

Open-ended Responses

Note: These open-ended responses have been compiled from the survey. They have not been edited for spelling or grammar.

Prioritizing Monitoring

The following are the compiled list of comments from the question regarding the prioritization of monitoring.

Control invasive fish using streams to enter into Watch lake. The Carp from Green lake entering Watch lake and Sqaw fish. Beaver damage as well.

I am mostly interested in monitoring invasive species of flora, fauna, and aquatic creatures.

Yes, OCP is a joke. When the OCP designates red listed species areas, whether lake or off shore, without any knowledge or proof of a red listed species in the area, people are forced to pay \$ for nothing, as the CRD and head biologist for the Cariboo have no knowledge of a red listed species within the OCP. After 1.5 months delay the CRD/OCP couldn't provide a red listed species within the OCP and when threatened to be sued, they try pulling something out of their hat, by telling owners that the red listed species is the American Badger. Wrong, the American Badger is a red listed species for almost all of the Cariboo, so the OCP and CRD is wrong trying to enforce land owners to hire a biologist and also pay an extra fee to build anything within the bogus OCP red listed map. No one else in the Cariboo has this problem or is asked to pay this money grab.

thank you for your hard work in maintaining the eco system that is place already. in one manner to keep all off road vehicles on designated trails would be to have move signage on the trails. For the lake water is it possible to have paper copies or news letters to the general public of does and don't about he lake.

Does Fisheries attend the lake during fish derby time. Most of the speeding done on our lake is done during this time. In order to protect our water fowl enforcement would be appreciated.

Monitor, evaluate and research water levels and inflows.....all sources.

who is paying for this monitor program and who will implement the results

I think that the Ministry of Environment should already be doing this. I really don't know what you mean about GLARA doing research - isn't this a volunteer organization. Professionals should be doing this or at least overseeing what the volunteers are doing.

Ranking above assumes that 6 is high priority. I would also assume that these points are subsumed under the general care and maintenance of water quality of the lake as a whole. Thank you also for your ongoing attention and care. Love your group.

The Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations conducts monitoring related to forestry operations in the local area. MRVA reports are available from the 100 Mile Forest District office to help add information. Stream and riparian areas are included in these reports.

Monitoring the water level of Green Lake and the rainfall in the area

I assume number 6 is the highest importance. Have issues come up that we need to set up this monitoring?

Canada Geese are taking over, had 50 in our yard at a time they leave behind an awful mess. If these are not curtailed our lake will become what has happened in other Areas, they foul up lake and beaches, where they have had to close these lakes and beaches. Is that what we want? Not able to use our lake? Something?? Needs to be done, it is getting worse.

Green and Watch Lakes members and land owners occupy an integrated, living system functioning 365 days a year, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. That what cannot be seen or is so small it is perceived as insignificant in the big picture, can contribute to an attitude and behavior towards natural systems that contributes and continues if the behavior is persistent, in deterioration or destruction to the natural ecology dependant on the fragile nature of this integration. GLARA's information services and the collaboration with various levels of government are essential for the future health of the local level if the values attracting activity and occupation are to be sustained. MONITORING helps to understand if attitudes and behaviours are sustaining the natural ecology. Information services become the voice for what cannot speak in our natural ecology. i.e. Tad poles, garter snakes, bees, creeks, shore line vegetation, back country marsh, dragon flies, bio diversity, and so on. That what is taken for granted is the building block for what attracts and sustains the health of our lake district. For it to be here in perpetuity, due to land use pressure, monitoring and information services require a high level priority in case the canary starts to sing....

I wasn't sure what Q3 was relating to regarding invasive species. My answer is it is very important we try to keep them out of the lake and remove them. Regarding ducks, geese, eagles, etc. I love having them around but am not happy with people feeding geese. I have seen this walking along the beach, closer to the end of the access roads on the south side. They can cause a huge mess and pollute the water.

Watch for over logging I don't want to live in a clear cut

Could Glara provide some tips on management of invasive species..

We need a place for the trout to spawn in 83 creek and maybe watch creek. The fish move up there but there is no gravel. A spring in the area could be diverted to ensure water flow.

Testing to be done in front of premises which currently do not have up-to-standard septic systems. There are many "pits" which are contributing to excessive algae and bottom growth. A significant amount going directly into the lake from out houses built too close to the lake, which seemed OK many years ago, but certainly are not now. I do not know of any of this type of monitoring.

Monitoring of the destruction of the grasslands would be excellent. I feel that to preserve the natural beauty of the area there should be strict enforcement of the wild areas in relation to Quad, ATV, and Dirt Bike activity As well PLEASE monitor the noise levels on the lakes...horrendous at times. this disturbs nesting , mating etc of wildlife. Again..perhaps strict enforcement of noise pollution by motorized boats, Seadoos etc... Perhaps the area would benefit from creation of specific trails for various sports and could lobby for increased hiking, Nordic walking, canoeing/ kayaking, mountain biking, swimming, cross-country skiing, specific horse back riding trails...in general the healthier sports which are more compatible for a decrease in environmental impact.

Actually, yes. It is a difficult decision to place one above the other in the previous list as they all work hand in glove; a loss of any one of the species, animal, fish, wildfowl or plants changes the whole balance of the area. We need to keep monitoring to ensure the habit is safe for all whether resident or migratory.

from what I have read the water monitoring has been done for many years and we thank the people who are taking the time to do it

I think that all of the above are equally important. I enjoy all the wildlife on Watch Lake. The marsh at the end of Watch Lake is where most of the aquatic and wildfowl (beavers,otters etc) spend their time. Very Important area. Needs to be protected

Water Quality Monitoring

The following are the compiled responses regarding water quality monitoring at Green Lake/Watch Lake.

Survey of lake property septic systems to ensure they are to code. If no septic on property, where is grey water going? Also survey position of outhouses to lake front.

The community as a whole must be involved not just GLARA members if it is to have any long range positive results. GLARA to provide leadership and solicit participation by the broader community.

Additional monitoring may be required to support new initiatives in Q3.

Local input with professional supervision.

The home sites that still do not use proper septic tanks bothers us.

GLARA is doing a fine job.

No non natural samples have been found.

Please continue what you are doing or more if funds enable you to.

Monitoring/testing re septic systems seepage into the lake and informing the offending lot owners. Having some authority (?) to follow through on remedying the problem.

Water quality is critical. Without clean safe water there is no resource.

I think that what you are doing is reasonable and responsible as well as affordable. of time and money. We could always do more but we have to be practical as well.

What we do is pretty good, more information is always better.

Was very interested to see the water level history over the last however many years the information was recorded. Interested to now what water systems feed Green lake and why when the level comes up in the spring run off it drops so much in the following months.

I would like to see any alerts/reports if water quality changes

Yes, but how would you do it?????

If the association feels more could be done I am in favour.

As someone living on the lake we are extremely careful about what we allow in the water. But is there someone carefully monitoring the campgrounds on our lake? I have been to Sunset View 3x over the last 2 months and there has never even been a caretaker there. I think campers can just do what they want (from shore or in their boat) and who is checking or informing them? I also never see a Conservation Officer anywhere on the lake.

Monitor lakeside dwellings for harmful impact on the lake.

This monitoring appears to have been well done over the years.

I don't really know enough about the monitoring that is occurring

Very interested to see the history of the lake level and other information over the past years

If you feel there should be more done I would be in favor. I am very pleased that we have people who care enough to do the work for us. Thank-you to all.

I appreciate everyone's efforts here.

GLARA is doing a great job!

Raw data should be available publicly. This should include the information on historic lake levels. Monitoring should increase if the trend is worsening water quality.

However, I'd like to see some action taken when unsuitable conditions are noted. Identifying a problem is not enough - the problem should be corrected.

Invasive Species

The following are the compiled responses regarding invasive species management.

Signage at public boat launches as well as prominent signage for those that may have private boat launches.

Washing stations at the provincial campsites and information posted at each site as to proper use and reasons why it is important.

large enough signage at entrance to lake accesses to remind people about cleaning engines and props.

Information is transmitted very well to GLARA members via the newsletters. Probably need to focus on how to best inform the lake users that are "visitors" (e.g., out from town for the day, tourists on vacation, etc.). I think a lot is already being done with this (bulletin boards at campgrounds, signs, pamphlets, etc.), so keep up the good work!

Fines if caught. More fishery management. No ice fishing !!!!!

Keep up public awareness and education programs through schools, tourist bureaus, rod and gun clubs and other outdoor enthusiasts and organizations.

Is sufficient signage in place to remind boaters of this hazard prior to arriving at the boat launch. Placing signs before the sani station would allow boaters an opportunity to wash down.

Mandatory inspection would be great but impossible to carry out.

Information and education. Wash stations and Provincial campgrounds. Education to property owners on how damaging it can be to bring non native plants into the area for their gardens.

Education so we can identify them

Inform GLARA members of what steps to take if they discover invasive species

How would one handle the private boating sites - from what I hear, most do not have the "care" to keep out invasive species.

I would like to receive information and photos identifying invasive species. It should include information as how to SAFELY remove said species on private land.

Seems to be working fine.

Fisheries and Oceans should be inspecting all boats coming into the area, more realistic long weekend inspections at minimum.

All our boat access points should have information re cleaning, washing, etc. There should also be clear signs at these points to show what invasive species can impact on our lake. Re washing stations. If we don't have them people will not clean. If washing stations are installed some people might use them which is better than what we have now.

more Conservation Officer presence on and around our lake.

even more signage and perhaps volunteer monitoring of the busiest boat ramps on long weekends when there are often visitors with boats from other lakes

hose at boat launch and signs telling people to wash their boats.

Info (pamphlet/brochure) available at the tourist center and sani stations for visitors to take and read.

More policing by parks and province of day user with boats.

Signage at the entry points to the lakes

Reminders again and again. We need to see the pictures again continuously. Forget year to year. Senior's disability. Dennis

Washing stations should be installed to help boaters clean their boats and trailers.

BC Government has an app called "Report A Weed", very useful and simple to use to report invasive weeds.

I feel the clean, Drain, Dry program is a very good way to protect our lakes.

educational displays at camp grounds and boat launches

Any form of education - handouts at the Parks, Signage - community meeting?

Signage at ALL boat launches on our lakes with fines imposed for not cleaning a boat properly

Not familiar with any other proactive steps, but am concerned about the issue.

Residents that own rental cabins need to inform guests to Green Lake of the impact of not using the Clean, Drain and Dry program. It is our responsibility to educate everyone.

Clear signage at all access roads and boat launches.

post signage at ALL access points to the lake

Lobby, advocate, network, educate, and borrow and adapt programs and services demonstrated to be successful in other fresh water lake districts to prevent the introduction of invasives to Green and Watch Lakes. This is an easier job than trying to manage an invasive after it is established.

education, notices posted at boat launches, sani-station, road side pullouts.

Perhaps GLARA could provide handout materials to interested homeowners who could give it to their guests & visitor boaters visiting their property.

If invasive species are identified on the lake, are there ways we can remove them manually that will not impact on the water quality? Is it possible to have the beach area of a private lot notified about possible invasive plants so we can work on them ourselves?

Are signs posted at the boat launches?

More signage at all boat launches & resorts.

not sure what could be done - but I am concerned

Periodic, random inspection

Prevent Perch dropping. Not sure if that can be monitored but it would be horrible for our lake if anyone put perch in. Again, that would most likely come from campers and/or visitors.

Boat ramp at park needs major upgrade to allow boats to be launched safely

as much as possible

No septic into the lakes! Wells required instead of pulling water out of the lake.

Periodic monitoring during peak season of all boat launch areas. With info for boaters available. This could be a volunteer position shared by many.

Monitoring (with fines?) of the cleaning of boats/water vessels utilized on and around the Lake

Make wash stations mandatory

Random boat checks from time to time throughout the season.

Continue with GLARA'S current education in this regard.

Volunteer groups to remove species...these volunteers could be organized to get some perks (can also be thru sport associations and group ...increase caring about the area

Occasional spot checks

province wide education on the severe impact on invasive species to prevent spreading

at each boat ramp there should be a person there to check each boat

better educate boaters.but there will always be boaters who will not comply .There are too many small lakes and private boat launches .

It's tough to monitor, but stiffer fines for individuals

monitor boat launches for incoming weeds or at least have strong warnings if people don't check their boats properly. There should also be a washing station, possibly at the Sani Station

Perhaps more signage at all access roads where boat launching is possible. Some signs are so "busy" with information, they are not read. These need to be simple and clear signs.

More Signs

more signage and information for the tourists

Where is this information posted around Green Lake? Has it been in the GLARA newsletter?

Preventive measures in place at re signage at all boat access points by 2015

catch your eye signage at info areas and at entry of every access road and public park/beach regarding invasive species spread, health of the lake (ie: no shampoo or washing self/animals/autos in lake etc). Signage that will last thru all seasons.

Sani-station Comments

The following are the compiled responses regarding the sani-station. These responses have also been codified for the common themes that are present.

There are not opened soon enough and close too soon. Always should be left open at least until thanksgiving weekend for tourists and hunters

I would like to see the washrooms open earlier and for longer hours. Some drop in monitoring could be increased to prevent mis-use of the site... re improper sanitation disposal, dumping garbage, damaging toilets

Very poor operating dates

The Sani Station is not open very much. They should extend it into October for the Fall travelers and open earlier in the year as well

there should be one located at Emerald Bay site

Open season should be longer. Noticed it was closed on May 24th weekend.

It was not open on the May long weekend. It did not open till the Tuesday following. This is unacceptable. The provincial parks were full.

We only use it on occasion, but it seems to be closed when we need it! Can't it be available for a longer season?

Proper use and maintenance of the facility. It's new, yet it has been neglected already.

How many home owners have septic systems?

The fewer sani-stations the higher chance of people dumping where they shouldn't!

too short a season

Open earlier and later in the year

water quality very poor at hoses

With cutbacks, how do we know the government is regularly monitoring this for leaks?

Opening late in the tourist season and closing early. It should be open until at least Thanksgiving weekend. Fall and late fall is when many seniors travel as well as hunters and they would use the facility were it open.

Opening and closing hours.

Closure periods are not realistic to area use.

The concern is that we should know if they are using them well and also know what we should be looking for. I am out of touch frankly.

Open too late in the spring and closed too early in the fall.

Sani-stations must coincide with the use of the parks and be open when the parks are. They should also be open a few before and a few after parks are closed to be available for a longer time.

Sani stations should be available as long as parks are in use.

Should be free

Just want people to use them.

Restricted seasonal hours of operation and the senseless, meaningless, pointless, absolutely mad imposition of a user fee.

does not open for enough months during the year. Should be open by May long weekend to Nov 11th to accommodate use throughout the year

It should be opened earlier in the spring and kept open longer in the fall.

Excessive demand, leading to failure to use.

They and the campgrounds open later in the spring and close earlier in the fall.

Open longer and should be free My taxes should pay for the maintenance and upkeep

That these stations may be too close to lake

Open too late in the year and closes far too early. Should be open from May 1 through Oct 15th at least to allow use by early and late season tourists.

Not available long enough for tourists during the year. Closed this past May long weekend & at the beginning of Sept. in 2013

they are not open long enough during the year ie open late and close too early

Hoping that these are monitored and kept clean and tidy by the users

need to be kept clean!

They open too late in the year and close too early

should be open sooner and stay open longer. we get tourists in april through november

Those who don't use Sani-Stations and dump effluent into the lake

The facility should open earlier in the season and remain open later to accommodate fishers, hunters and ones that camp pre Easter Break and post Labour Day.

Its rather upsetting when you drive for 5 hours pulling a fifth wheel and get to the sani dump for water and it is not open and still not open at the end of may long weekend to dump.

not open long enough, should be year round

don't open early enough in the years and close too early in the fall. They are closed too much!!

It is not just at provincial campgrounds where people are using the lake to wash in. Not sure how to address this. Perhaps a flyer delivered to each lakeshore property alerting folks to the issues so that they can educate themselves and their guests/renters... and perhaps a notice at each access road?

Not open long enough! Too short of a Season

Not open long enough

Expand season

That it may not continue

Not open long enough during the shoulder season. Not being open after Labour Day Long Weekend could potentially have people unsafely dumping their tanks.

There are no garbage bins---typically these are associated with trailer septic dumps--where does the garbage then go?

The length of time that the sani-station is too short. Open it as soon as the snow starts to melt and leave it open when the freeze compromises the water.

Human Impacts

The following are the compiled responses regarding the concerns about human impacts on the environment in the area. These responses have also been codified for common themes.

I am on Watch Lake on the quiet side. So I have no problems... but... I do not go to the busy, noisy side where the lodges and such are

need to cap the number of cabins. more and more are living full time increasing human use of lakes and surrounding riparian zone. watch lake should not allow gas motors.

Sea dos. Thankfully there aren't as many as before. These crafts are noisy, disruptive to the lake and residents and serve no useful purpose. ATV use is also destructive and noisy. They should be banned except on trails made for them specifically.

Just the constant bathing in the lake

Pumping water from lake. No ice fishing !!!!!

Boaters/jet skis chasing down waterfowl.

Snowmobile races on the ice

Overcrowding, too many powerful motor boats on the lake are detrimental to wildlife.

Washing ATVs in the lake!

Motorized vehicles destroying lake and stream shores

More info to the home owners/renters on how to keep our lakes healthy.

How many home owners take their water supply from the lake? How many have their own wells?

No. If a problem arises, deal with it then. No need to be anal about things.

yes stupid people!!

I am concerned about residents who live on waterfront using the lake water to water their lawns during the drier season.

boats going close to shore creating large wash.

Drawing water from lake for domestic purposes and discharge of effluent into watershed.

Residents as well washing in the lake anything. Still goes on.

i don't know what the impact of motor boats, jet skis etc. and their omissions and fuel leaks are on lakes is but it concerns me.

seadoos no faster boat traffic than 45 km/h no wake zone in the bays - refuge zones for waterfowl

Boat speed close to shore

There should be a legally enforced speed restriction at the entire west end of the lake. Signs should be posted on Deer island and the opposing north shore.

Does our water monitoring tell us if soaps, shampoos etc are affecting our lakes water? Not sure what controls the riparian zone around the lakes now, but I have no concerns or issues with what I've seen so far.

Yes, you must have a dump card in order to utilize the TNRD waste facility. This becomes a concern for visitors in the area, dumping garbage wherever.

Speed boats and sea-do's are sometimes out of control.

Not just park users that put soap in lake. Seasonal residents do it as well as they are unaware or uneducated to the harmful effects.

More signs at ALL access and elsewhere to let the part timers and visitors know that they can not use the lake with shampoo or detergents.

people with horses allowing them to crap in the water. seen that at access #7

How far upstream in terms of creek flow should GLARA radar be concerned with as far as land use having implications for water quality on Green Lake? Ground water sustainability?

waterfront homes with very green grass (fertilizers leeching into lake) Old/improper septic systems

Encroachment of front yard waterfront landscaping beyond the homeowners front property line. Washing of motorized vehicles in the lake. Operation of motorized watercraft in shallow water areas of Green Lake which stirs up the lake bottom sediments and the phosphorus contained in these sediments, which promotes the growth of algae in the lake. This seems to me a no-brainer for GLARA to try to educate the public to stop this practice.

Hi speed boaters using the lake as a race track, boaters/seadoos driving back and forth in front of residences without concern for the noise/wave action on the shore, renters who don't know about restrictions like no soap in the lake.

Humans using non campground areas of the lake and using soap and detergents in the water

Boating & fuelling of vessels.

Our family uses a bio-degradable, conservation approved shampoo when we need to wash. If there was a shower station at the campground that we were allowed to use, we would never bathe in the lake. But we have no running water yet and have no choice.

There is public beach area near the 2 little islands (between flying u and little arrow head - many walk from there to the island) there needs to be an outhouse installed because the people use the shore line and the island so close to shore etc.. for a bathroom.

Motorized recreation has increased dramatically lately. It prevents the quiet enjoyment of the lake, including the natural habitat.

use of fertilizers and/or pesticides/insecticides

Small buildings either attached or free standing or decks which house showering facilities that are a source of shampoos, soap etc going directly into the lake.

Campsites and access roads should be patrolled more

Speed of boats causing Big wakes on Watch lake and no one to report violator's to

Really worry about impact of ATV use on plants, animal habitat, lakeshores and streams.

Under age drivers operating motorized equipment on the lake. Concern about discriminant use of Green L. water, even when the level is low. A manicured lawn appears to take priority. Grass to the shore gives added concern about the possible seepage of fertilizers, weed killers etc. into the lake. There has been no outflow since 2002.

We do not wish to have any additional boating restrictions. Our concern is that this process may introduce boating restrictions which we are opposed to.

As I have indicated...Noise pollution by the motorized boats Destruction of the grasslands by Quads, ATVs and Dirt Bikes

bottles and garbage in lake

washing with soap and shampoo in the lake. (campers) because camp sites don't have showers!

traplines should not be aloud in our regional district

horses and cattle mess up the shore line and should be banned from our lakes. we often find fecal matter on our beach.

only existing residents/cabins which do not have acceptable septic systems. The old 45/45 gal tanks must go.

Twice last year, sludge was on the North Green Lake Shore line

launching perhaps at an access where the vehicle partially enters the water. Spillage of fuel while fueling boats on the water. There is an escalating risk to our lakes and waterways with the increase of larger homes and population in the area, even something such as the use of fertilizers and overwatering of such which thereby finds its way into the water system. Sometimes this appears to be affecting/creating more algae growth(s).

People running their quads through the lake to clean them off. I have had to confront a number of folks doing this. Not sure what the answer is to people just being plain stupid. If they are ignorant of the impact, I suppose more signage could help, but I suspect there are others who just don't care. Vigilance...

Loud noise from sea-dos.

Location of large new houses very close to the lake.

Boats speeding on the lake
The discharge of human waste into the lake.

Aged septic systems

Yes, humans are using the shores of the lake as toilets. If beaches are "open" why aren't there washroom facilities and garbage cans?

GLARA Activities

The following is a compilation of responses regarding GLARA's activities.

The GLARA website is very good but could be updated a bit more often.

I think that GLARA does a good job now.

more signs needed to let people visiting the area know about the conservation efforts going on at the lakes. Also some property owners need to know more info about how to keep the lakes and streams clean.

I think GLARA is doing a pretty good job already.

Offer up more information pamphlets at the Sani Station, 70 Mile Store, Little Horse Store and parks

Signage at boat launches, explaining rules and regulations of Watch lake.

This survey indicates a good job being done.

You guys are doing a GREAT job.

Lobby government to add boat wash station and full service bathrooms and showers to the campgrounds. Lobby government and businesses who make money off of the land to provide assets to build infrastructure such as bridges on the trails or boat washing facilities.

Better enforcement of regulations we already have re. sensitive ecological areas

Enforcement will always be an issue...responsible owners and their guests are already aware and attempting to keep current on issues and they act accordingly...but the idiot fringe will focus on the almighty ME and what I want to do to entertain myself and my friends.

Please continue what you are doing and more if money lets you.

like a neighborhood watch unless people get involved and spread the word visitors won't know or care about our lakes. a volunteer visit on occasion to the campsites to inform boaters and visitors about the unique and sensitive nature of our lake (lakes) couldn't hurt

Advertise the website and explain what you are and the importance of your group.

GLARA is/has been doing a phenomenal job. I can't applaud their efforts more. Thank you.

Guest speakers at meetings kept going.

I think the news letter is a great way to educate us and keep us informed. Also informs us when there are issues to be dealt with.

I would encourage all of the above, however I would like to see provincial funding for same.

GLARA should replace the boat speed limit sign on the entrance to Boyd Bay at the west end of Green Lake

You guys are doing a great job. Thanks for keeping us (locals) up to date and informed. I just think visitors and campers need to be told these things. I wish they had to go through a "station" (like at Shuswap Provincial Campground) where there is a person manned in the booth to give them the info

before they go in. And also, there are showers there. At the Green Lake campgrounds there are no showers so I see people use soap and shampoo in the lake all the time. Maybe sell bio-degradable shampoo/soap at the 70 Mile Store that is "Green Lake Approved"? Sell at the campgrounds too and maybe have a dispenser at the sani-stations and say "the only approved soap or shampoo for this lake". Unless the campgrounds get showers, then that would solve everything!

The picnic sites and camping sites are great place to post information and update as well as the local stores information boards. email is good to for members.

pls see comments already registered Q4 &16

Doing a good job!

What you're doing is fine.

informational signage in the parks.

By getting more of the community involved which, however, is not always an easy thing to accomplish. Perhaps helping with a fingerling fish release, or helping to clean up certain areas . . .

Information at the boat launches and as you come into the lakes area have more info at the Sani Station (which is open very much)

Signs for the boating community. Something similar to the Fire Safe program could be developed for water quality - maintaining riparian vegetation, minimizing lawns and associated fertilization, invasive species and boats... These could be distributed with taxes so they go to everyone. Can some of these be related to different water levels - e.g. boat wakes at high water levels. Inlets and outlets should be publicly identified.

GLARA is a voice of the people. There is a fine line between being a "voice" and becoming an entity that portrays more authority than it is able to manage with a volunteer base. As it is, I would think that GLARA has to fend off many calls about issues that are not in it's mandate. Increasing GLARA's footprint may increase workload exponentially and this can be frustrating when communicating with governmental associations that tend to tie issues up in red tape. I am just concerned that the already hard working board will be inundated with issues and more "concerns" than they already have to handle. Hopefully the outcome of this survey will provide the top 3 or 4 large issues to concentrate on... My 2 cents worth.

Green Lake has numerous "park" areas and boat launch areas. For years, I and others have asked for garbage bins to be located at each area. As you know, people visit for the day but there are no garbage bins nor toilets near. That means the garbage is left and the beaches become toilet areas. How many years did it take to ge a single garbage bin at the "Y" (convergence of watch Lake Road and Green Lake N Rd) ? The bin is there but the Raymonds and Olson?Milliken empty it. Check out the beaches - toilet paper, human feces, garbage....GLARA has been notified f the problem. Parks and Highways have been made aware of the problem. Donna Barnett has been made aware of the problem. What has been done? NOTHING. Perhaps, before anything else is done, we should be trying to get garbage bins and toilets placed in high use areas around the Lake. People need to clean up after themselves first then they may be trained to "clean" up their boats.

Additional Comments on Health of Watershed

The following is a compilation of general comments regarding the health of the watershed.

watch lake is very shallow...global warming may decrease the water available to fill the lake in the spring. this needs to be watched.

No ice fishing !!!!! On Watch lake

LIMIT the size of power boats on the lakes! Educate property owners of the very negative effect of the use of 2,4 D on water quality - specially the lake front property owners!

Motorized vehicles destroying habitat Indiscriminate expansion of trails to accommodate increasing vehicular traffic

I have understood that fish stocks have been replenished several times. I would like to have information as to the results. What happens to the fish? Are they surviving? If not , why?

Concern relative to the impact that the loss of our pine trees has on it!

How much say we have with the logging companies around the watershed?

I'd like to know more about how the whole watershed works around green lake

At this point, no.

Area requires an overall environmental assessment

Effects of the rising water levels. Beavers effects. Boat noise.

How come GLARA is doing the work on the ground of various levels of government with the authority for managing the attributes and values of the Crown?

Motorized vehicles (4x4's , ATV's and dirt bikes) being driven through Nolan Creek watercourse for apparently recreational purposes. and the damage to our grassland being done by these same vehicles. Plus damage done to the wetlands and marsh areas.

Condition of creeks flowing into Green L. has deteriorated due to the activity of beavers, who appear to have free reign to cut down trees & dam the streams. An example easily visible from Watch L. Rd., is the water flowing from Watch L. into Green L. on the north side.

We do not wish to have any additional boating restrictions. Our concern is that this process may introduce boating restrictions which we are opposed to.

Public education for off-road vehicles. Swampy areas are wetter at the higher water levels and are more susceptible to damage from quads. As these feed into the lake, they directly impact water quality.

Can we maintain Green lakes current ecosystem

Comment about question #19. As long as something is done in response to problems. Identifying an area of concern is not enough. Work to correct the matter.

Comments to expand stewardship initiatives

The following is a set of comments regarding the expansion of stewardship initiatives.

Work with government and local user groups and businesses to provide assests, such as wash stations for boats, showers in the campgrounds and bridges over sensitive streams on the trials in the watershed

Education of our seasonal residents regarding the impact of atvs on our environment.
Keep up the good work!

Through the newsletter - very practical things that cabin/house owners can do - on a ongoing basis.

Yes, but we need a professional assessment first.

You are doing well. Great news letter

Become familiar with the MRVA (Multi Value Resource Reports) as mentioned above. They will help to inform steps going forward.

work diligently with government to represent our thoughts and concerns

We can't do it alone. Pushing a rope is futile. Government apathy breeds contempt and complacency. This form of cancer in public attitude is not good for the natural ecology. As citizens we continue to supply the government coffers and this is breeding negativity. The LMP ideally will re-focus government attention on the public/resident concern for what is gifted to us and precious in its creation. Government is GLARA's biggest management challenge.

Educate, educate, educate the public about how fragile the future state of Green Lake water quality really is.

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Involve the youth . . . schools . . . promote kids activities which involve this environment?

Plans need to be set at a watershed level. It would be nice to have a map of the watershed.

Range use may need to be addressed in the creeks that come into the lake. It is great that they are not on the lake any more on the South side.

No. I like the direction in which you are going.

Additional Comments

The following is a set of additional comments

Good work done to date, I am appreciative of the initiatives and communication as a part-time owner. Thank you for putting the survey into an online completion... I looked at it yesterday and didn't have time to print it, complete it, rescan it and email it back. So this is perfect. Good work!

I support management of the water quality of the lake and surrounding watershed as long as any program does not restrict the use of these areas by responsible users. The environment is to be used and enjoyed by responsible users. We must make it easy for people to choose responsible behavior, before we invoke any legislation which restricts usage. I DO NOT support any programs or initiatives which restrict access to the lake or watershed at this time by boaters or ORV users. I will actively resist any program or organization which looks to restrict usage of the lake or watershed.

I have been coming to the Cariboo/Chilcotin for 60 years. The free spirited love of the maverick thinker has always been valued. I would hate to see freedom reduced by excessive rules. The wide openness is part of the joy of the countryside. Many people enjoy this environment in myriad ways. That is precious!

Get your facts straight before trying to enforce rules/money grabs.

The meetings are not convenient to owners of the areas. In addition, we have not had (from what I can recall) notice of meetings. Input is important but only if it is open to all residents. Being able to write in if not able to attend would be great. At the same time, we'd have to know what the group is really about. Needs to be inclusive to all owners of the area.

I have a lot on South Green Lake that I spend very little time at - maybe 4 days/year so am not very well informed about the water issue.

Keep up the good work, it's appreciated.

great work, glad to be a part of GLARA

Thank you to GLARA for its leadership and vision and transparency and commitment and heart - to all those directly and indirectly doing their part - it is the effort at the individual level that is the collective benefit.

GLARA should support an effort to get a "higher level of protection" on the GROWN lands shoreline of Green lake than that which has been provided by the OCP.

You guys rock, thanks for all your efforts!

We commend GLARA for all their good work & efforts.

Thank you for the work to date.

For the last 4-6 years I've called "Green Lake our second home. We have all loved our time spent there. My family spend as much time as possible there and we all hope it will be there for our 4th generation little ones to love

We think GLARA's people are doing a great job Thanks to all!!