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Vancouver Lake in Clark County, WA is a body of water that is widely used by different groups of people. Visitors to the County Park that use the lake for swimming and kayaking, junior rowers who host several different regattas annually, dragon boaters who host several different festivals annually. Day use around the lake for fishing. All these different activities bring revenue in to the businesses in the City of Vancouver and Clark County. The quality of the water in Vancouver Lake is rapidly deteriorating due to the milfoil infestation. When the Port of Vancouver installed the outflow they were made too small, thus prohibiting the flow of water into and out of the lake. There are several problems that could be addressed. The lake needs to be dredged to be deeper, which would help with water flow. The lake needs to be treated for the milfoil infestation. It would be a shame for Vancouver Lake to become irretrievably polluted and infested. This doesn't benefit anyone, and definitely would cause an economic hardship for the businesses that benefit from the large regattas that are held on the lake.