

# Donald Bishop

Hello,

I am a avid swimmer who competes in open water swim events in the northwest. I live in Blanchard, Idaho and start training in January. I swim at Stoneridge in their pool for 6 months in preparing for my events. I then take to the lakes in June as the water warms up. I go to Lake Coeur d' Alene and Lake Pend Oreille usually three times a week to train. I swim in the Steve Omi Swim in July and the Long Bridge and the Crossing in August. If these lakes are polluted with acid rain and other contaminants, then I can't swim. So keeping the lakes clean from contamination is my #1 priority. Can you show me how I am suppose to train for these events when the water is unhealthy to swim in. Also, people come from all around the United States and around the country to participate in these events. The harmful chemicals that will eventually find its way into our lakes, rivers and streams will make my training and competing impossible. I also fish in our lakes and the pollution will kill off the fish and aquatic life. This is NOT ACCEPTABLE !. I would hate to move from this wonderful and beautiful area. We built our log home on 20 acres in Blanchard, Idaho in 1979. I would hate to leave, but I need clean water to swim in. This will destroy our lives and my three children and four grandchildren also will leave. Please stop this smelter from ruining our beautiful area. Thank you. Donald Bishop.