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I used to visit Vancouver much more often than I do now because I don't want to expose my daughter to the water. The minifoil and subsequent algae blooms were so bad this year we stopped going in June which meant no swimming or enjoying Summer at this treasure of a Lake.

My family joined the Vancouver Lake Sailing Club five years ago, because nothing like the lake or the club exist in Portland. We used to bring our family and friends and dollars to Washington frequently. Now, due to the severity of the water, we don't. As members we are required to volunteer a certain number of hours each year, so I was there over the weekend. I was reminded of all the waterfowl and fish that occupy the lake and surrounding area. It must be a toxic environment for those animals. Please, please clean up the lake!