



Welcome New
Members



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LAKE SPOKANE ASSOCIATION NEWS

Topics

- ❖ ***TAKE NOTE - LSA GENERAL MEETING MARCH 22 – 6:30pm – Lakeside Middle School***
- ❖ **Chris Donley – WA Fish and Wildlife is our keynote speaker**
- ❖ **Your Opinion Counts! Check your email for LSA's Lake Futures Survey Questionnaire**
- ❖ **HO Best Practices**
- ❖ **Join LSA!**



Excellent Keynote Speaker Slated for March 22 General Meeting
Thanks to Support from Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

The Lake Spokane Association invites its members and prospective members interested in preserving and protecting our lake to enjoy a special feature presentation by Spokane's own WDFW manager.

**Lake Spokane Association
Annual Meeting**
MARCH 22, 2017, 6:30 PM
Lakeside Middle School



Like to Fish?

Mark Your Calendar

Presentation

By

Chris Donley

**WA Dept. of
Fish & Wildlife**

**Eastern Regional Fish
Program Manager Based
in Spokane**

Chris has worked for the Department of Fish and Wildlife for 23 years with experience in managing and or researching all species of fish present in eastern Washington. His current job is managing all of the hatcheries and fish management staff, responsible for fisheries in 12 counties in eastern Washington state. He deals with a wide variety of fish species from pygmy whitefish in Pend Oreille county to Chinook salmon in the Snake River.

Would you like to have a chance to meet local officials, professionals, and knowledgeable experts that impact Lake Spokane and the surrounding community?

Then plan to attend the informal Q&A session at the upcoming Lake Spokane Association General Meeting

Wednesday, March 22, 2017
Lakeside Middle School Auditorium
6:30 to 8:30pm
Event Open to Public

We are delighted to get many area experts to attend for the informal Q&A.
Here's a chance to get all your questions answered concerning lake activities.

Avista Program Mangers

License Manager for Avista
Avista Fish, Wildlife, and Water Quality – *Megan Lunney*
Aquatic Weed Abatement Programs - *David Armes*

Stevens County Officials

Groundwater study US Geological Survey – *Charlie Kessler*
Stevens County Shoreline Master Plan – *Erik Johansen*

Local Experts

Lakeland Company - Aquatic Herbicide Company – *Dave Kluttz*
Tall Pines Park Development – *Jan Jenne*
Suncrest Park - Fred Mashtare
Stevens County Sheriff Department
Riverside State Park Ranger

Spokane River Upstream Officials

City of Spokane Outflow Abatement Projects – *Marlene Feist*
Toxic Task Force and Blue-Green Algae Monitoring- *Galen Buterbaugh*
Spokane Riverkeeper - *Jerry White*

Thank You for Supporting Lake Spokane Association



**LSA Volunteers....Keeping an Eye on What's
Happening Upstream to Preserve and Protect
the Lake for Your Enjoyment!**

Your Opinions Count!

Watch your email for the Lake Spokane Association **Survey Questionnaire** Sponsored by LSA and AVISTA.

This is your opportunity to vote your opinion on the importance of Future Projects benefiting Lake Spokane.

The **Lake Spokane Association** is working with AVISTA, local and regional agencies and shoreline communities, to identify and prioritize opportunities which will benefit everyone who lives on and uses Lake Spokane. The Lake Spokane Association Board has made a partial list of potential opportunities for future development in this regard. We are asking for your input, suggestions, and ideas so that we can work with AVISTA and other authorities to improve opportunities on Lake Spokane.

Please look for the survey email and take a few minutes to provide feedback and help us rank 'potential' improvement projects related to boating and recreation, better lake access, wildlife and habitat preservation, fishing and fisheries, weed control, community events and educational programs.

For me, preservation and conservation of Lake Spokane is:

- Extremely important**
- Important**
- Of some importance**
- Not that important**

If you like Lake Spokane, then 'LIKE' Lake Spokane Association on FACEBOOK. Search Lake Spokane Association for the latest news about our beautiful lake.



❖ Know Lakeside Homeowner Best Practices

Landscape practices

Plan and maintain lawns and gardens adjacent to lakes to prevent contamination of surface and ground water. Consider native vegetation as a quality alternative to lawns and landscapes. Native vegetation provides a more diverse and balanced plant community and habitat. Contact a nursery that supplies native plants for species best adapted for your needs. If you have a lawn, use a mulching lawnmower. This can reduce fertilizer use by about 25 percent. Don't site your compost bin right next to the lake shoreline. Compost contains nutrients that can leach into lake waters if located near the shoreline. A balanced approach to waterfront landscaping retains some natural habitat and reduces pollution and erosion while also meeting your aesthetic and access needs.

Controlling runoff and soil erosion

Shoreline Management Regulations prohibit intensive removal of vegetation near the shore or on steep slopes. Check with your local jurisdiction for specific regulations. Take steps to offset problems that could occur under the following conditions:

- *Areas of exposed soil or poorly established vegetation.*
- *Coarse textured soils such as sands or sandy loams.*
- *Property sloping toward water.*
- *Impervious surface such as sidewalks and driveways.*

Fertilizer use

Avoid the use of chemical fertilizers if possible. Native vegetation requires less fertilizer. Use compost or manure rather than chemical fertilizers; however, compost and manure can also degrade water quality if used in excessive amounts. If you must use fertilizers, use natural time-release products.

If you apply fertilizers to lawns and gardens, adhere to the following guidelines:

- *Water your lawn after fertilizing, but do not allow excess water to run off*
- *Sweep up any fertilizer which is spilled on hard surfaces*
- *Do not spread fertilizer within 75 feet of surface waters or wetlands.*
- *Use a "drop" spreader*

Pet waste disposal

Regularly scoop up and dispose of pet wastes in your yard. Bury or bag pet wastes and dispose of the bags in the garbage. Do not compost pet wastes because they may contain harmful diseases or bacteria as well as the plant nutrients, nitrogen and phosphorus. Do not dispose ever of pet wastes in the lake.



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OUR MISSION

The Lake Spokane Association is dedicated to the protection and conservation of Lake Spokane, its shoreline communities, wildlife, fisheries, and recreational opportunities. Through education, awareness, and collaboration, its officers and members strive to unite our community, local and regional agencies, corporate partners, and government entities, to preserve and enhance the lake and habitat. Using monitoring and research efforts, the association makes recommendations for the future benefit of Lake Spokane, its residents and its many and diverse recreational users.

