

Lake Committee Report. Meeting July 1, 2024

GEESE EGG ADDLING

The permit for egg addling with the Fish and Wildlife Services has been closed out for 2024 with zero eggs addles. Registration is valid from March 1st through June 30th of each year.

CREEL SURVEY

Please continue to fill out the 2024 Creel Survey via a link on Facebook and the Walker Lake webpage. The survey gives us additional information to help decide to stock the lake in the future. This applies to any fish caught in 2024.

BEACH TESTING

We have a contract with Sekula Environmental Services to conduct weekly eColi testing on Clubhouse Beach and West Shore Beach. Results have been good and are posted on walkerlake.com as they are received.

We had to close the beaches last year in mid-July due to high eColi counts. This was during the time period when the geese molt and are unable to fly resulting in the geese walking up on groomed lawns to poop. After a particularly heavy rain storm, large amounts of geese feces washed into the lake. Hopefully this won't happen again this year.

Please consider fencing or natural vegetation next to your portion of the lake to prevent the geese from coming up on your lawn.

2023 LAKE REPORTS

We have posted our Fishery, Macrophyte, and Monitoring Reports from Aqua Like on the Walker Lake website. Anyone with questions or concerns can contact the office or the Lake Committee.

FISH HABITATS

We are investigating the purchase of fish habitats for the lake and are seeking guidance from Aqua Link as to their proper placement. They may cost in the range of \$100-200 and would be assembled by the lake committee members. When we get firm pricing, we can discuss how to fund the project. There does not seem to be any ongoing maintenance costs associated with the habitats and they last ~20 years or more.

MUCK OUT

We are conducting a pilot program this year to see how effective the MUCK OUT product is. This bacterial additive will be used by a handful of lakefront property owners in July and August and results will be shared. We are also reaching out to other lake associations in the area for their results with bacterial additives.

In order to continue to keep Walker Lake healthy, we remind all residents to keep pets off of the beaches and to have their septic systems pumped and inspected regularly.