

Comment from Jessica Coyle received via PublicInput on June 5, 2023

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To: LakeStreamRehab2023@PublicInput.com
Subject: please don't kill north windmill lake

Hello,

My name is Jessica Coyle and I'm submitting a public comment in regards to the rotenone plan for Spokane, Grant and Stevens County.

But please understand, this comment is in regard to North Windmill Lake. If you ask the local fishermen, they'll tell you that lake is no longer worth fishing. They are so WRONG! The trout fishery in this lake is still intact and some of the fish rival those found in trophy fisheries, such as Dry Falls. I attached four photos. Two of these photos are from me and two are from another fly angler, all catches are from early April 2023. The other fly angler I mentioned had a fish finder mounted on his float tube and was marking numerous fish. Both of us have caught multiple beautiful fish out of this lake. It is a challenging lake to fish, they tend to sit deep and be a little picky. The average angler may not have the skill, ability to get out on the water or the patience to catch fish here. But that doesn't mean there isn't already a great fishery present.

Who am I? I'm well know fly angler in the area who spends most of my free time in eastern and central WA lake fishing. I often don't tell others of these sorts of fishing opportunities to help preserve the fishery. But please, don't take my word for it. Conduct a survey before deciding to kill off this lake and see for yourself. It would be heartbreaking to lose such a great fishery. I love that it's a walk in only lake, which means it doesn't get a much pressure. If you want to ask any further questions or want help conducting a survey, feel free to reach out to me at XXX-XXX-XXXX. I'm located in Yakima.

Thank you

*Phone number redacted for commenter privacy

Jessica





Note that only 2 of 4 submitted photos are included here to protect commenter privacy