

Public Correspondence

**Public correspondence received
as of August 21, 2009**

June 25, 2009

To: Laura S. Jackson
District Fish Biologist
Umpqua Watershed
Oregon Department of Fish and wildlife

Re: Comments on the Diamond Lake Management Plan

First I want to congratulate and commend the ODFW and your office for the restoration that has occurred to date at Diamond Lake. Like you I believe Diamond Lake is an extremely special place and has shown how special it is by its response to your restoration efforts. It will take a few more years for things at the lake to "level out" but the prospects are stunningly bright for Diamond Lake, the State of Oregon and the people who visit her.

I have enjoyed Diamond Lake for 53 years next month. Some say I am dangerously addicted to her; my wife calls it an affair. Over the years I have assembled a file filled with reports and articles on Diamond Lake from its earliest geological beginnings to its new beginning in 2006 and now your proposed management plan has been added. In reviewing that material, the management plan and your presentations posted on the internet I am concerned that the management plan doesn't go far enough in eliminating certain currently permissible events at the lake i.e. fishing derbies.

With the millions of dollars spent and the huge obstacles that were overcome at Diamond in eradicating the chubs it is, in my opinion, absolutely necessary to prohibit ANY additional activity of any sort that would increase the possibility of re-introducing evasive species into Diamond Lake or have an adverse biological, ecological or social affect until such time that the proposed event has undergone a very extensive scientific investigative process.

Using the advertised Kokanee Power of Oregon derby as an example, there is no biological evidence that can support any opinion, pro or con, on the impact that this derby will have on the larger fish population in Diamond Lake. It is an unknown, as a derby has never been held in the fall at Diamond. Therefore as an unknown do we want to take the chance? The use of live bait would also be encouraged by the size of the cash prizes being offered.

The derby rules published on their website restrict the entrants to boat fishing only with no anchoring or tethering allowed along with no bank fishing. These rules promote the catching and releasing of smaller fish keeping only the largest.

Contrary to the unknown biological/ecological affect, the social impacts of this derby are identifiable and hugely negative. The derby does not promote a

family orientated fishery but rather is in fact very discriminatory by excluding anglers who do not have access to a boat, those that are bank fisherman, the methods of fishing allowed and the number of people who can participate. When talking about the use of public resources discrimination is absolutely unacceptable and if we dig deep enough into the Oregon statutes probably prohibited.

I totally support the existing Diamond Lake Management Plan. It is working and shows great promise, but I respectfully ask that we go a little farther and keep Diamond Lake on a sound biological and ecological track along with being managed as an "exclusive" family orientated fishery only. If we are going to make mistakes in our management of Diamond Lake lets make them by being over protective rather than under protective.

Thank you again for a "job well done"

Steve Kaser
502 Lewis Street
Silverton Oregon 97381
503-881-9255

Sandra Fixsen

From: Laura Jackson
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2009 12:42 PM
To: Rhine Messmer; Sandra Fixsen
Cc: Bruce McIntosh
Subject: FW: Stocking in Diamond for 2009
Attachments: Stocking Index 2006_2008.jpg

Some additional comments from Dr. Eilers based on more data available for Diamond Lake.

From: Joe Eilers [mailto:j.eilers@maxdepthaq.com]
Sent: Saturday, May 23, 2009 10:21 AM
To: 'Laura Jackson'
Cc: 'Holly Truemper'
Subject: Stocking in Diamond for 2009

Hi Laura,

I'm further into the analysis and interpretation of the data for 2006-2008 on Diamond Lake for the draft report and I have a little better insight to some issues that pertain to fingerling stocking this year. I was also passing by Diamond Lake last Sunday on my way to sample Lemolo Lake for PacifiCorp and the FS and dropped the boat into Diamond for a quick look (couldn't help myself it was so gorgeous). The results indicated conditions in the lake were good.

When you asked for comments on your proposed stocking plan for Diamond Lake, I wasn't as far along on the draft report, nor did I have the benefit of last Sunday's observation. So I'd like to modify my comments to some degree. As I mentioned earlier, the late ice-off in 2008 resulted in several items converging to create unfavorable conditions. The late ice-off delayed reproduction rates of the Daphnia. This had a couple of consequences. The diatom bloom in spring of 2008 was vigorous (as was the 2007 spring diatom bloom), but the difference between 2007 and 2008 was that the Daphnia had a chance to really start reproducing before the introduction of the fingerlings. In 2008, the fingerlings were stocked early on in the population expansion phase of the Daphnia and probably put too high a predation pressure on the Daphnia.

You mentioned to me a bit ago that you are delaying the fingerling stocking in 2009 until later in June to allow for the Daphnia to become well established. I think this is a great use of the data from 2008 – adapting to conditions as they are presented. The delay in fingerling stocking in 2009 should not only allow the Daphnia to get well along on their growth curve, but will result in ODFW stocking larger trout than would normally have been the case. The larger trout will probably spend a shorter period consuming zooplankton before they are ready to move on to the benthic macroinvertebrates.

When I look at the completed fish-stocking index results that I'll include in the draft report (Attached), it also has become more clear that the index suffers from the same rigidity that led to the stocking of the fingerlings too early in 2008. Namely, we all have probably relied too heavily on a fixed calendar to drive our activities and assessments, rather than using the "climate" calendar, which is really what drives the lake system. For example, ODFW stocked fingerlings in 2008 based on the calendar, rather than using a guideline such as lake temperature or time following ice-out to determine when best to stock fish. This thinking also led me to construct the stocking index based on summarizing data from the

5/27/2009

period June-Sept. This resulted in me using water quality data from June to summarize system response, even though the data from June 2008 was more similar to the lake conditions in May 2007. The consequence of using June 2008 data was that the late ice-off caused us to use epilimnetic dissolved oxygen data during the spring diatom bloom, thus pushing the index value for this metric down dramatically. Omitting the June 2008 data from this metric would have resulted in much improved index values. I'm not trying to "fudge" the index values to produce an artificially inflated assessment of the lake, but rather to create an index that my consistently and systematically reflects how the lake is actually responding to management actions. If we go through another update on the stocking index, we might be better served to have the period of data used in the index consist of a "lake calendar" concept whereby we start using data six weeks after ice-out rather than just say June. The delayed ice-out in 2008 also caused us to incorporate high chlorophyll data from the spring diatom bloom and pushing the index value for chlorophyll down a bit from 2007. Again, we can resolve this by modifying the inclusion period for data used in the index.

The issues on secondary production are also a bit complicated. I've already discussed the issues regarding the *Daphnia* with you and I think that can be resolved by delayed fingerling stocking. Although the total benthic production appeared to have dropped slightly from 2007 to 2008, it's unclear if this was a significant decline. Most of that decline in benthic production was associated with a major decline (highly significant from a statistical standpoint) in chironomids. However, other desirable groups of macroinvertebrates showed major increases in abundance. The most notable of these was the doubling of amphipod abundance. Since the amphipods are one of the preferred food sources for rainbow trout in Diamond, it's a little puzzling to reconcile how benthic production could have declined overall and yet the preferred food source for trout showed a major increase. One of the possibilities is that benthic production in 2008 almost had to decline from 2007 as the rich food source for the benthic invertebrates (the dead tui chub) were consumed. At this point, I think it is a reasonable explanation for the apparent contradiction in some of the benthic data. Another aspect of the benthic data that bodes well for the lake is that the diversity of benthic organisms, especially the non-dipteran insect larvae such as caddisflies, continued to increase in 2008.

The two trout indices available at this time, growth rate and condition factor, showed slightly different directions. Growth rate of trout continued at an even greater rate in 2008, although the condition factor declined a bit. I'm not sure if either of these changes were statistically significant, so I don't want to over-interpret them. Again, I think it's plausible that the late ice-off in 2008 probably affected the entire lake system that resulted in a cascade event affecting the fisheries. The suppression of zooplankton early in the season would no doubt reduce availability of this food source and could have encouraged trout to exert more pressure on benthic organisms, thus driving down total benthic abundance. Once you start obtaining the numbers on percent survival and carry-over from one year to the next, it may help resolve some of our current uncertainty regarding the trout data. The trout data from 2007 and 2008 are also complicated by the fact that ODFW stocked both fingerlings and larger-size trout and in different proportions between years. As you move from a mixed fingerling/legal to a fingerling-only stocking regime, it should become more evident how the stocking practices affect the other components of the lake.

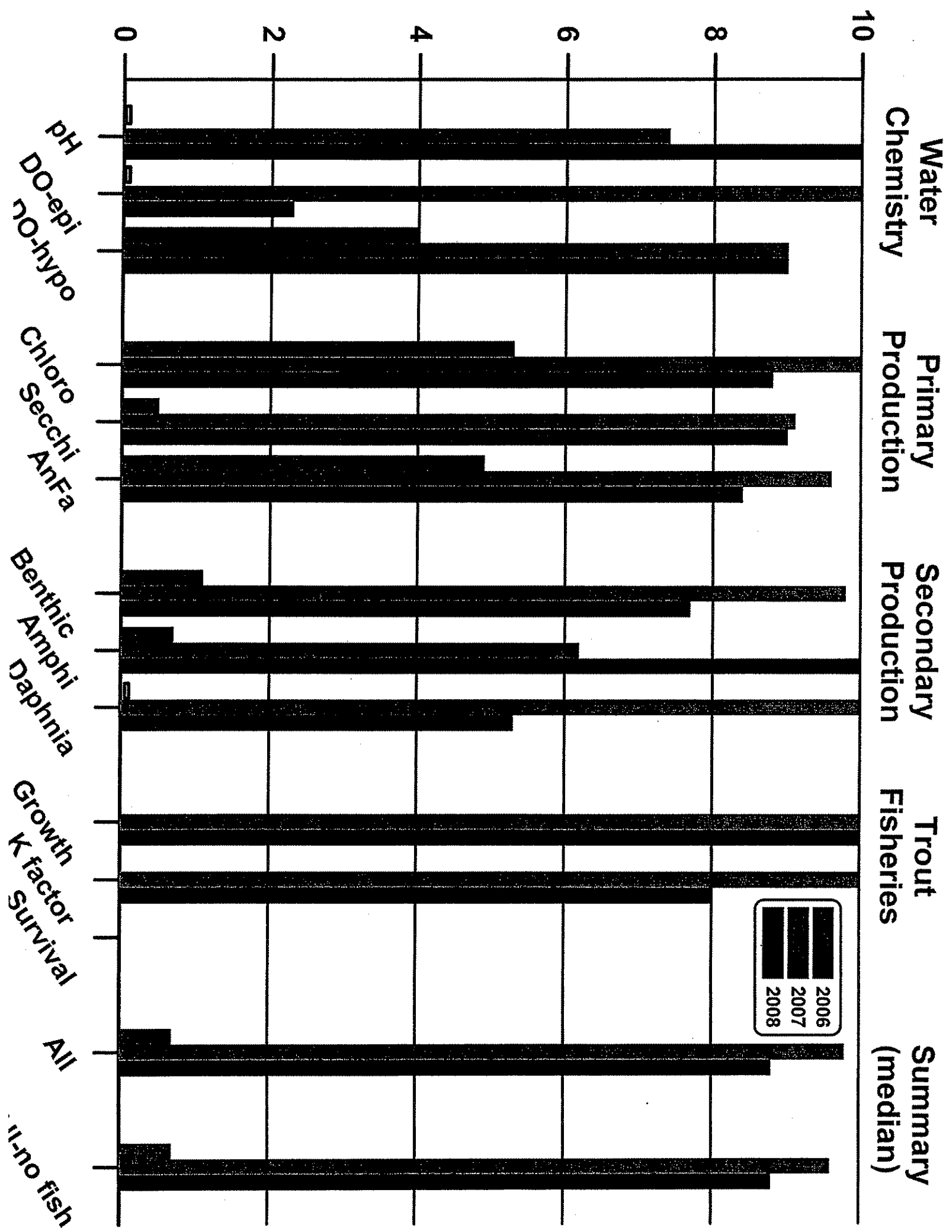
I also want to emphasize that we are still dealing with a lake in transition. There was a huge inventory of dead fish biomass that needed to be processed following the treatment in 2006. What we know from the rotenone treatment and the conditions observed in 2007 is that the lake is highly responsive and resilient. At this point, I'm not concerned about a possible short-term over-stocking of fingerlings. If this did occur, then it would be easy to ramp down the stocking rate the following year and allow the lake to quickly recover. This experimental use of a stocking index to guide management decisions on Diamond Lake, in my opinion, has been highly informative. We've shown that most of the metrics are useful in assessing lake conditions and I've also learned how to improve aspects of the index, such as

the case with using a "lake calendar" rather than a monthly calendar. We also need to recognize the metrics are sensitive to factors that affect any lake and will result in annual variations that are largely independent of the fish stocking rates.

I almost forgot to mention the conditions that I observed when I visited Diamond Lake on May 17. The ice was off the northern 2/3 of the lake that day, but it had not fully mixed. The Secchi disk transparency was 8.2 m. I pulled a standard vertical net tow through the water column and was pleased to find an abundance of Daphnia present in the lake. I expect that the ammonia and nitrate will fuel a major diatom bloom over the next couple of weeks and that the Daphnia should help to graze this back by the time you stock the fingerlings. I'm expecting another great year for Diamond Lake.

Cheers
joe

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Sandra Fixsen

From: Laura Jackson
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2009 2:57 PM
To: 'Jack Patterson'
Cc: Sandra Fixsen
Subject: RE: Draft Plan

Mr. Patterson

Thank you for taking the time to read the plan and to share your comments. Your comments will be forwarded to our Commission.

Laura Jackson
District Fish Biologist
Umpqua Watershed

From: Jack Patterson [mailto:jfpat@charter.net]
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2009 1:04 PM
To: Laura.S.Jackson@state.or.us
Subject: Draft Plan

Ms. Jackson,

I recently read the parts of the draft management plan for fish stocking for Diamond Lake in the Lake Wise newsletter. Please be advised that I am in total agreement with the plan as it has been set forth.

Sincerely,

John F Patterson
3255 Carriage Drive
Medford, OR 97501
541 779 3759

7/16/2009

July 25, 2009

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
Southwest Regional Office
4192 North Umpqua Highway
Roseburg, Oregon 97470

Reference: ODFW Fisheries Management Plan for Diamond Lake

To whom it may concern:

I have lived and worked at Diamond Lake Resort for the past 25 years. When I was offered a job at the resort in the early 1980's I jumped at it. Work was the main objective, but to work at a lake with the reputation of being one of the best Rainbow trout producers in the Northwest was too good to pass on. Over the years I witnessed thousands of families experience truly exceptional outdoor recreation. While fishing was a huge draw, the lake's clear, clean water also generated an abundance of recreational opportunities throughout the area.

In my current job duties for Diamond Lake Resort I am closely associated with the guests of the resort and the public visiting the surrounding areas. Following the discovery of Tui Chubs in the lake during the 1990's the public's expressed their dismay and concern with what was happening with the lake. They not only complained of catching trout that were less than starving remnants of the fish Diamond Lake was famous for producing but also substandard water quality and dangerous algae blooms.

It is now the third summer following the 2006 Rotenone treatment to rid Diamond Lake of the Tui Chub and all indicators point to a successful treatment and subsequent fisheries and lake management plans.

Water quality is excellent! Children play and swim all day long. Fishing is very good with lots of healthy, fat, trout being caught. There was some grumbling at first about the 5 fish limit, but now there is very little griping. Quality is favored over quantity. Anglers are happy to have the opportunity to catch nice trout.

The businesses at Diamond Lake are experiencing increased customer numbers. The US Forest Service Campgrounds have been nearly full all summer long. 20 new jobs have been created this summer in the Diamond Lake area, positive addition to the struggling economy of Douglas Country.

ODFW's Fisheries Management Plan for Diamond Lake is both rebuilding the lake's ecosystem and the fishery. Maintaining a balance between the productive fishing and the ecosystem of the lake is a complicated process. The results we are witnessing indicate ODFW is on the correct path and should continue with their proposed Management Plan.

Thank you,



Rick Rockholt
Events and Marketing Coordinator
Diamond Lake Resort

**Diamond Lake Draft Management Plan
Public Comments**

Name: DAN Colley

Signature: Dan Colley

Comments: When making actual transfer of fry from tanks to lake, allow for Temp stabilization and do not "pour" fry into lake: allow them to swim free - Prevents "bruising" & Shock -

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Public Comments**

Name: Cynthia McGarvey & McGarvey Clark

Signature: _____

Comments: Diamond Lake has recovered quite nicely! Keep up the good work guys! Thank you so much for making Diamond Lake such a memorable place. Don't change a thing everything is perfect! Keep stocking those "potential" Big ones! Yee haw - Thank you!

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Ms. Laura Jackson

ODFW

4192 North Umpqua Highway

Roseburg, OR 9770

Subject: *Diamond Lake Draft Management Plan*

Dear Ms. Jackson,


I have read the entire plan and it looks like you are right on track to maximize the potential of Diamond Lake and return it to its "glory days of old."

My neighbor and I have fly fished Diamond on three different occasions in 2009 and have caught and released in excess of 60 trout. About 80% were in the 12-14" range and the rest in the 18-22" range. All of the fish have been extremely robust. The insect hatches again are incredible with tons of midges, dragon fly nymphs, damsel nymphs and swarms of callibaetis.

One recommendation I would make it to reduce the limit to three fish, still only one of 20" or better. A three fish limit of these sized fish is more than plenty. With a three fish limit you would spread the wealth to more people over a longer period of time.

Really appreciate your work in restoring Diamond Lake to the premier still water in Oregon.

Sincerely,


Gordon D. Langenbeck

2320 SE Wyndham Way

Grants Pass, OR 97527

Tel: 541-218-1185

e-mail: langenbeck@charter.net

**Diamond Lake Draft Management Plan
Public Comments**

Name: _____

Jerry Chartier

Signature: _____

Jerry Chartier

Comments: _____

Keep up the good work!
my wife, kids, grand children,
family & friends are enjoying
making wonderful life long memories
at the lake.

It just doesn't get any better
than that! (smiley)

THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO WORKED
SO HARD TO BRING "LIFE" BACK TO THE LAKE!

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jchartier@jdooglasfast.net

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Public Comments**

Name: LINDA SABALA

Signature: Linda Sabala

Comments: I agree with your plan. I do not want to
see the lake turning into a water skiing facility.

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Public Comments**

Name: Lynsey Turck

Signature: Lynsey Turck

Comment: _____

The Blackbird Derby ^{and other derbies} needs to
give back to the lake + not just take
away all the fish. Also they need to pay for
bathrooms + extra boat mangti

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Public Comments**

Name: Chris Turek
Signature: ck-TR

Comment: _____
Please provide bathrooms +
derbys should give back to the lake.

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Public Comments**

Name: Daniel Reese
Signature: Daniel Reese

Comment: We are glad that derbys come to Diamond Lake
as it is great for the Lodge & overall image of the
lake. would be nice, however, if the fish numbers were
not depleted. possibly have the Derby fees help cover
restocking the lake soon after the Derby.

Also, more designated bathroom facilities during the
Derby - its not fun finding human waste on the cabin
shore liner very unsanitary, especially since they don't
bury it

Thanks

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Name: Leola Sharp - Fisher 101
Signature: Leola Sharp

- Comment: ① Do we limit 9300 fish/cent. Keep trophy fish here to continue a recreational destination
- ② Expand the invasive species program to keep our fisheries healthy
- ③ Don't overstock or understock - to keep a healthy lake + good fish growth
- ④ Keep THE 10 MM sized limit! Enforce this.

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Name: Peggy Shontz
Signature: Peggy Shontz

Comment: Right after the fishing derbies for the last 2 years we have experienced toilet paper piles on the lake bank near our docks and cabins. This year following the Black Bird 5,000 it was especially foul. We would encourage you to require floating restrooms and continue use of Noble Fir Park. However it needs to be signed & identified better. Please also require these derbies to contribute to restocking the lake w/ fish. Black Bird store is benefiting financially

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from the derby so they need to put back some of their profits

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Public Comments**

Name: Michael Dunn
Signature: Michael Dunn

Comment: 1) Speed Limit @ 10 MPH = Yes, please!
2) Stock plan = Please keep in balance w/ health of lake
3) Evasive Species Prevention - Please make a priority
4) "Basic Yield" fish limit OK w/ me.
Thanks

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Public Comments**

Name: Wayne & Susan Brace Cabin #7
Signature: _____

Comment: Please reconsider the 10 MPH
speed limit on the lake to be
increased to at least 25 MPH
People could fish from 6AM-10AM at 10 MPH
Open boating from 10AM to 6PM
Lower back down 6PM to dark 10 MPH

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Public Comments**

Name: Bob Starko
Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

Comment: Write the Speeders a Ticket
on / 20 miles per hr
10 - 20 W.A. [unclear]

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Public Comments**

Name: STEPHEN OVERHOFF
Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

Comment: NO WIDE BAIT SIGNS SHOULD
BE IN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGES

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Public Comments**

Name: Steve Gustaf

Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

Comments: we need a trophy fish planted, that is also a fish eater.

Also we need speed limit uped to 35 miles per hour.

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Public Comments**

Name: Rob Sawyer

Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

Comments: What a great place. Too bad there are so many mosquitos. I suggest you spray in early spring after the snow. Fishing was good. Big fish only.

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Public Comments**

Name: Joseph Weinstein Miami

Signature: _____

Comments: The stocking program like other programs, are what commodes the tourist REVENUES in Oregon. It is common sense that the revenues are what keeps the systems self sustained. We traveled from Florida to be in Oregon this summer and will spend \$20,000.00 while we are here

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Name: Dennis Sherwood

Signature: Dennis Sherwood

Comments: I would like to see Diamond Lake managed as in the past, with common sense, the Chubs were left in the lake several years to long. Stocked with some trophy fish.

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Public Comments**

Name: Thomas Lambert

Signature: Thomas Lambert

Comments: Please get rid of the weeds'

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Public Comments**

Name: Phil Morrow

Signature: Phil Morrow

Comments: Diamond Lake can become an essential
part of Douglas County's economy.

Let's keep it coming. Truly the best
fishing in Oregon
Thank You

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**Diamond Lake Draft Management Plan
Public Comments**

Name: Robin

Signature: _____

Comments: I Love it Here!
How about some water slides

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Public Comments**

Name: Judy Brant

Signature: Judy Brant

Comments: Please continue to monitor the algae level.
Good job on keeping the invasive fish out.

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Public Comments**

Name: Paul Sauer

Signature: Paul Sauer

Comments: Great Family Fishing Lake!!!
Would like to see speed limit change,
Plant 8-10 inch catchables in fall of year,
they would have a better survival rate than
fingertings. More daily law enforcement of
fish & game laws would be a welcome sight.

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Public Comments**

Name: Lodge Staubach

Signature: Judy Sauer

Comments: Everything is just fine
Dont change anything, We love
all off you.

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Public Comments**

Name: MIKE BUTZER

Signature: Michael J Butzer

Comments: I WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE TROUT
FISH STOCKED IN THE LAKE. THIS I BELIEVE WOULD
CREATE MORE INTEREST AND BRING MORE BUSINESS
TO DIAMOND LAKE.

PLEASE DON'T MAKE IT A BLUE RIBBON ONLY
THIS WIL RUN THE LAKE FOR THE MAJORITY OF
THE SPORT FISHERMAN.

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Name: JEFF SPARKS

Signature: Jeffrey Sparks

Comments: Listening was great, very nice and clean
you should really spray for
mosquitoes.

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Name: DAN COLLEY

Signature: Dan Colley

Comments: _____

(1) When taking action in this biosphere, please err to the side of caution.

(2) Please define the difference of "lake health" & "recreation" when adding "trophy sized" trout to the lake.

(3) Exercise extreme care when manipulating zoo/phyto populations. The consequences of error are too dire -

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Name: Charles A. Husted

Signature: Charles A. Husted

Comments: INCREASE SPREAD LIMIT - STOCK TROPHY SIZE

WANT THAT ARE CANDID FOR THE SLOWERS ETC

OTHERWISE SO FAR FISH & WILDLIFE HAVE DONE A

GREAT JOB KEEPING DIAMOND LAKE

THANK!

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DIAMOND LAKE DRAFT MANAGEMENT PLAN
PUBLIC COMMENTS

Please mail you comments to: ODFW; 4192 North Umpqua Highway; Roseburg, Oregon 97470

SUMMARY

The 2009 Diamond Lake Management Plan seeks to balance a BASIC YELD, recreational hatchery trout fishery with the ecosystem of Diamond Lake. Historically, from 1960 to 1991, the condition factor of the trout averaged 1.43, benthic density averaged 115.4 pounds per acre, the lake was known for its clarity (anecdotal) and Anabaena levels were below human health concerns. The growth rate of the trout during this time suggests that phytoplankton, zooplankton, and benthic communities were healthy enough to support an annual stocking of 400,000 fingerlings with a harvest of about 270,000 trout per season. This plan would seek to achieve a similar fishery, but provides a cautious fish stocking approach and additional conservation measures to help maintain the various trophic communities and predict conditions to continue to maintain both the fishery and the ecosystem.

Name: Mark Moore

Contact information: mmoore@dfg.ca.gov

Comments:

I would be interested in being on the mailing list for Diamond Lake Management Plans, and updates. I am a catch & release fly angler and support all efforts to create & maintain a high catch-per-unit-effort fishery for RBT over 16". Thank you for your excellent work restoring Diamond. My background information on Diamond would be appreciated as well. Thank you Mark Moore

Calif. Dept. Fish & Game
619 2nd St., Eureka CA 95503
(707) 441-2060

IF this comment letter goes through Greg Huchko, thanks Greg! for your fly fishing tips. They are greatly appreciated.

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Name: David L. Aichele

Signature: David L. Aichele

Comments: I first started fishing here in 1984.
I would love to see the lake returned
to that fishery. What will that take?

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Name: Sean M. O'Mara

Signature: Sean M. O'Mara

Comments: I think after seeing the incredible pressure placed on the fishing population here to the fishing derby & press, that the lake should be planted often. We stayed for 9 days - June 26 - July 5th, 2009. During this time there ~~was~~ was over 100 boats on the lake everyday and frequently many more. You couldn't hardly walk across the lake during the fishing derby. I have fished this lake for over 30 years & done quite well till this trip. The pressure on the fish is tremendous. Something must be done to maintain the fish stocks. We have only caught 1 fish on this trip & tried a ridiculous assortment of techniques. Please do something to help before it is ruined.

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Name: Ferry Williams

Signature: Ferry W

Comments: Enforce 10mph speed. Here 6 days and seen 0 enforcement. wakes will muddy the water.

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Name: Jim + Carol Chapman

Signature: Carol Chapman

Comments: As a forest home owner we would like to see the speed limit on the lake increased during non-pushing hours. & perhaps in the mid-afternoon when no-one is fishing.

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Name: David Wheeler

Signature: David Wheeler

Comments: How much will this cost the tax payers?

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**Diamond Lake Draft Management Plan
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Name: Dana McQuinn

Signature: Dana McQuinn

Comments: Keep As Is

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Name: Ruth M. Unruh

Signature: Ruth M. Unruh

Comments: you need more legal fish in the lake.

I- I have been coming to Diamond Lake since I was a year old ^{73y old} the last few years have been very bad for fishing. Love the lake the people and every thing just want to be able to catch fish trolling not steel fishing.

Ruth M. Unruh

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Name: Sally Jackson

Signature: Sally Jackson

Comments: I have been enjoying Diamond Lake since I was a baby!
My parents owned a cabin here for 30 years. This whole area is such
a wonderful place to enjoy with my family and friends. We fish,
hike and just relax. ODFW does a super-fine job in making Diamond
Lake a top notch fishery. We need to support their efforts
and continue to encourage their current management. ~~3~~
Too many special places are being closed or having only
limited access. I don't want my great great grandchildren
to be denied the experiences I currently enjoy at Diamond Lake.
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Name: M/M R.H. Fenimore

Signature: Elsie Fenimore

Comments: Fish not biting. Too many bugs. Hope
it's better in Sept! Hubby caught 2.
Keep up the good work in keeping
trash fish out of the lake.
Thank you.
P.S. You could mow the weeds in the
lake bottom when you have nothing
else to do. -- Just kidding.
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Name: ~~Curtis Stevenson~~ Curtis Stevenson

Signature: Curtis Stevenson

Comments: _____

Good. 5013 OVER HIGHWAY

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Name: Ryan Borden

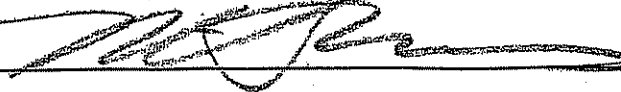
Signature: Ryan Borden

Comments: Great fishing! excellent Campsites!

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Name: MIKE EVANS

Signature: 

Comments: I AGREE WITH SUGGESTED GOALS

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Name: Dorel Schiller

Signature: 

Comments: Management plan sounds good

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Name: RONALD L WILSON

Signature: RW

Comments: MAKE IT BETTER FISHING

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Name: Don + MARIAN Schiller

Signature: Marian Schiller

Comments: We agree to the Diamond Lake Proposed

Management Plan

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DIAMOND LAKE DRAFT MANAGEMENT PLAN

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Please mail you comments to: ODFW; 4192 North Umpqua Highway; Roseburg, Oregon 97470

SUMMARY

The 2009 Diamond Lake Management Plan seeks to balance a BASIC YELD, recreational hatchery trout fishery with the ecosystem of Diamond Lake. Historically, from 1960 to 1991, the condition factor of the trout averaged 1.43, benthic density averaged 115.4 pounds per acre, the lake was known for its clarity (anecdotal) and Anabaena levels were below human health concerns. The growth rate of the trout during this time suggests that phytoplankton, zooplankton, and benthic communities were healthy enough to support an annual stocking of 400,000 fingerlings with a harvest of about 270,000 trout per season. This plan would seek to achieve a similar fishery, but provides a cautious fish stocking approach and additional conservation measures to help maintain the various trophic communities and predict conditions to continue to maintain both the fishery and the ecosystem.

Name: Jim Rondeau

Contact information: Jim.rondeau@hotmail.com
541-726-5592

Comments:

Trip: June 16-19 2009

Weather variable - cloudy / windy / sun Fishing SLOW!

Fished 2 days - zero fish zero bites, used power-bait, lures + flies.

Lake setting beautiful, water conditions looked good, water clear, see bottom out to 15-20' level.

Mosquitoes thick at Thielson Camp, Fish possibly full on insects.