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Hello Again,

When we met at Bay Lake on the opening day of trout season this year you mentioned that the Department of Fish and Wildlife is considering opening the lake to year round fishing. I was for this idea then and am even more so after having seen how this year turned out (so far, anyway). In the 34 years I have fished there I have never seen a year quite as bad as this one. I believe this is because of the increasing temperature of the water. About three weeks ago I measured the temperature (at a depth of about 6 feet) at 77 degrees and the fellow who lives next to the boat launch at 79 degrees. The average temperature has been rising at least during the three years since I have purchased a thermometer to measure it. I believe Bay Lake should be opened to year round fishing for the following four reasons:

1. While by far the most anglers are after trout, the best months for trout fishing happen when Bay Lake is currently closed to fishing.
2. The other four species in the lake (bass, bluegill, yellow perch, catfish) do not need or receive support from Washington State.
3. Traveling to other year-round lakes such as Kitsap Lake (Kitsap Co.) or Spencer Lake (Mason Co.) is a problem for many of us because of cost.
4. We used to have a lake in our neighborhood open year round- Jackson Lake. Opening Bay Lake would be returning- not creating- a resource which has been taken away and is missed.

I was easily able to collect these signatures (enclosed) in a relatively few days of stopping by the lake frequently but not daily. I realize that because the people I talked to are mostly fishermen, and therefore prejudiced, the lack of dissenters is not representative of our population in total. Nor should it be. These signatures simply support the idea that we could and should get more out of a wonderful, healthy local resource.

Currently Bay Lake is closed to fishing nearly 50% of the days of the year. That amount can be nearly doubled simply by your decision (ie- the Department of Fish & Wildlife) to do so.

Please Make It So,

*Don Porter*

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| 2. | <del>Robert G. Focht</del> | 4/28/15 |
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| 3. | NORAN ROACH | 4-28-15 |
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| 4. | Ben McBill <del>Benjamin McBill</del> | 4-28-15 |
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| 8. | Rigel Greenway | 4-28-15 |
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| 9. | JOEL BARCOCK | 4-28-15 |
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| 10. | Sared Moore | 4/28/15 |
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| 11. | Jonathan Lauzon | 4-28-15 |
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| 12. | Nicholas Williams | 4/28/15 |
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| 13. | LAURIE ROBERSON | 5/3 |
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| 14. | FRANK ROBERSON | 5/3 |
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| 15. | NATHAN ANDERSON | 5/3 |
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| 16. | Hannah Anderson | 5/3 |
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| 17. | LARRY LIVINGSTON | 5/3 |
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| 18. | Deanna Vachet | 5-3 |
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| 19. | Janice Talkington | 5-3 |
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| 20. | Brian Stromberg | 5/3 |
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| 21. | DONALD SHAFFER | 5/3 |
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| 22. | STEVE SCRUDDER | 5/3 |
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- 23. Gary Meyer 5/7
- 24. Gary Hillner 5/7
- 25. Cary Hahn 5/11
- 26. Kristina Han 5/11

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