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HI,

I am commenting on the current state of the Vancouver Lake in Vancouver, WA located in Clark County. As a community member who has competed in triathlons at the lake, coached rowing and competed as a rower on the lake, high school cross country coach whose "home course" is Vancouver lake, avid runner, cyclist, hiker, and kayaker at this lake it is vital to keep Vancouver lake healthy as it is vital to the area!

To lose the lake due to the neglect of the WA state of ecology would be tragic not just for persons like me who utilize the lake but also for the ecosystem as a whole. Part of what makes the PNW fabulous is the wildlife and beauty of the area. In a time when environmental issues are threatening us all to not do what needs to be done to keep a large body of water, home to a variety of wildlife, is criminal.

If the ecology department does not do any thing then the severity of the pollution problem will continue and it is a risk to public health (toxic algae),and a risk to our local endangered and threatened species.

It is the Washington State Department of Ecology who should be taking care of the lake and keeping it healthy.

If the lake is lost there will be a community uproar (and our community is one of the fastest growing in the state) which could lead to decisions come voting time which could negatively affect funding to the state ecology department.