Jake Hammer
3305 NE 34th Loop
Neotsu, OR 97364

Dear commissioner:

January 19, 2023

Devils Lake is an integral part of my neighborhood and now more than ever our beautiful lake needs our help. Our family has owned a house on Devils Lake since 1998, and our extended family has had a house on the lake since the 1950's. The Devils Lake Water Improvement District (DLWID) is pursuing a permit under OAR 635-056-0075(2) from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) to re-introduce sterile grass carp into Devils Lake. In furtherance of this goal the District has submitted a permit application which also serves as its management plan setting forth the timelines, policies, and processes that will be used for the re-introduction and ongoing management of grass carp in Devils Lake. In order for our permit to be processed certain changes to the Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR's) will be presented by ODFW staff for your consideration in the February Commission meeting.

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Sincerely,

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3305 NE 34th Loop
Neotsu, O R97364

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Mike Loretz <mikeloretz@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2023 3:09 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Letter in support of ODFW action to save Devil's Lake
Attachments: Letter to Commissioners.docx

ODFW Commissioners,

Please find attached a letter in support of proposed changes to OAR 635-056-0075(1)(a). We have loved our property and family cabin on the lakefront of Devil's Lake for generations. The lake is in serious trouble and we need the Commission's help.

Thankyou,

Mike Loretz and the entire Fitzmaurice Family
3309 NE 34th Loop
Neotsu, Oregon 97364
503-930-5587

1/19/2023

Dear ODFW Commissioners:

The weed situation at Devils Lake is not new. Our family has owned property on the lake for generations and we have seen this problem before and have experienced a lake that was choked with mewed masses that curtailed boating, swimming and fishing. We also experienced the planting of grass carp and saw firsthand how the lake was reborn. We realize that grass carp are only a part of the solution, but we know from experience that it is an "integral" component. Our beautiful lake needs help, and fast.

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3309 NE 34th Loop
Neotsu, Oregon 97364

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Mary Gregoire <mary.gregoire@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 20, 2023 9:51 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Devil's Lake

Dear commissioner:

My family has had a home on Devil's Lake since 1968. In the 80's our father, Barney Rogers, was instrumental in introducing grass carp to the lake which resulted in many years of greatly improved water quality. The carp are a natural and already proven solution to the horrible algae problem in the lake. Please consider the following:

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1/21/2023

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Sincerely,

Joshua R. Hammer
3305 NE 34th Loop
Neotsu, OR 97364

BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: paul@nofzigers.net
Sent: Sunday, January 22, 2023 5:06 PM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Devils Lake
Attachments: 2022 07 04 15 23 55 123 (2).jpg; 2022 07 05 10 05 36 718 (2).jpg; 2022 07 14 08 28 10 (2).jpg

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The attached photos show the condition of the lake this last July 4th, 2022 weekend, you can see the elodea at the surface and what you can't see is that it is just under the surface and the boats have a hard time getting to the open water in the deeper sections of the lake. You will also see that the birds

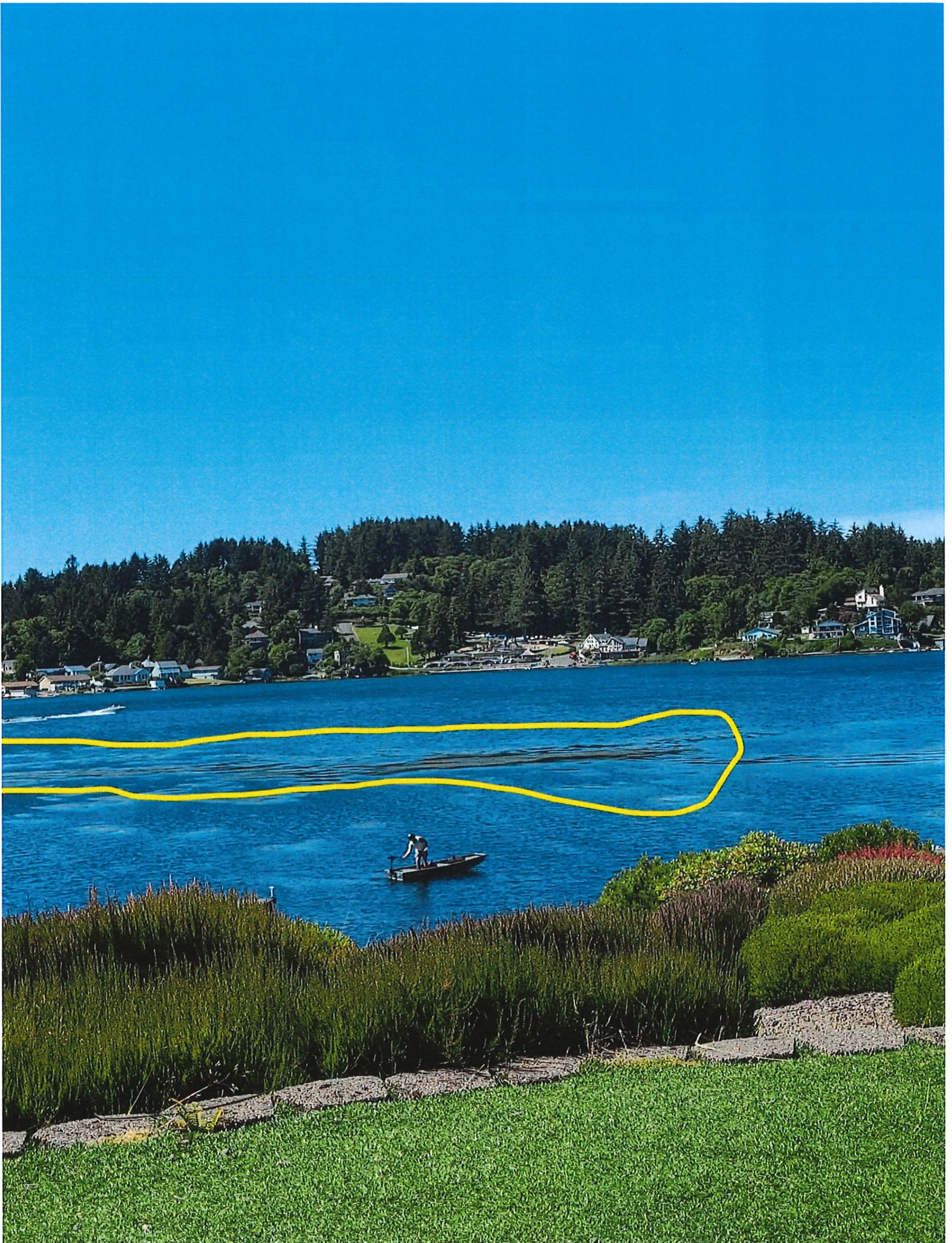
spend more time on our docks because it is hard for them to be in the lake with the elodea weed in the water. Also spraying the weed wouldn't be good for the birds that live and hunt on the lake.

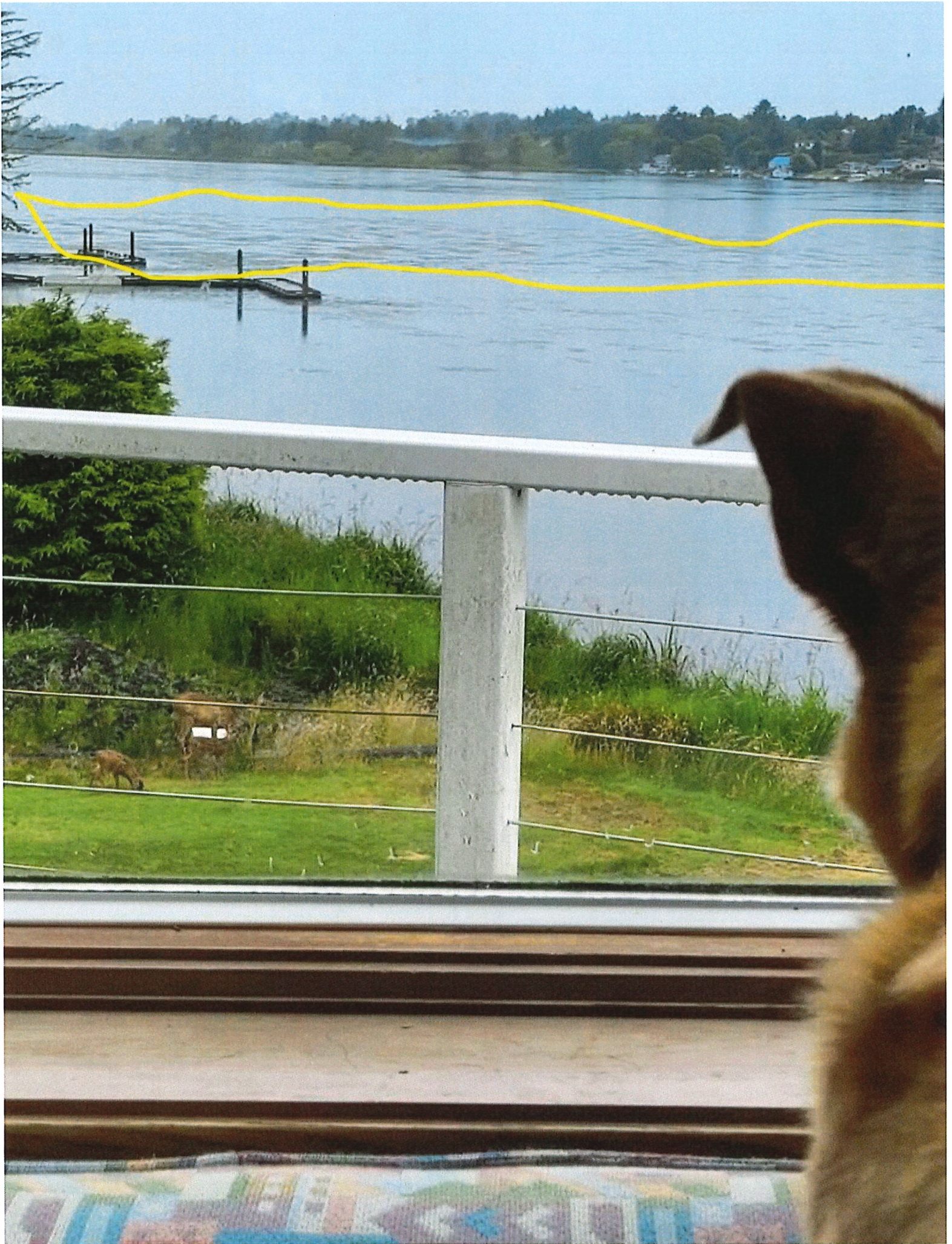
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Paul Nofziger
341 North East
East Devils Lake Rd
Lincoln City, OR. 97367



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BORISCH Roxann B * ODFW

From: Lisa Bakke <lbakke56@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2023 11:18 AM
To: COMMISSION ODFW * ODFW
Subject: Devil's Lake Elodea Resolution
Attachments: Letter to Commissioner Fish Wildlife .docx

Letter is attached and inline

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Sincerely,

Lisa Bakke - Jade LLC Partnership

p: 503-888-9397

1-22-23

ODFW Mailroom

JAN 25 2023

Received

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BJ Wilberding

Devils Lake Resident

ODFW

JAN 26 2023

Director's Office

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JAN 31 2023

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Sincerely,

Robert H. Stephenson

Please help us save
our lake!

Devils Lake Resident

4444 N.E. 42nd ST
Neotsu, OR. 97364

ODFW

JAN 31 2023

1/18/2023

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Sincerely,

Richard and Beryl Grabenhorst
3071 NE Johns Loop, Neotsu, Oregon

97364
We've had this property since 1950's - when you killed all existing aquatic animals resulting in our current problem. Harvesting weeds not working.

DEVILS LAKE PRESENTATION

LAWRENCE A. BROWN
ODFW MEETING
(2-17-23)

1. **WHY 32,000 FISH:** In Sept of 1986 we planted 10,000 fish, with little or no results. In March of 1987 we planted an additional 17,000 fish. Now we were getting some results. However, due to attrition of the fish and continued weeds we added another 5000 fish in July of 1993. That is a total of 32,000 fish. Today, our lake is twice as bad as it was then with a far higher volume of weeds.

2. **VOLUME OF WEEDS:** We have 67,500 ten yard dump truck loads full of weeds in the lake as of last summer and considerably more by now and when we get any fish planted. The Pacific Rim survey will give you more details on this subject.

3. **FISH TAGGING:** Totally unnecessary and serves no purpose in this lake. This is a closed system with no place for the fish to go except up Rock Creek, Thompson Creek or into the Ocean. In the ocean the salt water will kill them and there is no food up either of the creeks and no place for them to go except back into Devils Lake.

- a. Furthermore, tagging will increase the cost of the fish over threefold.
- b. Tagging will often kill the fish since the tag needs to be placed close to the heart.
- c. To check a tagged fish you have to net it, lay it out in the boat and get the scanner within 6" to 9" of the fish.

4. OVER PLANTING CONCERNS:

- a. Fish are only going to be eating 5.5 months of the year because of water temperature.
- b. These fish are only 12 to 14 inches in size.
- c. The Elodia weed grows the entire year.
- d. We will lose fish due to natural attrition including, boat props, otters, mink, seals, and birds including: (eagles, hawks, osprey, egrets, and blue herons).

5. ADMINISTRATIVE RULES CONCERNS:

a. Let me say first that ODFW is in good hands. Everyone I have worked with from your director, administrative assistants, clerical staff and receptionists have been just great.

b. We have, however, been trying to get fish in this lake for a long time, years. Much of the blame for this delay is because of Covid which I am sure affected ODFW and the Devils Lake Water Improvement (DLWID) which manages the lake. During the period of Covid the lake was being devastated with weeds with no one realizing it.

c. I disagree with these two administrative rules that are blocking the effective stocking of fish in the lake. I am not suggesting that these rules need to be entirely set aside or repealed. I

think the best course of action is to amend these rules so that they have the flexibility to allow ODFW, with the approval of the Commission to make decisions for different situations that arise. Language could say: " These rules are created only as a guideline and may be amended, modified, or adjusted, on a one time basis, to fit unusual or unique circumstances with the approval of ODFW and it's Board of Commissioners". We need to get a lot of fish in Devils Lake now, not next year. We have 90 days until summer. Let's get started on these rule changes now!