

Devils Lake Water Improvement District



July 2022

What's going on at DLWID?

DLWID Selected for EPA Lakes Assessment

The Devils Lake Water Improvement District is pleased to announce that Devils Lake has been selected by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to participate in their National Lakes Assessment. Starting in Summer 2022, district staff will work collaboratively with the EPA to take measurements of the lake's overall health and condition, which will contribute to their nationwide report.





Blue Heron Marina Update

DLWID has successfully taken possession of the Blue Heron Landing property. However, issues with the condition of the marina have delayed the reopening. We are working to resolve these issues and look forward to reopening the building sometime later in 2022. Please keep an eye on our website and social media for updates.

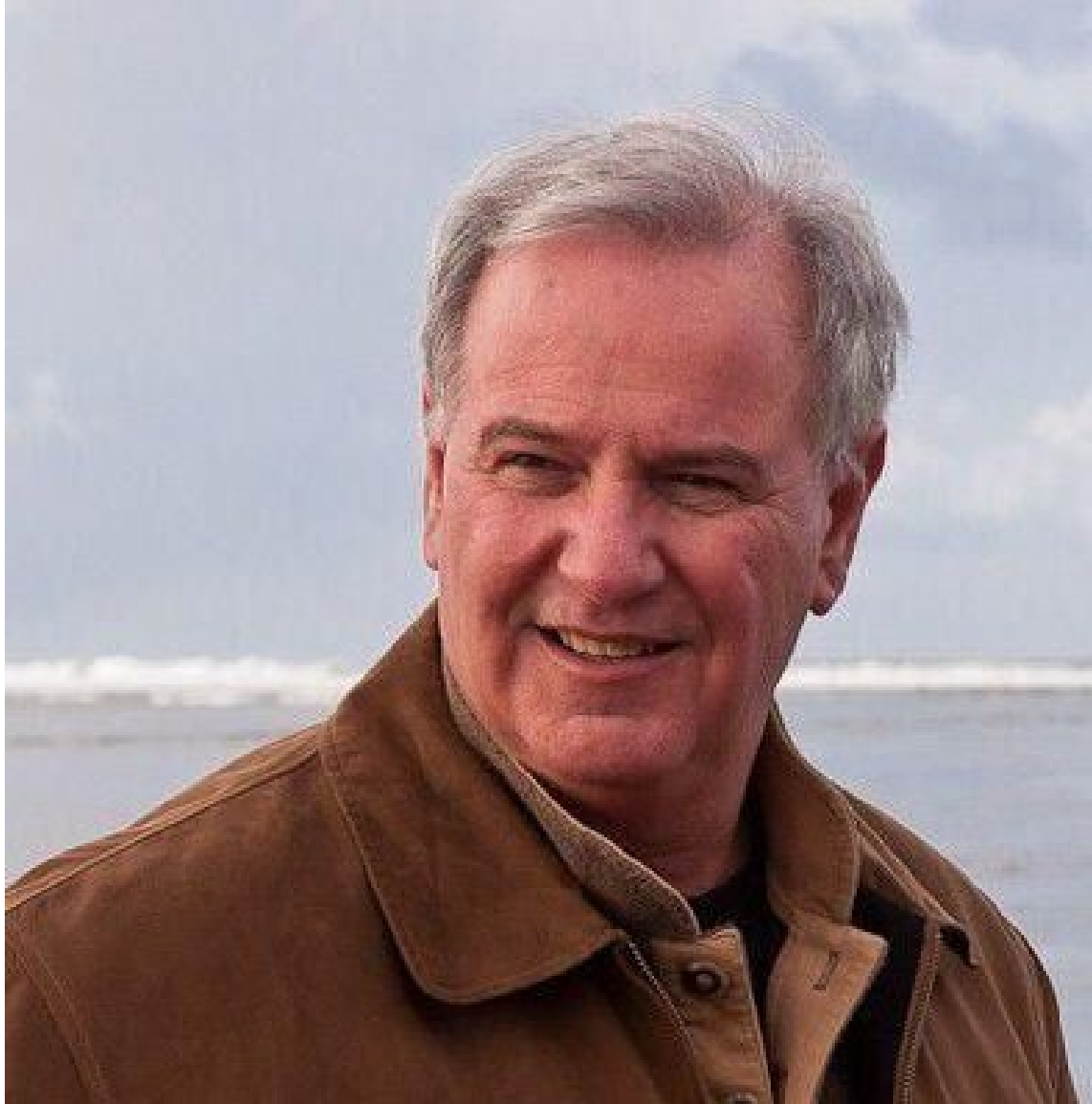
Once reopened, slip boat rentals will be returning! We are seeking a qualified contractor to provide slip boat rental services at the marina. For full details, please download our [RFP here](#). Deadline to apply is July 18, 2022 at 4 pm.

DLWID Receives Grant from SDAO

The District is excited to announce that we have received a \$10,000 grant from the Special Districts Association of Oregon (SDAO). The grant will go towards installing safety and security equipment at our new Blue Heron Landing location. A big thank you to the SDAO for this generous grant!



To learn more about the SDAO, please go to their [website here](#).



DLWID Receives \$310,000 from State of Oregon for Vegetation Management

The Devils Lake Water Improvement District (DLWID) is honored to receive \$310,000 from the State of Oregon. This recent funding was granted by the State during the regular legislative session.

DLWID was one of several agencies in Lincoln County, who will receive funding from the legislative "short" session that concluded in early March. The \$310,000 will go towards funding of lake vegetation and algae monitoring services. This funding comes in the wake of DLWID's recent purchase of Blue Heron Landing, marking a critical time in the agency's fiscal and environmental history of providing a safe, healthy Lake for all.

Tina French, DLWID Board President, comments on the recent windfall of new funding. "We are thrilled by this news," says French. "Lake vegetation management is our number one priority, especially considering our recent reduction in algae from the new aeration system. This new funding will help us accomplish our vegetation management plan. On behalf of the Board, thank you Representative David Gomberg for making this happen."

David Gomberg, who represents District 10 in the Oregon Legislature, worked collaboratively with district staff to champion funding for DLWID. During the

short session early in 2022, Gomberg helped plead the Lake's case for funding that will go towards vegetation management and conservation. Representative Gomberg comments on the recent funding allocation to Devils Lake.

"Devils Lake is a natural wonder and a major tourism asset in Lincoln City," says Gomberg. "Visitors come from miles away just to explore its pristine blue waters. But in order to keep the lake beautifully blue, we need to make sure that it is being monitored and tested regularly. This funding will ensure that Devils Lake maintains a clean bill of health so that our visitors and residents can continue enjoying its recreational opportunities."

DLWID thanks Representative Gomberg and also Senator Dick Anderson for their advocacy and efforts to secure this funding.

DLWID Continues Vegetation Management Efforts in Devils Lake

With a recent funding grant from the State of Oregon, DLWID is expanding it's nuisance vegetation management efforts in the greater lake area. This month, applications of an approved aquatic herbicide will be applied to problem areas within the lake that have nuisance aquatic plant growth. District staff will be monitoring the application areas to determine the effectiveness of the program. Please see more info on www.dlwid.org on how individual property owners may maintain shoreline and areas around their in-water structures (docks, lifts, and boathouses).



District Partners with Lincoln Soil Water and Conservation District

DLWID is now partnering with the Lincoln Soil Water and Conservation District (SWCD) to work on removing invasive species on the Lake. The SWDC brings their collective years of plant vegetation management to this partnership.

Starting in the new year, staff from DLWID and SWCD will work collaboratively on noxious weed removal to improve the overall quality and health of the Lake.

To learn more about the SWCD, please [visit their website](#).

Shoreline Planting Guide: Devils Lake

Lincoln City, Oregon



DLWID Launches Plant Guide

Ever wonder what kind of plants that grow in Devils Lake? DLWID has launched a Plant Guide, a helpful resource for Lake residents and visitors alike. [Visit our webpage here to learn more.](#)



Aeration System Four Year Update

After four years, our Lake Conservation Aeration System continues to improve the overall quality and health of our Lake. Since the installation of the aeration system in November of 2018, Devils Lake has experienced dramatically increased Dissolved Oxygen Levels in its lower waters. The normal summer eutrophic cycle has been interrupted by the introduction of dissolved oxygen via lake bottom air diffusers. As a result, the lake has had much higher clarity and significantly reduced algal presence especially during the warmer summer months. Four years later, we continue to see improvements to native plant species and water clarity. Due to a more hospitable environment, more native plants have established and have begun developing a healthier shoreline and habitat for wildlife. Native fish populations are benefiting from the healthier waters in the lake as well.



D River Dredging Update

DLWID is dredging ahead on the D River Dredging Project. As many residents know, excessive sediment at the mouth of the D River and the lake have caused issues over the past several years. To address this, DLWID has hired a consultant, Campbell Environmental, to assist with the coordination of the sediment removal. Right now, Campbell is preparing to submit for permits with DEQ and other jurisdictional agencies, with the assistance of Civil West Engineering. In addition, they are completing a Biological Assessment of the area and are working on a relocation plan for the sediment. We will continue to update lake residents on this important project in the coming months ahead.



Grass Carp

DLWID is working with ODFW to investigate a potential reintroduction of grass carp into the lake. Grass carp are large freshwater fish native to Asia, and have been introduced into several rivers, lakes, and streams in Oregon and Washington. Besides providing an opportunity for anglers, grass carp are revered for their ability to control noxious weeds and vegetation. DLWID hopes

to reintroduce some amount of grass carp, with the purpose of vegetation control and management.

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