

Llewellyn Comment on Spectacle Lake Rehab

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I would like to state my opposition to the so called "rehab" of Spectacle Lake. Please see below my reasons for opposing:

- 1) Spectacle Lake is described by the Game Department as a traditional trout lake. It is in fact a reservoir created to provide irrigation water to the surrounding farming community
 - a. There was an overwhelming majority of people at the public meeting in Tonasket who were land owners and opposed to the use of rotenone in their water
 - i. Due to new stricter water quality requirements, it is not certain that the proposed rehab will not take levels beyond the new restrictions
 - b. There are no native species to the lake as the lake was created so that cannot be an argument
- 2) The game department cannot provide a true objective method for determining whether or not to rehab a lake
 - a. They claim to consider public comment yet can offer no metrics on how the decision is arrived at (I asked them directly so don't try to say different)
 - b. They did claim that an overwhelming majority of so called "west side users" are in favor of the rehab
 - i. Does that make our lakes the playground of the west side?
 - ii. The game department admits publicly that the same west side will not allow the use of this poison in their lakes
 1. Does that make us more expendable? This is medieval thinking in my opinion, I for one pay to live here so should have more say over my own back yard – I don't tell the coast dwellers how to run their county!
- 3) There are other more serious issues with the lake than yellow perch
 - a. The weed problem is worse than anyone can remember
 - i. Will it take someone drowning to realize that it is a more serious issue
 1. The game department says it is not their issue bot the DOE
 - a. I say stop your politics and serve the people like you are supposed to, not serve yourselves or the 'west side" mob you seem to dote over

My confidence in the process is suspect at best, I highly doubt a decision will be made on the true wants and needs of the local population but I hope the rehab is stopped none the less.

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