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I can't speak to the pollution levels and other scientific issues at play in Vancouver Lake, but I can implore the DOE to prioritize cleaning the lake because of its use as a recreation spot for rowers, boaters and swimmers. Too many times over the past several years, the lake has been closed because of unsafe bacteria levels or algae blooms.

This lake is a regional destination spot for rowers across the Pacific Northwest. It has hosted the PNW Youth Regional Championships for the last several years because of its location, quality of the race course, and ease of access for boats. Clubs come from all over the northwest to train and race here and there is no other place like it. There are plenty of other rivers and lakes for people to row on, but all have commercial traffic that Vancouver Lake does not have.

Please make cleaning this lake and preserving it for recreation a priority for the DOE.

Thank you,

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