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Re: written comments on the SEPA #13055

Regarding the rehab of Spectacle Lake again, is of great concern to Oroville Sportsmen Club members, as well as many warm-water fisherpersons. Thousands of public dollars are spent every year on rotenone with mixed results. I understand at the Tonasket Public meeting that Rotenone has not been used on the Westside for several years because of public opinions. Most of the treatments in the last few years are in Okanogan County. This does not set well with many of our members. This is one of the few times we wish we were like the Westside.

Spectacle Lake, in the past rehab has not proven to eliminate the species considered undesirable by the WDFW. In 2006 following the fall 2005 treatment of the lake large numbers of fingerling Largemouth bass were in the lake. The treatment appeared to give the Largemouth bass a jump start ahead of the trout.

As for me I believe it is seriously doubtful that Spectacle Lake can ever be cost effectively made void of these species for any meaningful length of time. In the case of the repeated use of poisons in Spectacle Lake have not stopped bass, pumpkinseeds, and perch from reappearing, either due to incomplete poisoning and/or re-introduction by citizens.

I, as an Oroville Sportsmen
Club member, believe that Spectacle Lake is a prime candidate for mixed species management. The rehabilitation of this fishery has not worked and nothing has changed that would make me believe that it will work in the future. The weeds have made it such that you can no longer fish from the bank for trout. Many of us observe more water skiers and swimmers using the lake then have in the past. The weeds are of great concern for human safety. At the public meeting I heard that the weeds were not WDFW's problem. From this statement am I to understand that the WDFW only manages the fish and wildlife numbers and not any habitat that they live in?

75% of the funding for the Spectacle Lake rehab comes from the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act. As I understand it, this money can also be used for habitat improvement. Spectacle Lake is in need of help; at least 25% of the lake is unusable because of the weeds. The state DNR owns some of the land at Spectacle Lake, but because it is a different department the weeds are not your problem? What good does it do to Rehab the lake if many people cannot fish from the bank.

I will not support the continuing poisoning of Spectacle Lake considering all the past fails. It has not worked in the past and has a low probability of success in the future. The money spent on rehab should be spent developing a mixed species management plan and weed control.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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