



Vancouver Lake Watershed Partnership  
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Ms. Becca Conklin  
Washington Dept. of Ecology  
Surface Water Quality Standards  
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Olympia, WA 98504-7600

Dear Ms. Conklin,

We are writing in regard to Ecology's Triennial Review of water quality standards and to request that you consider establishing nutrient criteria for Vancouver Lake under Washington Administrative Code Section 173-201A-230(3) and evaluate contributing watersheds.

Vancouver Lake is part of the Willamette Ecoregion, which currently has no defined nutrient standards. The Vancouver Lake Watershed Partnership would like to work with the Department of Ecology in developing nutrient criteria for this regional treasure.

The Vancouver Lake Watershed Partnership formed in 2004 and consists of 22 citizen and agency members. The Partnership's primary goal is to improve the water quality of Vancouver Lake. The lake has high levels of nutrients and is a 2004 Washington State 303(d) listed waterway for total phosphorus and fecal coliform. Vancouver Lake suffers from recurring cyanobacteria blooms that frequently close the lake to water contact.

Lake-specific research is currently underway by the US Geological Survey to understand the water balance and nutrient budget of the lake. This research, along with recently completed studies by Washington State University-Vancouver and the US Army Corps of Engineers, will inform future lake management decisions. The USGS research can also inform the development of nutrient criteria for the lake. Nutrient criteria for Vancouver Lake would provide clear standards for the management plan.

We would like to work with Ecology to ensure that the data being collected by USGS will fit your needs for developing nutrient criteria and provide assistance as feasible once the data is collected in order to develop nutrient criteria for Vancouver Lake under the Washington Administrative Code.

Vancouver Lake is an important recreational and environmental resource; important to the residents of the region as well as the State of Washington. The development of water quality standards for the lake would help ensure the long term enjoyment of the lake. To reach the

Partnership to discuss how the Partnership can work with you or if you have any questions on this matter, please contact Eileen Stone of the project management team at 503-517-2490.

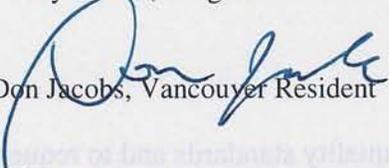
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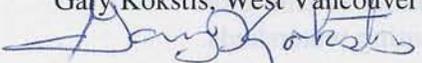
The Vancouver Lake Watershed Partnership

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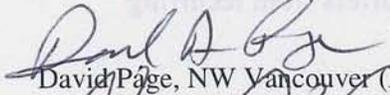
  
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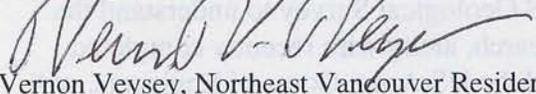
  
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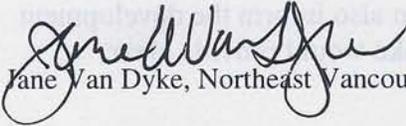
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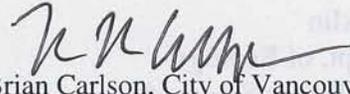
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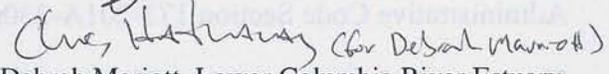
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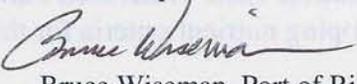
  
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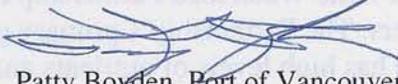
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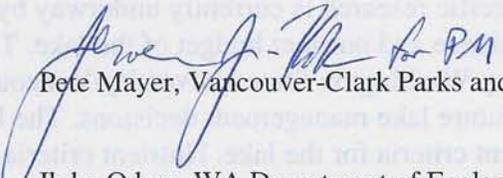
  
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