

# Meghan Lewis

Greetings,

Please help Vancouver Lake! While I am not a Washington state resident, I have seen first hand how much Vancouver Lake desperately needs our help and intervention. I am a member of a dragon boat team that utilizes the lake for practices and races. This past year has absolutely been the worst year to call the lake our home. We've had to cancel practices and even a fundraising race event at the lake due to the conditions. This has become quite frustrating because I have grown to love and care for the lake and feel a huge amount of consternation at what I perceive as inaction by those who are supposed to look out for the Lake's well-being. I have also seen what can happen to waterways that become so polluted that they are unusable. I would be incredibly sad to have that happen to Vancouver Lake.

These conditions are entirely preventable as long as we have a plan in place to clean it up and continued preventative action. By cleaning the lake, revenue will increase, people will travel to the park, and it will become a jewel of Southwest Washington once again.

I implore you, please put Vancouver Lake at the top of the list of places that desperately need the state's help in returning the lake to her former beauty.

Thank you!

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