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Vancouver lake is a highly trafficked body of water, and as such should be receiving the proper care and attention. Every summer due to improper care and upkeep Vancouver lake experiences an algae bloom that is not safe to be highly exposed to, the water is too warm so this algae forms for several months and only gets worse as the summer goes on. The algae kills many fish and chases away endangered animals, due to lack of care Vancouver lake is becoming a polluted water shed that feeds directly into the Columbia. and the local community can't use the lake during the summer due to health concerns. Vancouver Lake host some of the largest water sport events of the west coast such as rowing regionals for youth and master rowers, and dragon boating regattas this body of water is in a state of becoming unusable and there is a large community of athletes who depend on this location to train and compete. Vancouver lake provides a safe and practical location for many activities but if there is not change or action taken this beautiful resource will be wasted and made unusable.