



**Cocolalla Lake Association**  
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*Protecting Cocolalla Lake*  
*Since 1984*

Cocolalla Lake Association (CLA) has invited representatives from Phoslock Water Solutions, Ltd (PWS), Sydney, Australia, to give a presentation on a possible algae control treatment in Cocolalla Lake. PWS has accepted this invitation and will make its presentation at the Southside Elementary school in Cocolalla on Thursday evening, March 25, 2010, at 7:00 PM. CLA strongly requests you consider attending this presentation.

The invitation is being sent to the following:

State Representative Eric Anderson  
State Representative George Eskridge  
State Senator Joyce Broadsword  
State Senator Shawn Keogh  
Bonner County Commissioners

Representatives from the following federal, state, and local agencies, and organizations:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
U.S. Department of Natural Resources  
Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (IDEQ)  
Idaho Department of Agriculture (IDA)  
Idaho Department of Fish & Game (IDF&G)  
Idaho Department of Lands (IDL)  
Bonner County Public Works  
Bonner County Soil Conservation Department  
Bonner County Invasive Species Task Force  
Lakeland Restoration Services LLC  
Eastern WA/North ID Regional Lakes Conference  
Rathdrum Prairie Lakes Council  
Washington Department of Ecology  
CLA membership

Algae blooms are a recognized threat to water resources throughout the United States. In a 2000 TMDL study of Cocolalla Lake, IDEQ stated that 23% of the lake's phosphorus loading is internally generated from lake sediments. A reduction of the internal phosphorus loads would greatly reduce the growth of algae. Inhibiting phosphorus contribution by sediment would likely involve an in-lake chemical treatment, combined with continuing efforts to reduce external contributions. In a 2004 Implementation Plan for Cocolalla Lake for the IDEQ the internal

phosphorus loading had increased to 34%. Such an increase points to a growing problem for Cocolalla Lake.

For over twenty years CLA has worked with stakeholders to reduce and control external nutrient loading. Now CLA is looking for an effective solution to the internal phosphorus loading. After careful review of many proposed methods for such nutrient control, we believe that effective control can be accomplished with a phosphate binding treatment. This treatment approach constitutes the thrust of the PWS presentation.

To reach the Southside School, turn East onto the Southside School Road 0.3 miles North of the 461 mile marker on State Highway #95 in Cocolalla.

Thank you for your help and continued support.

The PWS Website can be accessed at: [www.phoslock.com.au](http://www.phoslock.com.au). Attached is the preliminary proposal from PWS. Please review these documents prior to the March 25th meeting to familiarize yourself with the proposed process and to formulate questions which you may have. Please RSVP to: [c.s.gladish@gmail.com](mailto:c.s.gladish@gmail.com) or telephone me at (208)263-6515, or by mail to:

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