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Newman Lake Residents,

We have received several inquiries about the diminished water quality in the lake. Last Friday, WSU took water quality samples and found that blue-green algae levels (Anabaena) have increased significantly over the last two weeks. This is most likely due to the long stretch of high temperatures with little wind.

The oxygenators have been operating all summer at full capacity. We do plan to inject a load of alum at a slow rate into the lake to try and reduce the algae levels somewhat; however, conditions will likely not change significantly until weather conditions change.

We will also be taking water quality samples and sending to Department of Ecology/King County Laboratory, to test for toxicity levels. We will share that information when results are received. However, locations and levels of algae can change quickly, so users of the lake should use caution and be observant of conditions.

Contact with blue-green algae can pose a health risk. The Washington State Department of Ecology has a good website with additional information about how to identify algae, and the health risks associated with it. It can be found at <https://www.nwtoxicalgae.org/Default.aspx>

Thanks,

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