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Vancouver lake needs to be the top priority for the department of ecology cleanup. This is a place in the center of all life. It is home to not only wildlife, but families, rowing clubs, volleyball players, paddle boarders and many more. It is a crucial place in our community. We deserve to have a clean and thriving lake. The species living in or around it deserve to have a healthy ecosystem, one that we all are a part of. The pollution effects the community daily. I am a rower at Vancouver Lake Rowing Club, and seeing blue green algae surrounding my dock year round doesn't come as a surprise. But it should. I should have access to a clean water way. The public's health is at risk by this. It creates unhealthy air to breathe in and when rowers are unable to be on the lake because of that issue, it cuts back a lot of precious experiences for us. Cleaning the lake, maintaining it, and restricting (or even cutting off) what can be dumped into it would actually boost the popularity of the area. Vancouver lake is a gathering place for West Vancouver, east vancouver, and even Camas residents. It is an extremely valuable piece of land that needs to be treated like one. Please take this into consideration. Vancouver Lake needs to be treated and maintained.