

Soap Lake Conservancy

Just why is this protection needed??? The Historic information in this scrap book may give you some answers: see uploaded link..., including reports of actions resulting in freshening of the lake through historic surface pumping to keep homes... that were built too close to the lake during dry seasons... from flooding; as well as problems with pollutants from encroachments (i.e., a dam, canals, roads) intended to serve growing populations of people. Historic understandings can explain current needs. Some of these are reported in this gem of a scrap book the Conservancy current staff have uncovered that was put together by some of the original organization members...The encroachments over the years included the natural needs of a growing population; however, without the consciousness of what -1-resultant impacts-1- might follow. (either that of; 1) growing population or 2) of the infrastructure needed to support that growth and 3) neither the organizational nor structural impacts. For example, the State and Federal organizations (such as: 1) the Bureau of Reclamation and 2) highway construction priorities and the need NOW 3) for Federal and State Outstanding Resource Water protections....The time for this #3) awareness has come and IS NOW in our -1-laps-1- for Soap Lake! THIS IS THE TIME! We want to thank the wisdom of those who passed the Federal Clean Water Act and the State of Washington Department of Ecology for the research, wisdom and skill for their assessment of the Co-Application submitted by Soap Lake Conservancy and the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation and THE PUBLIC COMMENT PROCESS and local hearings.

THE DOE has assessed that Soap Lake meets 3 out of 4 of the criteria of tier 111b of the ORW. Soap Lake Conservancy Board and Membership concurs with their assessment and appreciates their thorough study in so doing. We also fully support their efforts to preserve Soap Lake's qualities. We too ask that the DOE grant the requested designation.

The link that follows on google drive is for the SOAP LAKE historic scrapbook-1-.
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