

Ashbrook, Charmane E (DFW)

From: Burley, Craig C (DFW)
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2015 10:22 AM
To: Ashbrook, Charmane E (DFW)
Subject: FW: Summit Lake year round fishing

Hi Charmane

Will you please add this comment to the online public comment for Summit Lake.

Thanks

Craig

From: Commission (DFW)
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2015 7:18 AM
To: Brad Smith; Connie Mahnken; Graybill, David W (DFW); Jay Holzmiller; Jay Kehne; Kim Thorburn; Larry Carpenter ; Lininger, Tami L (DFW); Miranda Wecker; Robert Kehoe
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FYI

From: tbrannberg@juno.com [<mailto:tbrannberg@juno.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2015 5:04 PM
To: Commission (DFW)
Subject: Summit Lake year round fishing

We wish to make known our strong disagreement with the proposal to make Summit Lake in Thurston County open to all year fishing. If this proposal is approved, this would mean that the public fishing access on Summit Lake would be open for anyone's use during the fall, winter, and spring time periods in addition to the current late spring to early fall access. Summit Lake is unique among the Thurston County lakes in that it is the only water source for the majority of lake residents. Lake water quality is of utmost importance to us and other lake residents as this is our drinking water source. We have strong concern that the water quality will be degraded by additional use of the lake during this other half year of open use, as well as additional security issues associated with the boat launch being open during this time.

Our concern is not so much for the few fishermen that will access the lake during this time, as it is for the people using the access to clean their boats on the way back from the ocean, and some to launch boats to cruise the lake to see what residences are temporarily vacant during these months with longer darkness and less oversight. The Thurston County Sheriff, whose responsibility it is to protect the residents outside of the cities in the county, has stated that his office has no additional funds for increased surveillance due to the access being open, and cannot provide the added protection that would be needed, and there are fewer residents around to maintain our Neighborhood Watch program.

Due to these concerns, we believe it is not in the best interests of the people of Thurston County and the State of Washington to proceed with opening the Summit Lake public access to year-round fishing and other outside boat use for the enjoyment of a few fishermen, to the detriment of the 500-600 homeowners/residents of the Summit Lake area. There are many other lakes in Thurston County and surrounding areas that are, or can be made accessible for fishing during this currently off season without endangering the Summit Lake watershed. We would appreciate your taking these things into consideration in the decision regarding this proposal.

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