

Cocolalla Watershed Survey

1. Do you have concerns about the water quality here in the Cocolalla watershed?

Yes-91% Yes or no, maybe, no-8%

2. Why do you think it's so difficult to stop the algae blooms?

Don't know-54%

Nitrates-warm and muddy
 Shallow lake
 Farm and yard runoff
 Speedboats
 Oxygen in lake
 Septic tanks
 Railroad
 Decades of Phosphorus
 Chaney's building condos
 Lake level
 Phosphorus on the bottom

Johnson's subdivision
 Passing the buck
 Agriculture upstream
 What comes into the lake
 Watershed
 Cumulative
 Natural Cycle
 Weather
 Lack of flushing
 Lake turnover
 Lawns right down to lakeshore

Septic tanks being allowed a few feet from lake per the health departments OK such as our neighbors recent putting in a septic tank not 2 feet from the lakeshore.

Spraying weeds on beach with weed killer as one of our neighbors does.

Working down along the shore line with no barriers to prevent dirt etc. going into lake and using heavy equipment as another neighbor has done.

3. Who is responsible for improving the water quality?

34% Citizens	34% Property owners
37% Government	5% don't know
CLA	Farmers
Watershed owners	Nature will if we get rid of weeds

4. What is the age of the youngest member in your household?

Under 20	22%
20-30	5%
30-40	8%
40-50	3%
50-60	20%
60+	40%

5. When was the last time your septic tank was pumped?

1-2 years	53%	4-5 years	18%
2-3 years	7%	5-10 years	11%
[2 years ago in 2000]		Never	13%

6. Would you be willing to attend educational workshops if they were held here in Cocolalla?

If yes 89% days 17 nights 21 weekends 21

7. Where would you say that you most often receive information about local happenings?

- a. Neighbors 35%
- b. Newspaper-which one? 39% Bee 31%
- c. Radio 4%
- d. Mail 7%
- e. TV 4%
- f. Internet or email 4% CLA Newsletter 7%

8. When you have a question about fertilizing whom do you ask?

- Family
- Extension office
- Ace
- Co-op
- Leslie Marshall
- Labels
- Nursery
- Arborists
- wing-it
- self-education

9. Are you active in any local organizations? Which ones?

- A few
- Homeowners
- Lake association
- Boy Scouts
- Church
- Cub scouts
- Sandpoint little league
- School District

10. Does your household have Internet access? Yes 72% No 28%

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