



June 25, 2008

SUBJECT: Loon Lake Wood Debris Final Sampling and Analysis Plan and Comment Summary Available

Dear Loon Lake Friends:

I would like to update you on the progress of the Loon Lake Wood Debris Study.

First, I would like to thank you very much for your interest in this study. More than 50 people attended the public meeting on April 15. As you know, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is currently in Phase II of the study and shared the draft sampling and analysis plan at the meeting.

In addition to the public meeting, a comment period was held from April 1 – May 15, 2008 to gather feedback on the draft plan, which was incorporated into the final sampling and analysis plan. DNR received many comments from the community during the public comment period. As a result, DNR has compiled a public meeting and comment summary and finalized the sampling and analysis plan. To view the comments and final plan, visit www.dnr.wa.gov (click on Aquatic & Marine Sciences).

DNR received many comments on the scope of the project, which is to understand the nature and potential source(s) of wood debris in the lake. In September, when lake levels are lowest, DNR will take samples in the northeast corner of the lake as well as reference samples for comparison, at other locations around the lake. After analyzing these samples and determining whether wood debris is present and potentially affecting the lake, potential remediation options will be discussed. A follow up report will be written and shared with the community to gather feedback in spring 2009.

If you have questions about the study, timeline, or would like a copy of the comment summary or final sampling and analysis plan please contact the new DNR project manager, Lionel Klikoff, (Lionel.Klikoff@dnr.wa.gov or 360-902-1676).

Thank you again for your support and interest during this important study.

Cordially yours,

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