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I am pleased that this project is finally beginning to be initiated. It has been many years since I first began to look more deeply into the problems of "Capitol Lake". Growing up here in the late 60's and 70's it was a gathering place for us kids. A place to swim and water ski during Lakefair. Later, by 1995, it was shallow, non functional, with very poor water quality. The fix for noxious weeds was done by allowing a draw down and killing invasives with salt water. Then a dead zone was found in the northern basin, totally without oxygen, and between this and the killed weeds, it created a dead zone out in Budd Inlet, whose water quality was consistently failing with very low dissolved oxygen. Meanwhile the lake has continued to fill up with sediment from the Bald Hills. By the time CLAMP was formed and meeting up, I started to attend meetings as I was very interested in hearing facts derived from studies that were done. It did not take long to be an ardent supporter of restoration, for the health of the Salish Sea. Within the committee, minds were changed slowly by the facts presented. I attended meetings all the way up to the complete support of all CLAMP entities.

The only thing that was disappointing was that CLAMP was disbanded without this 100% support written in at the end of it's tenure. CLAMP simply stated that their job was done. Many years have gone by with much back and forth between the State who understands what is needed, and residents who know little about the process and research that was presented over those original years. If only people took the time to read all of the work that was done, or attend any of the open houses that were held. They would understand that the trade off for a fake lake and a healthy estuary is worth every effort.

100% behind the efforts to accomplish this goal.