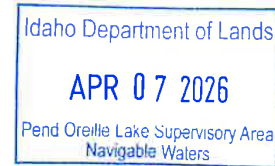


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Reference: Objection to the Application for Encroachment Permit L96502061, Sourdough Point

We read a recent publication listing the "Cleanest lakes in America". Lake Pend Oreille was listed as one of the **10 cleanest lakes in America. Thank you for doing your part in making this possible.**

Basis: **Idaho Code IDAPA 20.03.04- POLICY**

01. Environmental Protection and Navigational or Economic Necessity states:

"water quality be given due consideration and weighed against the navigational or economic necessity"

Summary of Objection:

There is a strong possibility that water quality within the SPOA lagoon will be impacted by the addition of the proposed new docks. Water current through the causeway opening is generated by wave action resulting from northerly winds. Over time these waves have cleansed the water within the lagoon to the point that it is now safe for swimming and other recreation. The history of the causeway and lagoon emphasizes the importance of maintaining the current/waves through the lagoon.

History: The causeway enclosing the lagoon was created during the development of the Sourdough Point Subdivision (approximately 1962-1965). At that time there was no northern opening through the causeway except two pipes (approximately 16" diameter) through the causeway. With inadequate current through the lagoon the water was stagnant, polluted and unsafe for recreation. During the summer of 1996 an opening through the causeway on the North side of the lagoon was constructed. A concrete bridge over the existing opening in the South side of the lagoon was built replacing an arched pedestrian bridge. The addition of the new opening on the north side of the lagoon allowed waves and current to flow through the lagoon. With the new flow established, it still took approximately 24 years to clean the lagoon water of contaminants and weeds. I had my dock built in 2007. At that time the water quality was still unacceptable. Therefore our grandchildren were not permitted to swim from our dock. In addition to the poor water quality weeds were growing to the water surface and milfoil filled the lagoon. With the water flow established through the lagoon it took until approximately 2020 before the water quality and weeds/milfoil cleared sufficiently to allow my family to swim from our dock.

Currently there is wave action and water current flowing north to south through the proposed location of the new docks. The proposed new docks include a 26 ft. long access dock floating on the water

surface (east and west) perpendicular to the (N/S) current. The installation of these docks will interfere with the water flow. This interference of the water flow will harm the water quality in the lagoon.

Water quality is one of the standard regulations established by Idaho Code for dock permit evaluation (reference **IDAPA 20, 20.03.04. 012 POLICY 01. Environmental Protection and Navigational or Economic Necessity**).

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to your agreement that the lagoon water quality should be preserved. As previously offered to SPOA members, space for additional new docks along the shoreline where other shoreline docks exist in the lagoon is available to SPOA members. This alternative location meets the need for boat slips while preserving the lagoon water quality. Do not approve new docks in a location that will harm the water quality of the lagoon or any other portion of our clean lake.

Thanks for your efforts in preserving water quality of our lagoon by rejecting this permit application. Allowing new shoreline docks where shoreline docks already exist is an acceptable alternative for additional needed docks.

John Cron

