



Columbia Lake Management Plan

# INTRODUCTORY PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

*Results | 2020*

## Engagement summary

Between May 11 and June 1, the public had the opportunity to engage in the Columbia Lake Management Plan process using an online engagement platform.

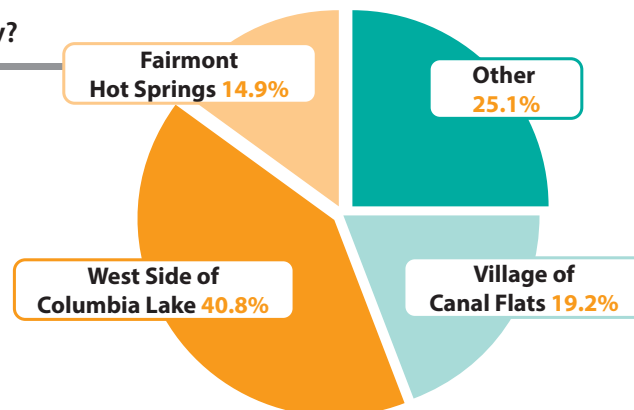
In order to gauge public values and concerns related to Columbia Lake, three online engagement tools were used: *Survey, Ideas and Places*.

Results from this first round of public engagement will inform the creation of draft management options and policy for the Columbia Lake Management Plan. The second round of public engagement will focus on gathering feedback related to the draft management options and policies.

## Survey Summary

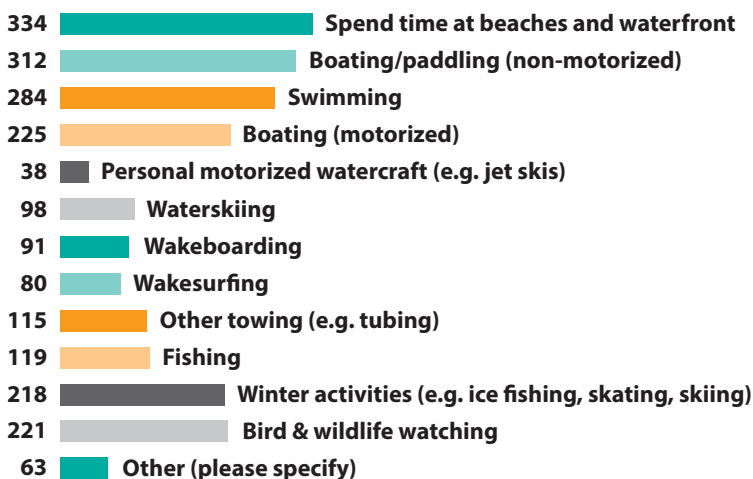
### Where do you own or occupy property?

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### How do you use Columbia Lake? (Select all that apply)

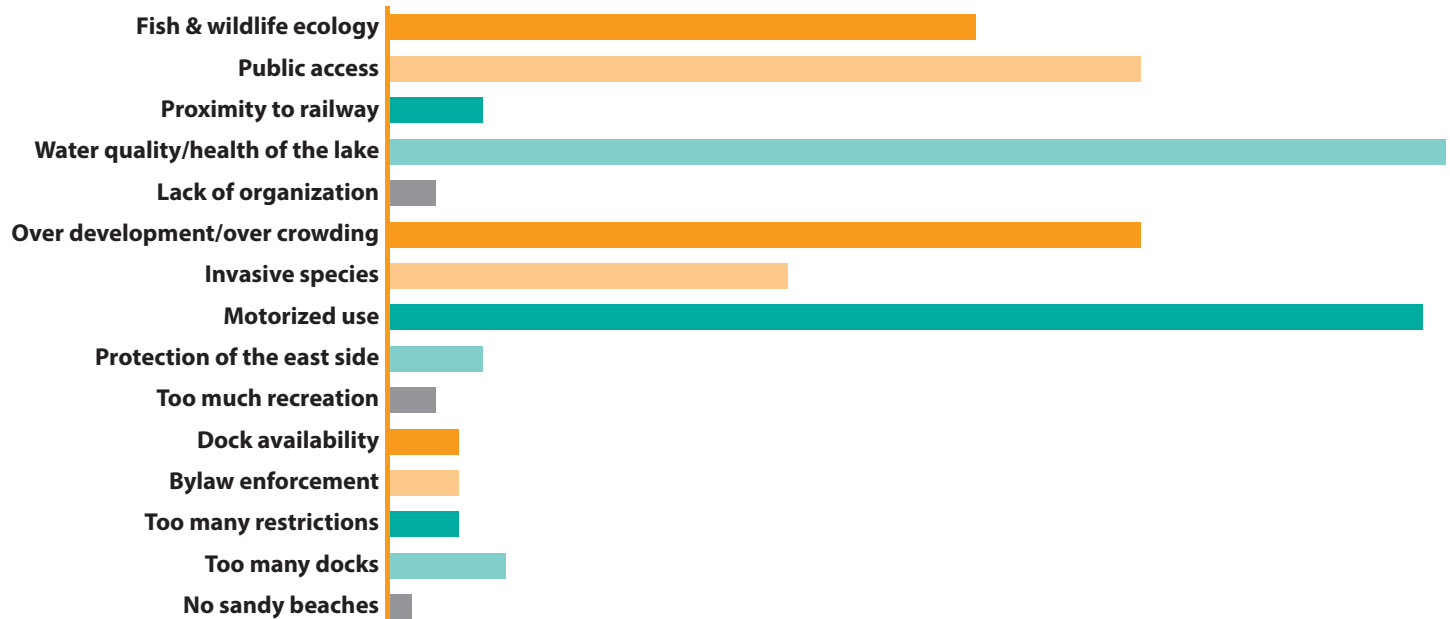
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## In your opinion, what are the most important issues facing Columbia Lake?

(Information gleaned from text based responses, for full responses refer to Appendix A)

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## Environmental issues.

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● Not concerned/important   ● Slightly concerned/Important   ● Moderately concerned/Important   ● Very concerned/Important   ● Extremely concerned/Important

### How concerned are you about maintaining good water quality in Columbia Lake?



### How concerned are you about invasive aquatic organisms entering Columbia Lake?



### How important is habitat for migratory birds, fish and other wildlife to you?



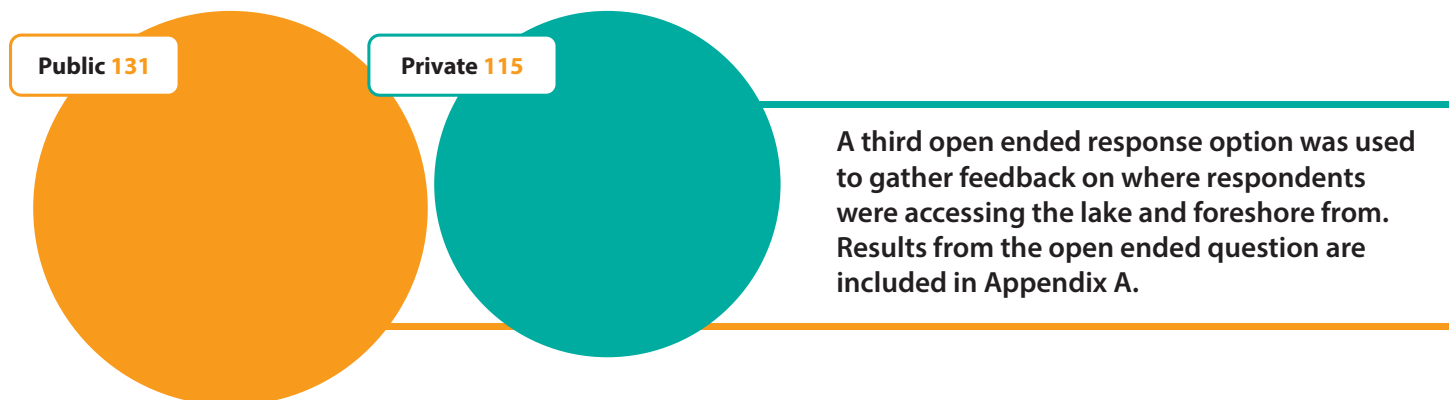
**Recreational issues.**

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● **Not** important   ● **Slightly** important   ● **Moderately** important   ● **Very** important   ● **Extremely** important

**How important is access to public waterfront to you?****How important are public boat launches for trailered vessels to you?****How important are public lake accesses for launching non-motorized vessels to you?****Do you primarily use public or private lake accesses and waterfront?**

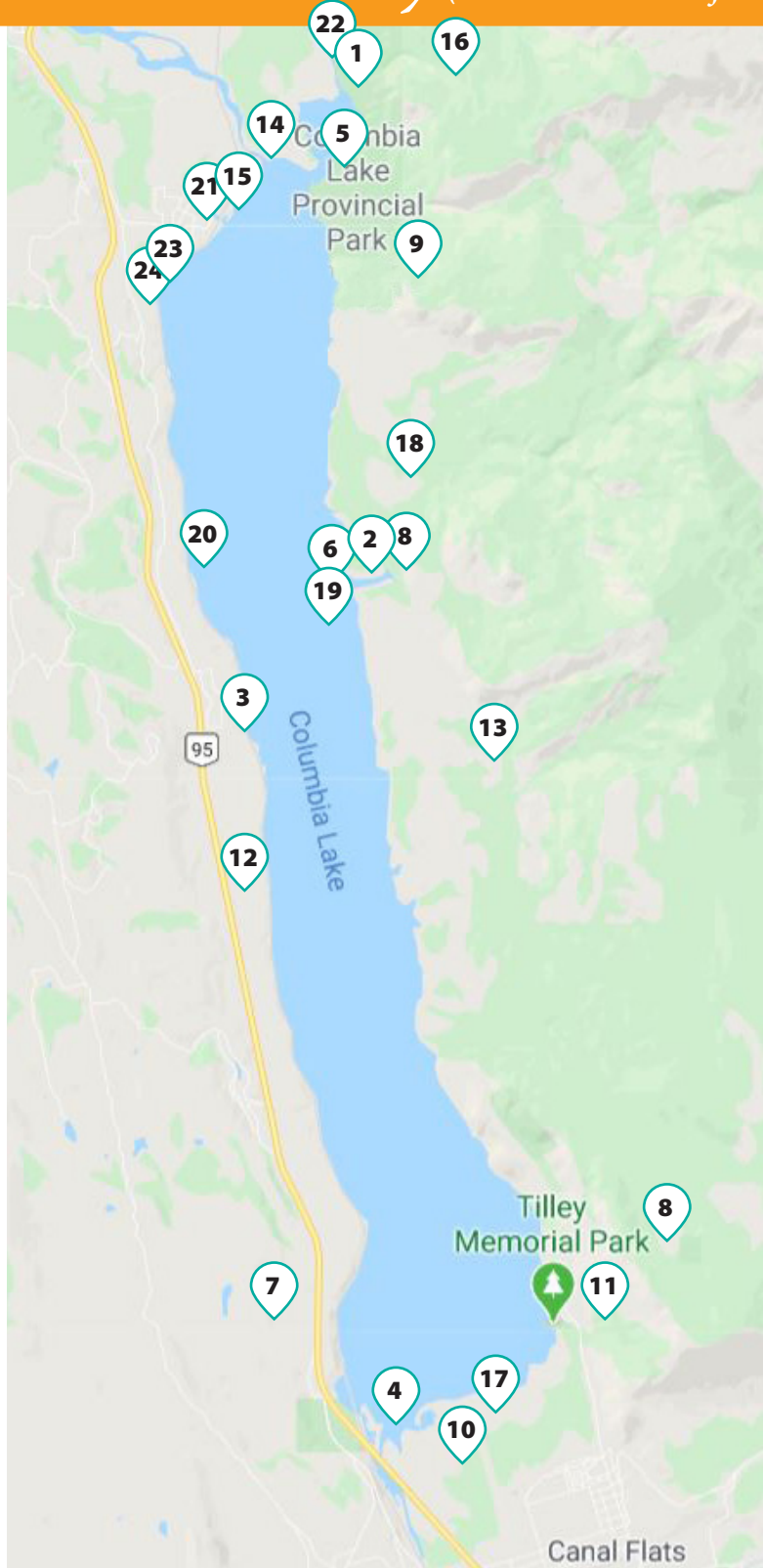
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Detailed public responses to  
**INTRODUCTORY PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT**  
questions in **APPENDIX A**





## Places Summary *(comments unedited for accuracy)*



- 1 Upgrade put in area
- 2 Amazing area for birds, beavers, otters etc. Should be protected!
- 3 Commonly known as pebble beach this area is home to beaver, nesting birds including herons
- 4 The south and north ends of the lake are important for nesting/migrating birds
- 5 Important nesting area and stopover for migrating birds
- 6 Armstrong Bay is a beautiful and fragile eco system. It should be respected and protected.
- 7 Lewis Woodpecker habitat
- 8 petroglyph
- 9 Columbia Lake Provincial Park
- 10 Signs pointing people to Headwaters of the Columbia trail can be improved.

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- 11 Tilley Memorial Park is awesome!
  - 12 Coy's Hill Lookout Location for communicating the Management Plan; improving overlook trails; sharing Indigenous history, culture (Creation Story).
  - 13 Ktunaxa Cultural Landscape
  - 14 Wetlands longest continuing in North America, and the headwaters of the Columbia River system, needs to be protected
  - 15 a nesting pair of Bald Eagles are down at the Columere Park Marina and boat launch.
  - 16 Need to connect the Westside Legacy Trail with Canal Flats.
  - 17 The end of the old runway is a great birdwatching area that could benefit from an improved trail that protects the ecosystem.
  - 18 Clarity on types of users allowed on the Spirit Trail, where it goes, etc., can be improved.
  - 19 Love this area for bird watching and kayaking.
  - 20 Very large weed bed that seems to be growing near Spirits Reach Development
  - 21 Interesting that our pair of eagles seem to return most years and do not seem bothered by the close proximity of the marina and boat traffic near by. They usually have 2 healthy young ones.
  - 22 River access and parking needs to be addressed. Currently the narrow road is clogged with vehicles and the banks of the river are getting trampled as people access the river at all points along this road.
  - 23 Maintain public access
  - 24 There is no public lake access on the West side due to the CP rail tracks.
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## Ideas Summary *(comments and replies unedited for accuracy)*

-   It is imperative that access to Columbia Lake for kayakers be provided at the north end of the lake.  
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To do that, access beyond the gate at the parking area in the provincial park is mandatory. NO power boats allowed, just canoes and kayaks.

### REPLIES:

The access needs to be accessible to all users that is reasonable to carry a kayak from the vehicle to the lake

The access through Columbia Lake Provincial Park was discussed a few years ago. At that time it was decided to place the parking lot where it currently is, with a walking path to the lake. Is this the access you'd like to see made more accessible or are you suggesting another location?





There is no "imperative" action required to put access in. There was significant consultation done in the creation of the current design that has helped clean up the provincial park and create an amazing hiking and biking area with day picnic access. There are many more appropriate access point in the Columbia River system that can be optimized for kayak and canoe access.

-   I love that most of the east side of the lake is protected/not developed. It is a special place for wildlife and humans!  
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-   Water use on CLake is a fraction of Windermere Wasa etc. Restriction to access or use would be unconstitutional block of a federal waterway.  
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-   Economic value and Environmental standards are both important. Extreme on either element is ignorant. Current efforts to block lake access and use for a lake already with low development and use are ignorant. Unbridled development would be too, but we are not anywhere near that. Eco needs to be balanced or it loses supporters.  
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## Ideas Summary

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- The ministry, FLNRO, has incorrectly judged that there is public marina access on the lake for all citing Columere Park Marine available.  
There should be a marina developed to control access and vehicle traffic. The carbon foot put of taking boats in and out, trailer them is unnecessary and poor environmental management.
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- We all need to work together to enjoy and protect our beautiful lake  
The existing bylaws regarding speed limits, docks, buoys and lake shore use need to be enforced. Any development decisions need to consider the long term health of the lake. Monitoring the lake for water quality, water quantity and biological health is critical for understanding the impact of activities on the lake. We need a ramp or designated area for ease of launching non-motorized watercraft.

**REPLY:**

The CLSS has done a good job on the environmental front but have no business in Government policy or RDEK by-laws.



## APPENDIX A



# SURVEY QUESTIONS

**Q1** | In your opinion, what are the most important issues facing Columbia Lake?

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5/14/2020 08:00 AM

Water quality, and biological influences that can effect the natural ecology of fish & wildlife.

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Screen Name Redacted 5/14/2020 12:59 PM	Preventing activity levels from getting remotely close to Lake Windermere.
Screen Name Redacted 5/14/2020 01:37 PM	There are no significant issues affecting the lake at this time. - All lands east of lake are suitably protected from development. - Lake is not over-used by boating traffic. - Additional docks for boats should be encouraged where owners have legal upland to reduce crowding at public access points. - Public access (including non-motorized dock access) should be permitted from Columbia Lake Prov Park.
Screen Name Redacted 5/14/2020 01:38 PM	Columbia Lake is a beautiful resource. BC and RDEK have done a very good job keeping development at a beautiful balance. There is enough development to provide tax revenue to pay for studies like this, volunteers of caring community members (resident and cabins) who clean up, care for and protect the resource we all use. The use of the lake is a small, concerned and careful group.
Screen Name Redacted 5/14/2020 01:42 PM	The most important issue is lack of access. We went to an info session about a proposed access point near Fairmont a few years ago but nothing came of it.
Screen Name Redacted 5/14/2020 01:45 PM	Close proximity to railway
Screen Name Redacted 5/14/2020 01:51 PM	the health of the lake
Screen Name Redacted 5/14/2020 02:10 PM	Lack of lake access for Fairmont owners, the Columbia lake parking area and then the long walk to access the lake is a joke. Should of placed the parking area within 100-150 yards of the lake so that a person using crutches, canes or in a wheel chair can access the lake. Ability to put in kayaks, paddle boards, etc. instead of the current hike. There was one open house before the implementation of the current plan and then felt like Government did what they wanted to and to heck with what majority would of liket to see. Lake access should not have to be driving to Canal Flats or private ownership at Columere had the parking lot
Screen Name Redacted 5/14/2020 02:12 PM	Lack of organization.
Screen Name Redacted 5/14/2020 02:20 PM	I don't think Columbia Lake should end up like lake Windermere, new developments should not be allowed to have individual boat strips. There is way to much traffic on the lake on holiday weekends compared to 10 years ago, don't even bother now on a weekend. The Fairmont side is a nightmare carrying kayaks down to the beach, since you can not drive down to the lake anymore. I don't mind the walk at all think its nice, but haven't got the strength to carry the kayak anymore, and that goes for a lot of older people not being able to access the lake like before from Fairmont. Dunno why you want our opinions, cause when they asked about what to do with Columbia Lake Provincial Park, the majority of people wanted to drive down and you still did what you wanted anyway.
Screen Name Redacted	Access to both motorized and non-motorized activities on the lake

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Too much development. Too many boats especially motorized boats on the lake. The lake is shallow and potentially quite fragile. It is also an important wetland area.

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Over Population

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There is not enough parking at the public boat launch and public beach in Canal Flats anymore. Local residents can't even enjoy the beach because there are too many out of province vehicles. I'm not against out of Province visitors but something needs to be done to alleviate the problem. Maybe parking and shuttle bus for truck and boat trailers? There needs to. Be some weed management in the water for swimming.

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Health of the lake

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Preserving and improving the ecosystem equilibrium. Preserving the quality of the water and preventing dangerous invasive aquatic organism into the lake.

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5/14/2020 04:50 PM

Too many large boats Increase of native milfoil reeds and other aquatic plants

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5/14/2020 05:07 PM

The lake is a shallow lake. Over use of motorized boats will pollute it. There are numerous birds and wildlife that depend on the lake. Kept it pristine. It is what is unique about the area. We drink the water in the communities and motorized boat usage should be banned

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5/14/2020 05:21 PM

Unequal access to beaches and boat launches.

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Maintaining wild life and natural fish stocks. Preserving the lake and surrounding areas from pollution, both agricultural and domestic (failing septic systems). Motorised use is a potential major problem; pollution, overnight use with poorly equipped and or maintained vessels. Safety issues are also a concern with the speed and behaviour of watercraft. Inattentive water skiing, high speed jet skis. Noise.

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Access

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Ramp access is limited from the North side. We can paddle upstream from an informal launch spot off the river but it's not ideal.

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Need to decrease motorised boats especially those for wake boards.

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Water levels Water quality. Restrict development and motor boat usage. Phase it out over a ten year time frame

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limiting public boat launches and protection of the east side of the lake

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Screen Name Redacted 5/14/2020 07:22 PM	Motorized water craft. Lake weeds
Screen Name Redacted 5/14/2020 07:51 PM	An increase in motorized boat traffic Overdevelopment
Screen Name Redacted 5/14/2020 07:54 PM	Pollution
Screen Name Redacted 5/14/2020 09:22 PM	Motorized recreational use causing excessive noise, scare wildlife and create wakes that erode the shorelines.
Screen Name Redacted 5/14/2020 10:10 PM	The risk of invasive aquatic species from contaminated watercraft gaining a foothold in the lake. Disturbances of avian and aquatic species from increased number of watercraft. Increased shoreline erosion due to increases in the number of motorized watercraft. More conflict between motorized and non-motorized watercraft.
Screen Name Redacted 5/15/2020 05:43 AM	Lake is to shallow and full of weeds. Really a widening of the river
Screen Name Redacted 5/15/2020 07:07 AM	The lack of Salmon due to instabilities and dams further up the Columbia The use of motorized (seadoos) in the wetlands Docks on waterfront properties
Screen Name Redacted 5/15/2020 08:04 AM	-The natural weed beds are spreading every year. The new wakeboard boats stir up the bottom to make the wake and are spreading the weeds. -No enforcement of rules around boueys. The lake was zoned but but when people put up unauthorized boueys, no one is willing to come out on weekends to enforce the rules.
Screen Name Redacted 5/15/2020 08:14 AM	Maintain water quality, allow use of the lake by lakeside community residents. Control weeds and milfoil due shallow water. Allow docks where there are formal CPR X-ing agreements. The CLSS has done a great job of establishing bench mark data and monitoring lake health issues.
Screen Name Redacted 5/15/2020 09:44 AM	Sensitivity of shoreline nesting areas and Armstrong Bay. Shallowness of Columbia Lake makes it unsuitable for wake boats which disturb too much of the lake bottom and shoreline. Communities around the lake wanting to make more docks and moors would mean more motor boats which is hazardous to the health of the lake.
Screen Name Redacted 5/15/2020 11:22 AM	While there is comparatively low motorized use of the lake, I believe it should remain this way so there is a quieter and safer alternative to Windermere for paddling/swimming/kayaking etc.
Screen Name Redacted 5/15/2020 11:29 AM	It is at the headwaters, so all that happens to and in Columbia Lake affects waters downstream. This year, I was amazed to learn more about the Kokanee salmon numbers that occur (in some years) in Columbia River and Dutch Creek and their significance to the Kinbasket - Dutch Creek system. Special significance is the aquifer beneath Canal Flats that has been designated by BC Environment as Highly Vulnerable to contamination; any contamination will result in contamination of Columbia Lake, as proven by CLSS hydrogeological work.
Screen Name Redacted	Maintaining public access where possible, and keeping private, where it is



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private. The more extra public access provided, the more the lake could become the next Windermere. Columbia has less lake front housing, and that might be the best way to control access and water quality. Most of the east side will never be inhabited, and that alone should hold down traffic. Public launch at Canal is fine, but we probably don't need another one. Also , private moorage is ok, if controlled. The more overnight slips you have, the more boats you will invite. Most of the boats right now are day use, and that seems to be working. A few more properly placed moorage sites should be allowed , if well spaced out and spread down the lake. These should NOT come with launch facilities, as those will lead to over use. Proper Pubic access at Fairmont area for a small beach and non motorised water activity should be looked at, but not include motorised, as the north end is already quite busy with the 4 large housing developments already in place. Also, as a day dock, Canal flats should have inspection in place for invasive species , at least on summer weekends.

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Water quality is of a primary importance as this is the spring of the Columbia River. Special care need to be taken with motor-boar refueling and a fast emergency system need to be in place in case of the pollution. Forest protection need to be reviewed in light of the fire seasons and a proper fire barriers need to be developed.

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Too many oversized boats and too little consideration for waterfowl nests.

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Keeping wetlands and wildlife safe

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5/15/2020 03:01 PM

Continuing to limit access for the launching of motorized boats (I am in FAVOUR of limiting access); restricting total number of motorized boats on the lake;

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5/15/2020 04:00 PM

Lack of access to the lake from the west side to launch a boat

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5/15/2020 04:08 PM

Low waster levels- levels have dropped drastically in the last 10 years. Way too many weedbeds

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5/15/2020 10:01 PM

Access for kayaking! There is NO access on the north end of the lake at Columbia Lake Provincial Park. WHY?! The provincial park should have access available for paddlers without having to hike and carry your kayak down to the lake on a 1/4 mile trail. Totally impractical! The lake is not overly used by powerboats. That's good. Loads of bird life. That's good. ACCESS IS NOT GOOD!

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Over use, adding too many power boats.

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The most important issue facing Columbia Lake is the potential damage that could be caused by a new "Management Plan". Columbia Lake is a jewel in its current state and should be left alone. The 'status quo' is not a bad thing and in this case, particularly so. The lake and its varied uses and users should be left alone.

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Screen Name Redacted 5/15/2020 06:08 PM	Not confident there are any issues. Maybe all should stop trying to fix what's not broken, and let Mother Nature do what' she does best.
Screen Name Redacted 5/15/2020 06:21 PM	Increased boat traffic , people not respecting the protected areas . Going to fast along the shore and causing a wake .
Screen Name Redacted 5/15/2020 07:19 PM	Keeping the weeds from growing anymore.WE need to Keep the weeds from growing anymore to take up anymore lake space. Keep invasive spieces out of the lake. Keeping the lake healthy so we can use it for years to come. Keeping the fish and birds homes In and around the lake Healthy so we have lots of fish and birds. To make sure no more humans use the lake than are already using it. No more development on the lake.
Screen Name Redacted 5/15/2020 09:17 PM	Keeping it clean and pristine. As much as possible, the way it has been before development around the lake began.q
Screen Name Redacted 5/15/2020 09:43 PM	Access to the lake to easily drop off a paddle board or fishing boat and not having to drive to Canal Flats to do so or take a long walk down a gravel trail.
Screen Name Redacted 5/15/2020 10:55 PM	Railway pollution. Coal dust.
Screen Name Redacted 5/16/2020 05:24 AM	Managing the lake so all stake holders are satisfied . Motorized boating is my main activity on the lake and I do Not want it effected
Screen Name Redacted 5/16/2020 06:13 AM	Access in Fairmont East side, with the road work and parking lot created a few years back. This makes it difficult to carry a paddle board and a two person kakak down the trail to the lake to enjoy the water then carry these toys back up the hill. There could have been a road still down to the lake for drop off area and a parking lot half way up to the road! There was no public imput when these changes occurred. I Have been using this lake access for over 50 yrs. But now only a few times a year. It appears fewer people are using the lake due to the long walk down.
Screen Name Redacted 5/16/2020 07:00 AM	Weed beds seem to be increasing and due to the shallow nature I'm concerned that the lake will become more swamp like as opposed to lake like.
Screen Name Redacted 5/16/2020 10:01 PM	Too many boats disturbing the lake bottom and resulting weed growth which will choke other recreational activity. Protection of the wetlands. Water levels as climate change impacts come to be Return of the Salmon.
Screen Name Redacted 5/16/2020 07:35 AM	The congessgion on access being burdend by canal flats for the profit by development
Screen Name Redacted 5/16/2020 07:35 AM	Overuse with motorized watercraft Pressure on wildlife and water quality
Screen Name Redacted 5/16/2020 08:53 AM	Too many restrictions will limit the enjoyment of the lake and devalue our homes. With the proximity of the CP rail to the lake, this is the greatest impact of all. The recreational usage impact on the lake is minuscule compared to CP's impact.
Screen Name Redacted 5/16/2020 09:22 AM	access and cleanliness

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Screen Name Redacted 5/16/2020 03:52 PM	Lack of motorized boat access and moorage for homeowners along the lake.
Screen Name Redacted 5/16/2020 06:50 PM	maintaining a balance between maintaining the quality of the lake and modest recreational usage of the lake. We don't want massive increases in boat usage (for example), but neither do we want to see current boat usage curtailed.
Screen Name Redacted 5/16/2020 09:02 PM	Having and allowing quantitative and allowable access for the general public to fully enjoy while maintaining an environmentally responsible management to maintain the beauty and natural state.
Screen Name Redacted 5/17/2020 05:20 AM	People trying to stop other people from their activities, thinking that their own activities are more important.
Screen Name Redacted 5/17/2020 10:01 PM	public access
Screen Name Redacted 5/17/2020 07:21 AM	Don't let it turn in to Windermere Lake! Protect the marshland areas as much as possible. I worry the development in Canal Flats will have a negative impact.
Screen Name Redacted 5/17/2020 07:24 AM	It is a small lake and not very deep. I don't feel it can sustain a great deal of large boating activity. Also, private docks need to be kept to the bare minimum so as not to do any damage to the eco system of the lake
Screen Name Redacted 5/17/2020 07:32 AM	Moors need to become boat docks for safety and environmental benefit. Boat launch needs widening.
Screen Name Redacted 5/17/2020 07:36 AM	Striking a balance between growth and maintaining the relatively quiet nature of the lake (vs. Windermere for example). Columbia lake could support a modest increase in activity and still be much more well preserved and quiet compared to Windermere. My primary goal would be to allow for greater access to overnight moorage for lake residents who have existing lake access . I do not think this would not materially increase boat traffic as many of these would already be day boaters. The reality is if some additional overnight moorage was allowed the nature of the lake would not be materially affected.
Screen Name Redacted 5/17/2020 09:57 AM	More powerful boats going to close to shore. Disturbing the shoreline and wetlands
Screen Name Redacted 5/17/2020 12:43 PM	Increased residential development including roads, reduced access to waterfront, private docks and motorized watercraft.
Screen Name Redacted 5/17/2020 12:49 PM	Increased motorized traffic, increasing demand for more boat moorage including permanent docks and buoys. More motorized traffic places added pressure on the lake waterfowl.
Screen Name Redacted 5/17/2020 08:05 PM	Preserving the lake
Screen Name Redacted 5/18/2020 07:03 AM	Planning of future development in and around the lake in an appropriate manner.

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Screen Name Redacted 5/18/2020 09:28 AM	The ability to have accesses and usage
Screen Name Redacted 5/18/2020 03:47 PM	As our drinking water comes from the lake (Columere Waterworks), keeping the lake clean and not disturbing the bottom of lake is my focus.
Screen Name Redacted 5/18/2020 05:30 PM	Additional boat traffic due to development
Screen Name Redacted 5/18/2020 06:53 PM	The weeds are getting extremely bad!
Screen Name Redacted 5/18/2020 08:58 PM	Future lake development
Screen Name Redacted 5/19/2020 10:45 AM	Government rules and regulations that are actually threads of agenda 21 in disguise and the use of environmental concerns to impose them.
Screen Name Redacted 5/19/2020 06:18 PM	invasive species
Screen Name Redacted 5/19/2020 09:20 PM	Lack of access to the lake from the northern end east and west sides of the lake.
Screen Name Redacted 5/20/2020 03:02 AM	Too many high speed boats. Lack of access on the North East Side.
Screen Name Redacted 5/20/2020 10:47 AM	Similar to Lake Windermere, I think the most important issues faced by Columbia Lake are related to the increase in residential and commercial development seen around the lake. What are the short and long-term impacts on plants and wildlife? How can these impacts be mitigated and assessed for future research and necessary prevention?
Screen Name Redacted 5/20/2020 07:59 PM	Excessive boater usage
Screen Name Redacted 5/20/2020 08:43 PM	The Ktunaxa people more than any, have the right to be considered key shareholders, with extensive consideration and discussions with ALL the membership to determine how to exercise their rights.
Screen Name Redacted 5/20/2020 09:25 PM	Insanely busy boat launch at Tilley Memorial Park. The number of boaters on the lake is rapidly increasing every year
Screen Name Redacted 5/20/2020 09:29 PM	Boats being too big..
Screen Name Redacted 5/20/2020 09:36 PM	Right now the main issue is the saturation of motor vehicles on the lake. While I hesitate to blame tourists, because I myself love getting out on the boat - noise pollution, oil/gas, and invasive species are all very real concerns, and restrictions need to be made. Either through cost to launch, or accessible hours. I strongly believe locals deserve first rights to the water, but the lake should be available to everyone. More and more the water is beginning to look like Lake Windermere, and there's a reason I don't go to

Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2020 07:37 AM	that lake anymore. Not aware of any
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2020 10:02 PM	Keeping it clean
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2020 11:10 AM	Prevention of unlawful rail crossings. Reduction of motorized equipment on Lake.
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2020 11:24 AM	Invasive species from users that move watercraft from one lake to another.
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2020 11:38 AM	This is part of our drinking water supply, hence clean unpolluted water is important. Pollution/invasion by species due to poorly cleaned motorboats Overuse, noise and bad etiquette by motorized water vehicles
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2020 11:42 AM	Population growth is the most important issue. Don't want this lake to turn into another Windermere Lake (out of control). I would like to see development frozen.
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2020 11:53 AM	Weeds and coal from trains blowing into the lake and onto people's property
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2020 12:17 PM	Lack of boat slips. Moors cause damage to the lake bed, boat slips have less impact. Lack of legal crossing with CP Rail. Only 1 boat launch - and we are not boaters.
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2020 12:46 PM	Making sure invasive weeds don't overtake the lake.
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2020 01:12 PM	Preserving the multi-use recreational benefits of the lake for residents and visitors while protecting the water quality and fish and wildlife that depend on the lake.
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2020 01:59 PM	keep it clean for the wildlife and fish, clean to swim in.
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2020 02:21 PM	Ensuring the water quality is maintained for the future life of the aquatic life that dwells here and for future generations that will enjoy the luxury of the lake lifestyle.
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2020 02:39 PM	Motorized watercraft running in shallow areas on east and west sides of the lake disturbing wildlife and tearing up grass. Water fowl are displaced by such activities. Shoreline littered with pieces of commercial wood, tires and other trash.
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2020 04:59 PM	Too many boats, oversized boats that affect the shallow bottom of the lake. Fueling of boats in the lake because people don't want to take their boats/jet ski out, I have personally witnessed this and approached the offenders, which just moved their craft out of view to fuel up. Not enough policing to ensure people follow the rules. People mooring on the lake, with buoys, even though it is banned.
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2020 05:21 PM	keeping it from turning into Windermere lake



Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2020 05:38 PM	Development
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2020 05:52 PM	It has been a quiet lake for many years but now it is getting overwhelmed with many outside of the area tourists. There are several boats that are very loud and disruptive to residents. We agree with motorized boats but there should be some size and speed restrictions and most definitely noise restrictions. The noise and speed impact the habitat and safety on the lake. Visitors should respect the bird habitat at the south end of the lake.
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2020 05:56 PM	Too many motorized boats!
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2020 06:17 PM	Keeping big speed boats of the lake. Before it starts getting like invermere with all the boats.
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2020 06:18 PM	Pollution, preserving wet lands ..
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2020 06:30 PM	I feel we need to limit the amount of motorized crafts on our lake. If we don't, it will become just like Lake Windermere, and that would be disastrous.
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2020 06:36 PM	Problems caused by high speed motorized boating. Development of the lakeshore is a big concern.
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2020 06:41 PM	Water quality, wetland/wild land preservation, public shoreline access and sustainable natural environment
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2020 06:43 PM	Protecting the wetlands at the southern most part of the lake. I would like to see bouys to prevent motor boats from entering the shallow channels and springs near the headwaters. Those areas should only be accessed by canoes, kayaks and SUPS. It would be safe for all.
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2020 06:46 PM	How red plates are ignorant to the locals down at the lake and how they rip through town
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2020 06:50 PM	Crowding, Boat access
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2020 06:55 PM	Access and over usage
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2020 06:57 PM	The parking, not being able to access the lake being to busy with tourists
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2020 07:02 PM	Boat traffic
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2020 07:10 PM	I feel there should be a tow only area similar to Premiere and another area with a very slow speed for those who don't want to be jostled around by big waves and to look after fish and wildlife
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2020 07:13 PM	Over use by outsiders

Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2020 07:39 PM	Making sure there isnt lots of people on the lake
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2020 08:04 PM	Over population
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2020 08:07 PM	Overuse
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2020 08:24 PM	Over abundance of people
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2020 08:36 PM	Weeds, congestion at Canal Flats boat launch and slalom skiing course set up on east side of lake rather than west side where more boat traffic.
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2020 08:53 PM	One lake access boat launch at canal flats , makes our beach/ boat launch almost untouchable for locals in summer
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2020 08:57 PM	Stopping overuse of lake. Gas spillage wetlands being abused
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2020 09:25 PM	Over crowding
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2020 09:28 PM	Over crowding
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2020 11:15 PM	Keeping a balance between wildlife and humans
Screen Name Redacted 5/22/2020 04:43 AM	Water management
Screen Name Redacted 5/22/2020 04:58 AM	To many people
Screen Name Redacted 5/22/2020 06:02 AM	Access to the lake is limited which is a good thing , I would not want to see major changes to useage. . I have been around and in this lake for 40 years, the eco system and users have of lake have co-exsisted for this whole time . I am thinking someone is pushing for restricted access to this lake which my opinion is a waste of tax payers time and money. Leave the lake as it is for everyone to enjoy
Screen Name Redacted 5/22/2020 06:05 AM	The treat of more development
Screen Name Redacted 5/22/2020 06:07 AM	None
Screen Name Redacted 5/22/2020 06:46 AM	Don't want it crowded like Windermere lake
Screen Name Redacted	Climate change , shallow lake , over use ,

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5/22/2020 06:49 AM

Screen Name Redacted overuse by non residents

5/22/2020 07:11 AM

Screen Name Redacted Too many subdivisions taking water out of the lake

5/22/2020 07:21 AM

Screen Name Redacted Possibility of overuse, wildlife conservation.

5/22/2020 07:31 AM

Screen Name Redacted Keeping limited amount of motorized equipment on the lake.

5/22/2020 08:03 AM

Screen Name Redacted To many people

5/22/2020 08:04 AM

Screen Name Redacted To many motorized out of province watercraft

5/22/2020 08:24 AM

Screen Name Redacted As always, man exploiting nature will present a problem of striking a balance. Allowing more a than one boat launch and insufficient monitoring of boat cleaning will only magnify the problem on Columbia Lake.

5/22/2020 08:30 AM

Screen Name Redacted Lack of enforcement of existing by laws. Lack of long term plan for Lake, lack of process for estimating cumulative impact of various activities, developments

5/22/2020 10:26 AM

Screen Name Redacted With the increase if popularity, there will be an increase in boats and people on the lake. I love that the columbia lake is quiet and preserved a lot better than windermere.

5/22/2020 10:27 AM

Screen Name Redacted Being the start of the mighty Columbia River...we have to be advocates to keep this lake as natural as possible.

5/22/2020 10:29 AM

Screen Name Redacted Striking a balance between protecting the lake AND making sure we can continue to enjoy it! Also making sure special interest groups to not exert undue influence in the decision making process!

5/22/2020 10:41 AM

Screen Name Redacted Too much traffic on it and people leaving boats in it over night ! I feel there should be no docks other then the public docks and no overnight mooring on the lake!

5/22/2020 10:47 AM

Screen Name Redacted Pollution, invasive species, limiting usage

5/22/2020 11:18 AM

Screen Name Redacted Too many boaters in summer.

5/22/2020 11:31 AM

Screen Name Redacted No issue as of today

5/22/2020 03:03 PM

Screen Name Redacted Low water levels and weed beds

5/22/2020 03:54 PM

Screen Name Redacted That it's going to get overrun by tourists!

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Sustaining water levels till October, sustaining Kokanee (salmon - trout), need for kayak and other non-motorized water craft put-in and take-out places with wash-rooms.

Over-Population of Motorized Water Craft. Environmental protection. Enforcement of regional Bylaws and regulations.

Motor boaters

Over development

Invasive species (algae blooms, mussels etc.) and overcrowding of boats from day-use

I am worried about the contaminants like the mussels and the weeds and too many boats.

Too much fast boating, motor boat congestion, few spaces to launch boat

Poor wildlife management

Weeds

It's a shallow lake with lots of wetland creatures. Unregulated numbers of boats/wakeboard board boats cause so much damage to eco system. Should be a balance

parking and over crowded with tourists on weekends mostly

Closure to motorized activity. Limiting motorized use, do not close completely

Crowded places overrun with Albertans. Ignorance on the water by the fancy motorized boats. The garbage left behind

People who do not value the lake! Leaving behind garbage, unsanctioned trails made by cyclists, and directional signs vandalized.

1. New types of water craft( ski types) and impacts on shallow areas of lake.  
2. Large boats and more motor boats. 3. No concern for noise pollution from recreational devices/media on boats. 4. More later day and nighttime boat activity. 5. Visitors trying to access lake from private properties on west side of lake . 5. Fewer seasonal water birds and less nesting on shoreline.

Ensuring the lake maintains a balance between environmental concerns and recreational use.

5/23/2020 10:01 PM

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5/24/2020 05:58 AM

between jurisdictions (RDEK and Village of Canal Flats) Climate change impacts - lower water levels and warming water. Invasive species  
Shallow depth, weeds taking over, over use

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5/24/2020 07:41 AM

Overcrowding

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5/24/2020 01:25 PM

Over crowding causing extra pollution, fish and wildlife disturbances. And  
alien species entering our water from out of town visitors.

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5/24/2020 04:35 PM

We need a boat launch in fairmont.... the current situation is complete BS

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5/24/2020 06:17 PM

Lack of access by vehicle.

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Dangers to our water quality and wildlife due to too many out of area visitors.

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5/25/2020 07:46 AM

Motorized craft noise disturbing bird and wildlife.

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5/25/2020 09:24 AM

Lack of management. Protection for the future. Too many homes.

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5/25/2020 10:45 AM

Overcrowding

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5/25/2020 12:55 PM

Protecting wildlife habitat

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5/25/2020 03:26 PM

The amount of boats on the lake, destroying a critical waterway, and noise  
pollution.

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5/25/2020 03:31 PM

Wet land preservation and shoreline protection

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5/25/2020 04:17 PM

Maintaining water quality &amp; development on southeastern lakeshore.

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5/25/2020 07:06 PM

Keeping the lake and shoreline in natural condition/

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Control of Development on the lakeshore

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5/26/2020 08:34 AM

over usage, water quality, wetland &amp; shore protection

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5/26/2020 08:44 AM

Keeping and maintaining the access to the lake as it is



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5/26/2020 08:56 AM

Over development !! especially allowing more development such as Springwater Hill when other developments such as Spirits Reach are left partially developed and other such as Mike Vernons development near Canal Flats are abandoned. I'm not in favour of more developments but am even more frustrated with partial and abandoned ones that are ruining the landscape with no positive end use Also concerned with several illegal docks and boat mooring on lake that RDEK does not enforce removal

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5/26/2020 09:29 AM

Columbia Lake is extremely shallow. It is used as a source of drinking water for lakeside communities as well as irrigation for farms and ranches. It has the advantage of never having been overdeveloped like Lake Windermere with the problems that lake is now facing. Columbia Lake is a finite resource. Do we understand how the lake's water is replenished, especially now that there is concern about climate change. We have the opportunity to balance the lake's use and appreciation. Its wetlands and bird populations at both the north and south ends of the lake need protection. The lake needs to be protected from invasive species. The railroad prevents unlimited access on the west side, but it also brings coal dust that settles on the bottom of the lake that ultimately has a negative effect. It also makes it difficult to establish boats slips instead of buoys for mooring recreational watercraft. From what I understand, buoys with anchors are not to be dropped anywhere along the shoreline, but in certain locations only. Who is monitoring and enforcing this regulation?

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Maintaining quality

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Low water level

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5/27/2020 08:11 AM

Keeping the lake clean. No overnight camping or large tourist attractions.

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5/27/2020 10:02 PM

over crowded with motorized boating, shallow lake with weeds becoming a concern, and the Wetlands at the north end of Columbia Lake need conservation and protection.

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5/27/2020 09:02 AM

Keeping high speed motorboats off the lake as they spread the weeds . Keeping some areas clear of weeds so that we can enjoy swimming in the lake.

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5/27/2020 10:02 PM

Public access, balance of use (recreation vs environmental protection)

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5/27/2020 09:15 AM

Increased motorboat activity and resulting damage to the shoreline and ecosystem

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5/27/2020 09:20 AM

Increase in motorized traffic on the lake, disturbance to the shoreline, any development on the east side

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5/27/2020 09:30 AM

Invasive Weeds.

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Invasive Weeds.

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I want to have continued motorized boat access for my kids and the generations coming after them. Boating is a primary recreational activity of those using the lake and there is already restricted access via the limited boat launches. The notion that the Columbia Lake will turn into Lake Windermere is foolish as there is limited development on Columbia Lake and the constant winds make the lake less "fun" for recreational activities. My underlying concern is that the intention of some societies is to take away all access to the lake.

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5/27/2020 09:46 AM

The status quo seems to have worked for this area. Limit the amount of boats and you solve the problem.

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The untouched quality of life around the lake. Leave the lake and surrounding watershed area alone. Discouraged commercial and residential development in the area

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Too much Development

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5/27/2020 12:21 PM

To many large boats with oversized motors

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To avoid over crowding the lake and facilities, while at the same time promoting the lake as a recreation area.

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1) We need a boat ramp at the Fairmont Hot Springs end of the lake. 2) Preserve the unspoiled lake fronts 3) Develop Lot 48 intelligently with access and amenities for the public, including for beach access and swimming 4) Improve the road to the launching place at the river

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Too much boat traffic

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5/27/2020 02:27 PM

The lack of an adequate boat launch and marina. Taking boats in and out daily means multiple trailers entering at the launch, increasing the chance of introducing unwanted vegetation, or mussels, or debris. This is why a marina makes sense. Environmentalists extrapolating data and pushing for less motorized traffic and no development do not represent the majority of users. Volume of traffic is already limited by one access and should stay that way, just make the existing launch better. Decrease crowding at Tilley Memorial park, protect the introduction of foreign material, by allowing a marina. Realize that the Village has an award winning OCP that addresses environmental concerns above the high water mark. And that there is in reality only a handful of true lakefront lots and there will never be anymore(I would have to check, but I recall 26 lakefront lots). People who live on the water are truly vested in keeping the lake healthy.

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5/27/2020 03:01 PM

Keeping the lake clean and not overcrowded.

Screen Name Redacted 5/27/2020 05:51 PM	Clean water
Screen Name Redacted 5/27/2020 06:27 PM	since the Area is developing and more People are moving into the Valley it would be a good Idea to control the Motorboats and size of the motor and Pollution
Screen Name Redacted 5/27/2020 06:35 PM	Water is much shallower on north end and northeast corner with dense water weeds there becoming worse every year. Do not wish any more boat docks on the lake. Wish no motorized boats were allowed at all. These boats make too much noise and scare off birds and decrease my personal enjoyment of the quiet of the lake.
Screen Name Redacted 5/27/2020 06:52 PM	To keep the water pristine and the lake shore It is one of the beautiful lakes in this area
Screen Name Redacted 5/27/2020 06:53 PM	Too many docks, too many boats tethered in the lake, too many seasonal property owners bypassing dock fees, some visitor boats are too large, go too fast, music too loud, no respect
Screen Name Redacted 5/27/2020 07:48 PM	Crowding, overuse, contaminants.
Screen Name Redacted 5/27/2020 07:59 PM	too many powerboats: integrity of water supply ;
Screen Name Redacted 5/27/2020 10:08 PM	Access to the lake and public beach is limited to one location.
Screen Name Redacted 5/28/2020 01:05 AM	People... Invasive species (mussels...) Lake front owners blocking public access Conflicts between users. Pressure from users to increase usage (particularly motorised). Excessive/improper usage with no contingency to adapt or minimise diferent impacts, like wildlife disturbances, shore erosion, adapted access...
Screen Name Redacted 5/28/2020 07:09 AM	Environmental issues
Screen Name Redacted 5/28/2020 07:15 AM	Access to the lake Power boats with wakes that damage the shore
Screen Name Redacted 5/28/2020 08:41 AM	Public access to the lake, lack of monitoring mooring of watercraft
Screen Name Redacted 5/28/2020 11:52 AM	Creating balance between spurts of boat traffic (mainly weekends) and passive enjoyment of lake. Boat traffic is sporadic and could probably be allowed to increase another 50% before a problem is created. WE enjoy the view more than boating but feel it is important for young people to have a healthy outlet to prevent other social problems. The RDEK should be sensitive to that crisis (ie. severe drug problems in Canal Flats). Noise pollution is not a large concern but is by far a more relevant than environmental pollution since modern boats don't leak. Ambient winds create far greater waves than boats for waterfowl. Few boats are out in May and June regardless (except this year with Covid). Would not be averse to limited

	boat traffic in May when bird migration is at it's peak and large numbers of birds are on the lake. I have an Honours degree in Environmental Biology for context.
Screen Name Redacted 5/28/2020 12:15 PM	Maintaining the ecosystem.
Screen Name Redacted 5/28/2020 05:20 PM	motor boats no checks or enforcement on boats that leak gas and oil into lake, very disheartening. no docks on lake other then the public boat launches, as home owners tend to think they own the beach, and no way to check how much oil and gas boat is leaking into lake.
Screen Name Redacted 5/29/2020 12:55 AM	Degradation of environment/riparian areas
Screen Name Redacted 5/29/2020 09:10 AM	Continued access to Columbia Lake.
Screen Name Redacted 5/29/2020 09:19 AM	Continued lake access.
Screen Name Redacted 5/29/2020 09:25 AM	Continued access!
Screen Name Redacted 5/29/2020 09:32 AM	Continued public and private access to the lake. A significant and possible majority of property owners on the lake purchased property with the understanding we had access to the lake including use of watercraft. Property values are hinged on the availability and access to the lake.
Screen Name Redacted 5/29/2020 09:43 AM	Status Quo with continued access to the lake
Screen Name Redacted 5/29/2020 10:31 AM	Water quality and water levels
Screen Name Redacted 5/29/2020 01:14 PM	Maintaining an adequate level of lake usage supporting recreational activities such as swimming, boating, kayaking, canoeing in the summer and ice fishing and skiing in the winter.
Screen Name Redacted 5/29/2020 10:02 PM	Limiting motorized watercraft damage (mechanical (wake), chemical, noise)
Screen Name Redacted 5/29/2020 05:38 PM	Access for Bella Vista and timbre springs
Screen Name Redacted 5/29/2020 05:52 PM	Certainly to preserve the beauty and conservation areas surrounding the lake, but not to keep everyone from access to the lake. It certainly is not fair to allow some folk access and others not, Our natural beauty should be shared as well as preserved. there is a happy medium. It seems to me other lakes have opportunities to access their lake fronts, I do not understand why Columbia Lake is so restrictive.
Screen Name Redacted 5/29/2020 09:49 PM	Fragile ecosystem
Screen Name Redacted	rocky beaches - would be nice to have a sandy area for the children to walk

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5/30/2020 08:23 AM	out in the swimming area
Screen Name Redacted 5/30/2020 08:27 AM	Motor boat noise and pollution
Screen Name Redacted 5/30/2020 08:44 AM	Not developing the East side of the lake.
Screen Name Redacted 5/30/2020 08:48 AM	Boat pollution- numbers, noise. Weed build up, zebra mussel or other aquatic invasive species
Screen Name Redacted 5/30/2020 08:48 AM	Making sure the east side of the lake is not developed. This needs to be kept natural.
Screen Name Redacted 5/30/2020 08:56 AM	Invasion of hazardous species of plants, etc. The lake water flow disappearing.
Screen Name Redacted 5/30/2020 09:00 AM	Pollution, crowdedness, noise from overconsumption of big watercraft. More high density development attempts/plans ( from Fairmont side/ end)
Screen Name Redacted 5/30/2020 09:23 AM	Crowding
Screen Name Redacted 5/30/2020 09:40 AM	Controlled access ,lake mooring
Screen Name Redacted 5/30/2020 09:57 AM	Weed Management We used to Fish as well, and I would love to see the lake stocked with fish yearly as I believe it used to be.
Screen Name Redacted 5/30/2020 10:00 AM	Balancing the protection of water and habitat with use by the public
Screen Name Redacted 5/30/2020 10:06 AM	-Overuse in summer -Illegal / unauthorized wharfs and moorings
Screen Name Redacted 5/30/2020 10:18 AM	Over population. Public access at Canal Flats, education on preservation
Screen Name Redacted 5/30/2020 10:36 AM	Water quality deterioration and risk of a spill from rail cars.
Screen Name Redacted 5/30/2020 10:44 AM	Keeping lake clean and not over populated
Screen Name Redacted 5/30/2020 10:48 AM	We all and I mean that sincerely that no one here in Columere Park or elsewhere on the lake want to ruin, destroy or jeopardize this body of water. What is the most important issue here is the biased view by a vocal few that recreation with motorized water craft should ultimately be restricted or stopped all together on this lake. The focus for this study should begin with the premise of "How can we include and encourage responsible motorized boating and water activity on this lake while maintaining a healthy lake environment"

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Screen Name Redacted 5/30/2020 11:38 AM	Development. Lake health.
Screen Name Redacted 5/30/2020 11:38 AM	Maintaining recreational boating and watersports access, while maintaining a healthy and sustainable level of water quality and wildlife habitat.
Screen Name Redacted 5/30/2020 11:49 AM	Public access for kayaking / canoeing / waterfront picnics
Screen Name Redacted 5/30/2020 12:14 PM	over crowding with boats etc
Screen Name Redacted 5/30/2020 12:50 PM	Over use of the lake for recreational use. I.e. motor boats, marinas, public boat launch site, public day use
Screen Name Redacted 5/30/2020 12:59 PM	Overuse from motorized traffic. Invasive species. Excessive shoreline docks.
Screen Name Redacted 5/30/2020 01:19 PM	Pollution, invasive weeds and noise.
Screen Name Redacted 5/30/2020 01:48 PM	Keeping it clean
Screen Name Redacted 5/30/2020 01:49 PM	Invasive weeds, less motorized traffic
Screen Name Redacted 5/30/2020 04:33 PM	Since Dutch Creek was diverted from entering the lake back in the 70's the Lake is getting more weeds over time. I would hate to see the Lake become overly weed infested.
Screen Name Redacted 5/30/2020 04:34 PM	Not allowing over development, not allowing mooring outside of marina's
Screen Name Redacted 5/30/2020 05:34 PM	Keeping boat access to a minimum of residents only. Focus on one boat launch in Canal Flats to support a struggling community. Columbia Lake Provincial Park was specifically designed to stop boat launching. It need to remain this way. This does stop paddle board, canoe or kayak access but they want to carry their boat down. This should be allowed, but not encouraged. Bike access has become very good to the East side of the lake and should continue for people.
Screen Name Redacted 5/30/2020 07:11 PM	Reasonable access should be available to all Columbia lake property owners. Those with lake access should not be allowed to prepare management plans which preclude others.
Screen Name Redacted 5/30/2020 08:08 PM	Impact of tourists that affects ecosystem first and foremost, and that locals are unable to enjoy their own lake due to overcrowding.
Screen Name Redacted 5/30/2020 09:06 PM	Development of shoreline. Wildlife Habitat and ultimately Water Quality / Cleanliness
Screen Name Redacted 5/30/2020 11:21 PM	Not interested in Columbia Lake becoming crowded with public access.

Screen Name Redacted 5/30/2020 11:40 PM	Preservation of wildlife and parks
Screen Name Redacted 5/30/2020 11:44 PM	Too many people in the wetlands
Screen Name Redacted 5/31/2020 05:08 AM	Lack of boat access to lake, it is very inconvenient to launch a boat now.
Screen Name Redacted 5/31/2020 06:10 AM	Government stop putting restrictions on lake and area
Screen Name Redacted 5/31/2020 06:33 AM	No maintenance of septic systems
Screen Name Redacted 5/31/2020 06:54 AM	Possible unauthorized buoys(for boats) on the lake
Screen Name Redacted 5/31/2020 07:09 AM	over use of power boats and the taste of the water given by algae (? I think) in the hotter months
Screen Name Redacted 5/31/2020 07:11 AM	Most important issues are the minority of people who do not boat and are working hard against a large majority of people who are responsible boaters and have many hours of enjoyment as a family and /or with friends. There is such limited access and as long as the government bodies don't seek off crown land or Nature Conservancy does not there will always be very limited boating access to Columbia Lake so that way it does not become like Lake Invermere and everyone can enjoy all the things they wish to do on the lake. There has to be a balance between economics and environmental concerns and if you maintain that people will be conscientious and respect that balance
Screen Name Redacted 5/31/2020 07:40 AM	Controlling access and traffic. Respect for and preservation of the lake.
Screen Name Redacted 5/31/2020 08:05 AM	Protection of sensitive areas, prevent overcrowded lake (like Windermere on busy weekend)
Screen Name Redacted 5/31/2020 08:33 AM	I don't see any great issues facing the lake. I think that from our standpoint people are quite responsible and respectful with regards to the lake.
Screen Name Redacted 5/31/2020 08:42 AM	Wetland devastation due to pollutants and lack of protection.
Screen Name Redacted 5/31/2020 08:43 AM	Number of power boats on the lake, the boat launch and parking at the beach.
Screen Name Redacted 5/31/2020 09:05 AM	Railroad line
Screen Name Redacted 5/31/2020 09:06 AM	Wetland protection in the south end of the lake.

Screen Name Redacted 5/31/2020 09:07 AM	That any changes be made with it's use be with all factors considered NOT just the sometimes uninformed, environment activist
Screen Name Redacted 5/31/2020 10:05 AM	Over development impacting lake biology
Screen Name Redacted 5/31/2020 10:07 AM	Striking a balance between conservation and human use of the lake.
Screen Name Redacted 5/31/2020 10:02 PM	Fair and equal access to the lake by all types of users and not just special interest groups.
Screen Name Redacted 5/31/2020 10:02 PM	The historic lake side communities, over 60 years old, have a proven track record of maintaining a pristine environment. Their modest footprint is balanced with modest usage by (existing) motorized watercraft. These communities are historic Stuarts of the lake and their decades old commitment to the lake needs to be recognized.
Screen Name Redacted 5/31/2020 11:06 AM	Columere Park would like to see usage on the lake remain the same with very little growth. We like that our lake is not as busy as LAKE Windermere it is why we purchased here.
Screen Name Redacted 5/31/2020 10:02 PM	Lack of access and irrational control by BC ministries is damaging to home owner rights
Screen Name Redacted 5/31/2020 11:11 AM	Balancing non motorized boating and motorized boating.
Screen Name Redacted 5/31/2020 11:12 AM	I don't feel that there are any issues.
Screen Name Redacted 5/31/2020 11:20 AM	Weed growth, overdevelopment, silting and water temperature
Screen Name Redacted 5/31/2020 11:20 AM	Thinking that the lake is doing ok but being such a shallow lake keeping it healthy will always be a challenge
Screen Name Redacted 5/31/2020 11:23 AM	No more Development around lake (ie west side of lake)
Screen Name Redacted 5/31/2020 11:24 AM	Environmental—Preserving the nature and clear water for a balance with humans and the natural ecosystems.
Screen Name Redacted 5/31/2020 11:33 AM	People being selfish and not wanting anyone to have what they have i.e. the strong opposition to development and the want to keep communities and boat launches as private and closed off as possible from even friends and relatives of community members
Screen Name Redacted 5/31/2020 11:36 AM	Keeping the quality of the lake.
Screen Name Redacted 5/31/2020 11:50 AM	Development along Columbia Lake. Over use. And people not obeying rules and not taking care of the lake.
Screen Name Redacted	It is our drinking water therefore i would like to preserve it.

5/31/2020 11:52 AM

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Increased motorcraft traffic, overall health of the lake

5/31/2020 11:52 AM

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Access for recreation and conservation areas

5/31/2020 11:55 AM

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Keeping the wild life and protected habitat areas safe and thriving. Reduce the number of boats and specifically jet skis off the lake.

5/31/2020 12:04 PM

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Maintaining quality of water for wildlife and community usage for drinking, Overdevelopment of the area, uncontrolled access to the lake, Poorly controlled public boat launch, Boat operators failing to boat safely, Weeds

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Protecting the water quality - it is the source of drinking water for residents on and around the lake - Columbia Ridge, Spirits Reach, Columbia Estates, Timber Springs, Bella Vista, Columere Park Ensuring the east side of the lake remains as conservation lands The introduction of Eurasian Milfoil is a threat to the lake because of its shallowness and zebra mussels Since the introduction of the zoning of the lake there has been placement of new buoys and docks that don't conform to the zoning - bylaws have not been enforced Keeping the amount of usage/ people on the lake manageable. Protecting the wildlife habitat as much as possible.

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Balancing environmental concerns with residents and guests desire to use the lake. Allowing existing lake users to continue to access the lake for pleasure, while limiting too much lake usage in order to preserve the health of the lake and ecosystem.

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I think maintaining the current amount of property's on the lake and keeping the number of recreational boaters to the minimal levels that this lake already holds.

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Introduce motorized boat zones.

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Keep it clean and relatively free the of development

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Over development

5/31/2020 01:58 PM

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Over development, over use and the potential loss of the designated wildlife protected areas.

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Fish stock/habitat depleted and increase development with the threat of more motorized traffic.

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Public access for launching watercraft

5/31/2020 03:01 PM

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Screen Name Redacted 5/31/2020 03:10 PM	Shoreline Development
Screen Name Redacted 5/31/2020 03:17 PM	Water Quality
Screen Name Redacted 5/31/2020 03:22 PM	Development of area and removal of animal habitats. Too much motorized boats in use
Screen Name Redacted 5/31/2020 03:24 PM	The possibility of too many boats resulting in shore erosion, disturbing local animals and bird-life, noise pollution and water pollution (spilled fuel, fecal matter from no holding tanks on most boats, garbage that is thrown overboard). Introduction of non native species such as Eurasian mill-foil or zebra mussels from lack of washing boats or the emptying of ballast. Old abandoned docks that are left to disintegrate or docks that are built from non-environmentally friendly material. Garbage that is left along the shoreline.
Screen Name Redacted 5/31/2020 03:30 PM	Growth and motorized traffic
Screen Name Redacted 5/31/2020 03:45 PM	Dock availability.
Screen Name Redacted 5/31/2020 03:55 PM	The threat of uncontrolled development. There are many properties for sale from Fairmont to Canal Flats, so there is no real need for new developments.
Screen Name Redacted 5/31/2020 04:17 PM	Jet skis and wave runners spinning circles and travelling at high speeds close to shoreline and swimmers
Screen Name Redacted 5/31/2020 05:21 PM	The possible addition of many other access points to the lake in the form of marinas and subdivisions that could lead to a reduction in water quality if allowed to grow unchecked.
Screen Name Redacted 5/31/2020 05:36 PM	Water quality is important because the lake is the source of our drinking water. Introduction of zebra mussels will affect our drinking water. Enforcement of bylaws that are currently developed.
Screen Name Redacted 5/31/2020 06:06 PM	Overpopulation
Screen Name Redacted 5/31/2020 06:51 PM	Responsible access
Screen Name Redacted 5/31/2020 08:13 PM	qualities that are important for me at Columbia Lake are: Water Quality, Natural life, Tranquillity
Screen Name Redacted 5/31/2020 08:43 PM	Losing the natural peaceful beauty by loud, fast, wave creating motorized boats and the import of invasive aquatic plants.
Screen Name Redacted 5/31/2020 08:52 PM	Protecting our lake from weekend warriors who want to pollute the lake with marinas and to many personal docks!
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Development, keeping the pristine conditions with little new development along the east side. Keeping new docks to a minimum protecting the eco system.

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Increasing levels of recreation. Columbia Lake has very strong environmental values and provides habitat for a number of at-risk species such as Western Grebe and Western Painted Turtle. Armstrong Bay in particular, was recently discovered to be a significant habitat area for Western Painted Turtle with baking and nesting habitat, and should be protected. Red-necked grebes are also known to nest in this bay, and nests have been abandoned due to SUPs getting to close.

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I am concerned about development on the west side of Columbia Lake: specifically developers who are granted permits for a particular project and when sales demand does not materialize they abandon further development of that project, apply for and are granted permission by RDEK for a different development project. The result has been continual loss of natural areas, installation of infrastructure such as paved roads, water lines, power etc. to no purpose whatsoever as none of the developments are seen through to completion - they just move on to another. I do not oppose development - I oppose unnecessary destruction of natural areas for developments for which there is no demand and which are not completed: examples can be found on Columbia Lake road between Columbia Ridge and Coy's Golf Course, and of course in Fairmont Hot Springs (west side of the highway and the failed waterski park). Developers are given far to much leeway and are not held to sufficient account when their developments fail.

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Loving it to death. Too many power boats. Facilities that encourage more power boats. Sewage pollution from septic fields. The ever increasing numbers of residential and recreational properties/homes/development on the west side of the lake.

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Increased pressure for more moorage facilities, and more motorized use. Increased development which in turn increases number of recreational users and further pressure for motorized access and services. Increased boat traffic of any sort can be a threat to wetland and riparian areas at a number of locations around the lake.

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increasing human traffic via boats

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Controlling fore shore development and access.

**Optional question** (339 response(s), 64 skipped)

**Question type:** Essay Question

**Q2** | Is there something else you want to say about the environmental qualities of Columbia Lake?



Screen Name Redacted 5/14/2020 01:38 PM	Columbia Lake water quality has improved in the 30 years we have been using it. It is so different than Lake Windermere
Screen Name Redacted 5/14/2020 01:45 PM	The Lake is very clean and well managed
Screen Name Redacted 5/14/2020 02:12 PM	Nil
Screen Name Redacted 5/14/2020 02:33 PM	The lake has great value as the headwaters of the Columbia River. It is a Ramsar site. It is part of the Columbia River Wetlands. We are becoming more and more aware of how wetlands are so very important in combatting climate change such as drought etc that it is imperative that we protect one of the longest stretches of uninterrupted wetlands left in North America. Strict guidelines about development and watercraft usage are necessary to maintain this area.
Screen Name Redacted 5/14/2020 02:38 PM	If we open up other areas of the lake for commercial or housing it will destroy the habitat for the lake and the animals
Screen Name Redacted 5/14/2020 05:07 PM	This lake is beautiful. Wildlife and clear water we drink, how wonderful is that in the world today. Allowing development and more docking on this lake is a huge mistake. If the water gets polluted who is going to build and maintain a treatment plant for all the houses?
Screen Name Redacted 5/14/2020 05:38 PM	I have seen damage to the lake bed at the south end of the lake from either propellers or jet boat/ski. Garbage both on the shore and in the water. Evidence of oil or exhaust pollution.
Screen Name Redacted 5/14/2020 06:31 PM	I'm grateful that Columbia Lake has been a sanctuary. Not super easy to access the lake with kayaks from the north but we do appreciate the variety of waterfowl and quiet of the lake.
Screen Name Redacted 5/14/2020 07:04 PM	We have very few lakes left like Columbia lake. True beauty, natural, wildlife in abundance, a place children can play safely in the water without disease, pollution. We need to do the right thing and maintain it for future generations to enjoy.
Screen Name Redacted 5/14/2020 07:15 PM	not allowing invasive species (mussels)
Screen Name Redacted 5/14/2020 07:22 PM	Keep it simple on this headwater.
Screen Name Redacted 5/14/2020 07:54 PM	We need to keep a close limit on motorized boating.
Screen Name Redacted 5/14/2020 10:10 PM	The lake is very shallow in many areas which would make colonization by adaptable invasive species more problematic. Most of the east side of the lake is in an ecological reserve, and increased boat traffic could result in disturbances to riparian and upland areas from human activities.
Screen Name Redacted 5/15/2020 07:07 AM	The man made drainage systems need to be cleaned and unplugged (by Canal Flats canal area)
Screen Name Redacted	Support the CLSS in their efforts to monitor lake quality issues.

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It's location at the beginning of the Columbia River and at the beginning (south end) of the Columbia Wetlands makes it extremely important to maintain the natural environment around the lake, as well as the purity of the water. Almost all the water in the Columbia Wetlands flows from this area.

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Water quality appears to be good based on water quality monitoring to date (is it enough?). Columbia Lake has a lower flushing rate (new water entering) as the watershed basins are quite small in comparison to Lake Windermere, and Columbia Lake is shallower so more susceptible to hot summer weather's evaporation and therefore possible algae bloom and lower dissolved oxygen. Care must be taken to ensure no pollutants enter the lake such as poorly operating septic systems in close proximity to the lake shore, cattle operations (these include the cattle operation along highway at Canal Flats and those between their and the lake outlet, westside residences that have septic systems to Columere Park, Dutch creek etc. This is direct, point source contaminant loading into the lake and should be identified and measured and monitored.

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See above. Less shore side community builds will enhance water quality and invite some boat traffic but not over do it. Summer boat inspection at the Canal flats launch for invasive should be a high priority. Right now, we have no idea where the boats are coming from and how many. As Canal flats tries to re - develop, its essential we allow them, for their own good, but also monitor the beach and launch closely, as someone will always try to take advantage. Columere's launch is private with very few boats ever leaving the lake or area. The likelihood is these boats are a lot safer and cleaner. The lake is large, and can handle more access and more boats, but not so that it becomes overrun. By limiting where boats can be launched, you control this. Moorage then would become less of a worry, as another 40 boats parked through the summer isn't bringing more traffic, just easing the day to day issues of the launch, as these boats are already at Columbia lake residences and in the lake all day long anyway.

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It's a shallow lake and it's concerning there are rather a lot of boaters with little concern for the fact Columere's water comes from it.

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Being the head waters of the Columbia River, I think water quality should be the utmost concern.

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We have a unique opportunity to keep this beautiful lake uncluttered with the noise and pollution associated with motorized boats and personal watercraft - let's NOT blow it now.

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We have a beautiful, clean lake it would be a a shame to lose that.

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5/15/2020 06:21 PM

I have lived here along Columbia Lake for 37 years and have not noticed any difference in the water quality . I have had a lake front property since 1997 and still see eagles ,mergansers, loons ,ducks ,geese, otters ,beaver , muskrats, blue herons, shore birds, daily. The water levels vary a bit year to

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Screen Name Redacted 5/15/2020 07:19 PM	year depending on snowpack. Columbia Lake is shallow compared to other lakes I see wake boats especially stirring up the bottom.
Screen Name Redacted 5/15/2020 09:17 PM	The lake is a perfect environment for humans and wildlife. We don't want to ruin that balance we have. Keep the lake healthy. The lake is beautiful, warm, quiet, has lots of birds and wildlife. We want to keep it that way.
Screen Name Redacted 5/15/2020 10:55 PM	There is an opportunity to keep this lake cleaner than any other on the Columbia River System. Perhaps it is not as it was 100 years ago, but we should work with what we have and strive to maintain or improve to those historical qualities.
Screen Name Redacted 5/16/2020 06:13 AM	Coal dust
Screen Name Redacted 5/16/2020 06:13 AM	The water quality is good as there is not many boats on this lake compared to Invermere.
Screen Name Redacted 5/16/2020 10:01 PM	As mentioned the use of power boats disturbing the lake bottom causing weed growth and then having to control weeds. Urban and farm drainage into the lake. Future water temperature is to increase with climate change impacting fish, weeds and burds. Invasive species as a result of unclean boats.
Screen Name Redacted 5/16/2020 07:35 AM	We consume a lot of water for personnel use we must keep that in mind
Screen Name Redacted 5/16/2020 03:52 PM	We have a beautiful well protected lake and other than day usage at canal flats I see very low risk at adding moorage on the west side of the lake. It prevents congestion in Canal Flats and less putting in and pulling out of boats for the day for lakeside residents.
Screen Name Redacted 5/16/2020 06:50 PM	Current level of usage of the lake seems to be a good balance between environmental preservation (as measured by water quality and invasive species monitoring) and modest recreational usage.
Screen Name Redacted 5/16/2020 09:02 PM	How to control public users to maintain the natural and clean condition of the lake.
Screen Name Redacted 5/17/2020 07:36 AM	Columbia Lake is a beautiful and clean lake. Due to the overall limited access and small neighbourhood populace this nature can be maintained while allowing for some usage growth. I feel that a controlled increase in access to overnight moorage for residents with lake access would not make a material impact on the environment of the lake. Balance is key.
Screen Name Redacted 5/17/2020 12:43 PM	Destruction of buffer strips for Storm water runoff. Remnant forest degradation/loss. Marshland habitat for waterfowl and ungulates
Screen Name Redacted 5/17/2020 12:49 PM	Over the last 26 years that we have interacted with Columbia Lake we have noticed a marked increase in plant life which might include invasive species and other non-desirable plants.
Screen Name Redacted 5/18/2020 08:58 PM	More lakeside properties will increase overnight moorage that will lead to more boats on the water.
Screen Name Redacted 5/19/2020 10:45 AM	Since it is a spring fed water body and constantly refreshed with new clean water I think the lake water quality is not in question.

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Screen Name Redacted 5/20/2020 03:02 AM	Dutch Creek should be flowing into Columbia Lake the same as it historically was.
Screen Name Redacted 5/20/2020 11:24 AM	Affect of water levels diminishing if major developments are approved.
Screen Name Redacted 5/20/2020 07:59 PM	Dutch creek no longer flows sufficiently into the lake. As a result summer temperatures are a lot warmer than in the past.
Screen Name Redacted 5/20/2020 08:43 PM	Our job is to leave it better than we found it...
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2020 07:37 AM	I feel it's in great shape and all users I know want this to continue and respect the lake
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2020 11:10 AM	Keep motorized equipment use to a minimum, to promote a healthy environment.
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2020 11:24 AM	I understand that moorage and docks will help with creating shelter and proper habitat for birds and fish within the lake.
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2020 11:38 AM	So far the Columbia Lake Stewardship society has been very good at collecting and monitoring water data and keeping the lake in good environmental shape - I hope they can maintain this responsibility or increase their control over the lake.
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2020 12:46 PM	The quality of the Lake is very good according to the Columbia Lake Stewardship Society. Given this is such an important issue its off-putting that the RDEK is only partnering with the community of Canal Flats. There should be involvement from all of the lake communities impacted by your decision making. More communities being involved will offer some depth/breadth which will enhance the proposed plan, and ultimately the lake.
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2020 01:59 PM	limit the number of motorized boats on the lake.
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2020 04:59 PM	This lake is extremely sensitive to all the traffic and toxins that are put into the lake via out of area users, mainly people from Alberta, who dont seem to care.
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2020 05:38 PM	Bring back the bourbot population
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2020 05:52 PM	The lake changes it's water many times throughout the year although there needs to be monitoring to maintain the water quality. All persons using the lake should follow the environmental guidelines to preserve the beauty of Columbia Lake and maintain enjoyment for the locals and some visitors.
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2020 05:56 PM	Lake levels have dropped drastically over the years with weeds taking over a large part of the lake
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2020 06:17 PM	It a beautiful lake and should be protecting our environment.
Screen Name Redacted	Again, I cannot stress enough to put a limit on the amount of motorized crafts

5/21/2020 06:30 PM	allowed per day.
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2020 06:41 PM	There needs to be limited motorized use as well as public education for the east Kootenay public to understand the importance and impact of what happens to Columbia Lake and the effects downstream!
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2020 06:43 PM	I don't like the fact that boats remain on the water throughout the summer down at Columere and Columbia Ridge. This leaves more chances for fuel from boats to enter the water.
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2020 06:46 PM	The lake is so beautiful when people respect it
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2020 08:04 PM	They are okay at present. Yes there are boat motor exhaust issues but that lake purges itself constantly.
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2020 08:36 PM	It's gettin ALOT of weeds that need attention for removal.
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2020 08:57 PM	This is a beautiful lake and magnificent wetlands. We need to protect it and stop it from becoming like lake Windermere or okanagan lake or kalamalka lake.
Screen Name Redacted 5/22/2020 04:58 AM	Yes it would stay better / be better if it was a private beach . Canal flats only
Screen Name Redacted 5/22/2020 06:02 AM	Like I said I have been on this lake for 40 years and everything and everyone has co existed
Screen Name Redacted 5/22/2020 06:07 AM	No
Screen Name Redacted 5/22/2020 06:49 AM	The development that was allowed on the east side has encroached on sheep habitat , we need to have strong management t policies in this new eta of human caused impacts . It is much cheaper to be pro active than attempt to do restoration work
Screen Name Redacted 5/22/2020 07:21 AM	Should make Columbia Lake a non motorized lake to protect the lake and environment
Screen Name Redacted 5/22/2020 08:24 AM	Motorized watercraft polluting the environment which fish, plants, shoreline and endangered species reside
Screen Name Redacted 5/22/2020 08:30 AM	There are sufficient evidence and proof excessive boat traffic is very harmful to the water quality of any lake.
Screen Name Redacted 5/22/2020 10:26 AM	We are very fortunate that Columbia Lake is so pristine. I am very thankful for its beauty and the wildlife that can be viewed using it. However, it is a very shallow lake and could be damaged easily by overdevelopment, climate change or over use.
Screen Name Redacted 5/22/2020 10:47 AM	If we don't over use it make sure boats are not leaking fuel and oil it should be fine!
Screen Name Redacted 5/22/2020 11:18 AM	I am aware of some invasive species such as sunfish in the lake. It is my understanding that they are not native to the lake.

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Screen Name Redacted 5/22/2020 11:31 AM	It's clean.
Screen Name Redacted 5/22/2020 09:05 PM	Our drinking water comes from Columbia Lake it is vital that this resource remains pure.
Screen Name Redacted 5/22/2020 09:15 PM	The railway on the West side of the lake has made fish and fish habitat less viable as per the studies done a few years ago. As such I agree with doing what we can to protect habitat on the East side of the lake is of importance.
Screen Name Redacted 5/22/2020 10:13 PM	It is not IF the mussels and weeds get in there and Lake Windermere it is WHEN. If we had only one entry and exit with cleaning stations it would help.
Screen Name Redacted 5/23/2020 12:07 AM	The fact that the east side of the lake remains undeveloped is very important
Screen Name Redacted 5/23/2020 05:22 AM	It's unique and very shallow. We are the source, the source should be the cleanest water and hold all downstream accountable.
Screen Name Redacted 5/23/2020 05:45 AM	It's pristine and out beach is built on the wet lands where birds/beavers and other aquatic life flourish. Expanding will do irreversible damage.
Screen Name Redacted 5/23/2020 06:16 AM	If the province has been monitoring all watercrafts at stops on the hwys. for invasive species. Why is this in the study? Possible have the kiosks at boat launches also then.
Screen Name Redacted 5/23/2020 12:04 PM	The matter of weed management and boating/fishing practices.
Screen Name Redacted 5/23/2020 12:56 PM	Environmental qualities are important but so is availability for recreational use.
Screen Name Redacted 5/23/2020 04:40 PM	Columbia Lake appears to be very "clean." It is a very large lake with very little use. We are happy with the status of the Lake and its usage as it now is. We are not concerned at this time with future environmental problems. It is such a windy space that it has less use than if it were more calm. We would hate to see usage be restricted from what it is now. CP Rail is probably the biggest problem in terms of pollution and disturbing the banks and into the Lake.
Screen Name Redacted 5/23/2020 10:01 PM	This is a shallow lake and as such is very vulnerable. It needs extra protection
Screen Name Redacted 5/24/2020 05:58 AM	I feel that installing some form of weir in the north end of the lake may be beneficial to the lake
Screen Name Redacted 5/24/2020 04:35 PM	The lake is fine... we just need better boat launches
Screen Name Redacted 5/24/2020 08:08 PM	They can only be preserved if we limit visitors to locals only.
Screen Name Redacted 5/25/2020 03:26 PM	Keep the water clean

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Screen Name Redacted 5/25/2020 07:06 PM	Quality of water must be monitored and properly maintained. Shoreline and surrounding area must also be properly maintained and no further commercial or residential development be allowed.
Screen Name Redacted 5/26/2020 08:44 AM	I feel that the amount coal dust in the lake should be a concern
Screen Name Redacted 5/26/2020 08:56 AM	Tearing up the lakeshore with one unfinished development after another cannot be good for the lake
Screen Name Redacted 5/26/2020 09:29 AM	I am extremely concerned by each of the aforementioned concerns: Good water quality, the prevention of invasive aquatic organisms entering the lake and the protection of habitat for migratory birds, fish, et cetera. (Turtles, otter, beaver are also resident in the lake.)
Screen Name Redacted 5/26/2020 11:59 AM	We should try to protect it from non-native fish species and maybe restock some fish.
Screen Name Redacted 5/27/2020 09:02 AM	High powered motor boats which spread weeds. Having the weeds take over areas where we enjoy swimming.
Screen Name Redacted 5/27/2020 10:02 PM	I believe the lake is very healthy at this time and we need to sustain that health.
Screen Name Redacted 5/27/2020 09:15 AM	It would appear the warming climate and possible increased motor boat usage has increased the weeds in the lake.
Screen Name Redacted 5/27/2020 09:20 AM	Let's preserve and enhance what we already have. The undeveloped east side is a treasure
Screen Name Redacted 5/27/2020 09:33 AM	They are OK as it stands. Continuation of current use will not cause detrimental harm to the lake or ecosystems. Additionally, I would like to confirm that the environmental reporting of the Columbia Lake is done by an unbiased third party and that the samples and analysis is completed correctly. Any reports should be publicly reviewed by third parties to ensure accuracy, scientific integrity and a lack of bias.
Screen Name Redacted 5/27/2020 09:48 AM	Prevent human development in the area
Screen Name Redacted 5/27/2020 01:18 PM	No Comment
Screen Name Redacted 5/27/2020 02:27 PM	I live full time on a lakefront lot. I watch eagles, osprey, gulls, swallows, king fishers, blue heron, ducks, geese, swans, otters all the time and in 30+ years their numbers are the same if not increasing. There are hundreds of minnows under our dock. The east side shore line is not littered in front of lakefront homes. I have noticed that there are less rainbow trout and more of those bottom feeding rough fish. I wish we could educate people on not creating a wake along the shoreline. I would eliminate those wake surfing boats - that does disturb the lake bottom, as do all the buoys at the north end of the lake. I can visibly see the erosion under the buoys. Docks on the other hand provide shelter for fish. The above question on concern for water

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Screen Name Redacted 5/27/2020 06:53 PM	quality was hard to answer because of course we want to keep the lake healthy, that is important, but I am not concerned at all - I have seen no change visibly in 30+years, no algae etc. I also wanted to say; the number of boats I can see at the south end would max out at 20 on a long weekend. every other weekend maybe 10. I think this is not an undoable number for a lake this size. Plenty of room for all. I see canoes and paddlers closer to shore and by and large everyone in a motor boat is respectful to them. Water is fine, weeds are the same, wind causes more disruption to nests than wakes.
Screen Name Redacted 5/27/2020 07:59 PM	do not scare away the birdlife with too much development; keeping the east side vacant is wonderful.
Screen Name Redacted 5/27/2020 10:42 PM	I care about wildlife on the lake and in the lake. Recreational activity shouldn't effect wildlife.
Screen Name Redacted 5/28/2020 01:05 AM	Being the headwater of the Columbia river is a strong symbol. The lake also has significant First Nation traditional use and archaeological sites.
Screen Name Redacted 5/28/2020 07:09 AM	the mosquitos are crazy at times
Screen Name Redacted 5/28/2020 11:52 AM	please see above We do appreciate the "National Park" view from the west side. It is amazing
Screen Name Redacted 5/28/2020 05:20 PM	the lakes health depends on birds, fish, wildlife and aquatic plant's
Screen Name Redacted 5/29/2020 09:10 AM	Your previous question is difficult to answer and could be misleading. There is a large difference between the words concerned and important. I consider all issues above very important but I am not concerned about these issues. I have read with interest the water quality testing performed by the Columbia Lake Stewardship Society and the lake is very healthy with no measurable change in water quality.
Screen Name Redacted 5/29/2020 09:19 AM	I don't know how to answer the previous question. The issues above are important but I am not concerned. Development along the lake has increased with an increase in lake use. The development is near a total buildout. Water quality test have not shown any decrease in water quality. The studies show the quality is still very high.
Screen Name Redacted 5/29/2020 09:25 AM	There is a difference for me between "concerned" and "important" To my knowledge the lake is doing well so I am not overly concerned at this this time! The issues are important and should be monitored! ongoing monitoring indicate there is no need for over reaction/ concern at this time
Screen Name Redacted 5/29/2020 09:32 AM	I consider the items above important but I am not concerned. Documented quality test of the lake by the Columbia Lake Stewardship Society have shown high water quality with no changes over the years of study.
Screen Name Redacted 5/29/2020 09:43 AM	I need to clarify that I consider the above three items in the previous question as important but I am not concerned about them.
Screen Name Redacted	I believe current lake monitoring is a good baseline. I believe the lake quality

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can be maintained with recreational use as well. It is important people have a place to swim, boat, kayak, canoe, windsurf and recreate.

Don't spoil it like Lake Windermere has become.

Over access. Opening additional launches or more vacation homes with lake access will impact water quality, safety etc. I can't be allowed to turn into a Windermere Lake.

Too many motor boats and congestion

Weed growth

It is a beautiful lake where the human use is balanced with the wildlife / habitat. Enforcing the regulations on the shoreline is important to maintain this balance. Motorized craft that are going too fast or generating heavy wave action when close to shore need to continue to be made aware of the impact to nesting shoreline birds.

It has a very small volume (depth) for its size and low flow, so the balance can be disrupted easily. Trying to stay to more natural (ie unpowered) forms of recreation is important.

I believe the weed beds are growing increasingly every year. Is there a way to control them or harvest? How does fertilizer and run off from the farming operations effect the lake? Is testing being done along these lines. Of course this is a lively hood for some, the concern is can we do better?

I think Columbia lake, the environment and habitat are in very good condition

I believe that developers and community associations should be held responsible by local government for monitoring / reporting appropriate and illegal uses. I would suggest a Columbia Lake Steering Committee be resurrected and made a priority in the new plan

cLSS is doing a great job! It's all about educating the masses.

Ensuring all environmental aspects relating to water quality and maintaining the existing habitat is the most critical goal.

I am very concerned about environmental issues for Columbia Lake. But also concerned that recreation on the lake is maintained not taken away. I believe there can be a healthy balance

Responsible motorized boating and enjoyment on the lake will not negatively impact any of the issues questioned above.

Currently the lake seems to be in excellent shape. It is after all a source water with little industrial or even light industrial activity but the rail line, perhaps the Canal Flats mill, the RV's along Dutch Creek etc. represent risks to be managed. Also ranching and logging in the watershed. Years ago the Kokanee salmon ran in Dutch Creek but no longer and I've often wondered

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Screen Name Redacted 5/30/2020 12:50 PM	why. Weeds, decreasing water levels, sewage dumping chemical waste Maintain Ecosystem,
Screen Name Redacted 5/30/2020 01:19 PM	Noise pollution from jet skis and large boats is on the rise.
Screen Name Redacted 5/30/2020 01:48 PM	Columbia lake is a beautiful and well loved lake. We need to keep it clean by limiting motorized vehicles
Screen Name Redacted 5/30/2020 01:49 PM	For now I feel like it's in pretty good shape, flows gently and pretty clean
Screen Name Redacted 5/30/2020 04:33 PM	The muddy / mucky bottom at the North end gives you toe nail fungus. Something in the water causes your nose to get very stuffy / runny like you have a cold at times during the Summer. Could be a pollen thing.
Screen Name Redacted 5/30/2020 05:34 PM	Two areas of the lake have weed growth that should be removed/controlled mid lake both east and west sides before it spreads further.
Screen Name Redacted 5/30/2020 08:08 PM	I think it is VERY important and should be protected at ALL costs. Nothing is more important than that. You cant put a price on the amazing ecosystem that is Columbia Lake.
Screen Name Redacted 5/30/2020 11:40 PM	We need to ensure Columbia lake continues to be an environmentally sound area for the beautiful wildlife that inhabit this area
Screen Name Redacted 5/31/2020 05:08 AM	I would like to see greater access to the lake for boats , and holding users accountable to keep the lake to high environmental standards.
Screen Name Redacted 5/31/2020 06:10 AM	Stop enviromentalist from enforcing their agenda
Screen Name Redacted 5/31/2020 06:33 AM	CP rail may be one of the pollution source...
Screen Name Redacted 5/31/2020 06:54 AM	Columbia Lake's current environment qualities can be maintained providing no additional motorized access is granted on the lake. The quality is very good today and that may be compromised should additional access be granted.
Screen Name Redacted 5/31/2020 07:11 AM	We believe that Columbia Lake has maintained (from information received) good water quality since we have been enjoying our time here starting in early 1990.
Screen Name Redacted 5/31/2020 07:40 AM	It is a beautiful lake. I would like it to stay that way. Turing it into another Windermere with its traffic and overuse would be tragic. Controlled reasonable use by people who have a personal investment in the lake is the best way to control that.
Screen Name Redacted 5/31/2020 08:42 AM	I would like to see better controls and information made more available to the general population. For example, the types of boat engines that present an increased hazard to the water quality, or areas that should be off limits to power boats. The ability of the lake to maintain better water quality is diminished by various types of water craft. Some users are not aware of how

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Screen Name Redacted 5/31/2020 09:06 AM	they are impacting water quality. Users could be better informed.  I would like to see some form of protection from highway run-off in the wetland area, ie filter cloth. Perhaps the highways can be informed as to the importance of that specific piece of highway. Winter highway treatments for example such as chemicals to resist freezing should not be applied on that short piece of roadway. Other methods such as sanding only would suffice there. There is no protection on the roadway for run-off and perhaps this could be as easy as informing the local highway maintenance company. I do not think there are any means for wetland species to cross the roadway, ie culverts. Is there data to indicate how much impact is caused by this highway crossing of the wetland?
Screen Name Redacted 5/31/2020 09:07 AM	The Lake has limited access and will remain so The limited use has maintained water quality and other demonstrable environmental qualities.
Screen Name Redacted 5/31/2020 10:02 PM	I rate the current quality as high. The previous question is poorly worded. Importance and concern are not the same. I believe it is very important to preserve the quality of the lake but I am not very concerned about the quality at this time.
Screen Name Redacted 5/31/2020 10:02 PM	The quality of Columbia Lake is very high has been maintained as a result of responsible lake use by Columbia lake residents. The CLSS is has done a nice job of monitoring lake water quality, but should not be involved Government policy.
Screen Name Redacted 5/31/2020 11:06 AM	The Lake seems to be healthy in my opinion.
Screen Name Redacted 5/31/2020 10:02 PM	Columbia lake use by boaters has a tiny footprint compared to other lakes in the area including Windermere and Wasa. The focus should be on those lakes
Screen Name Redacted 5/31/2020 11:12 AM	I believe the citizens of our community are doing an amazing job taking care of our lake. There is no abuse taken and if anything I think our lake is as beautiful as it is because of the people that support it.
Screen Name Redacted 5/31/2020 11:20 AM	We have been using the lake for a long time and have seen the changes, but we are lucky to still live in such a pristine area
Screen Name Redacted 5/31/2020 11:24 AM	I think on nice days, the lake can get very busy with boats. I don't think more motorized boats should be accessing Columbia lake. We need to preserve this small lake to maintain its natural beauty and ecosystem. People need to be respectful of nature and most people, at least in our community are at this time.
Screen Name Redacted 5/31/2020 11:50 AM	Keep it as natural as possible.
Screen Name Redacted 5/31/2020 11:52 AM	I am concerned about what chemicals people use on their lawns and gardens that end up in the lake after a rain fall.
Screen Name Redacted 5/31/2020 11:55 AM	Beautiful lake and much quieter than Windermere Lake. More enjoyable for the family. The beach and facilities have improved greatly over the years.
Screen Name Redacted	Columbia lake currently has a diverse ecosystem. We want to keep it this

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way. Protection of the habitat on the east side of the lake is very important (no development).

Environmental issues to be balanced with recreational, economic and quality of life of families that live on or enjoy Columbia Lake.

Mostly concerned about day use motorized and other boating, which can introduce invasive species to the lake.

It is an underpopulated lake that maintains high water quality levels and I feel that environmentally the recreational boat and personal usage of property owners on this lake causes little to no threat to the surrounding aquatic ecosystem. Which is why should maintain that only property owners have access to the lake.

Measures to date have been very helpfull

Please protect the lake and it's aquatic animals and vegetation

The good news is, the lake is a river, so it is not stagnant, constantly refreshing itself.

It's important to preserve the quality of our drinking water.

We get our drinking water from the lake

Large numbers of people in and near the lake are greater risk to drinking water than boaters on top of the lake.

Protection of surrounding uplands on east side of lake

We are so very fortunate to have the good water quality and the relatively small amount of boat traffic that is so envied by our neighbours on Lake Windermere.

Coal deposits from the train

Columbia Lake water quality Seems very good. The areas of the lake that have been restricted to powerboat traffic seem to have been appropriately chosen and should continue to be restricted.

The cleanliness of this lake really separates it from so many other lakes in BC that have significantly more people and boats accessing them. The high quality of the water should be maintained and protected.

Balance between boating and environmental issues.

I love the animals/wildlife around the north end of the Lake



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This lake is not crowded like Windermere and it should stay that way. We have put natural forests into protected parks to save its eco system and for people to enjoy in it's natural form. Why not this lake? The lakes around Lake Louise can have hour long waiting lines to see them. Just because something can be developed into an unnatural recreational play ground regardless of its effects on it's natural purpose doesn't mean it should be done. Once it's opened to everything it's a loss for the planet.

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The stewardship and residents all along the lake both north and south do a wonderful job advocating and ensuring the lakes culture will be here for generations.

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The south end of Columbia Lake, as well as all of the emergent vegetation provides significant habitat for breeding marsh birds that are secretive, elusive and very sensitive to disturbance. Also, several at-risk bank swallow colonies have been reported from Columbia Lake, this species is Threatened under Canada's Species at Risk Act (SARA), and has faced a 98% population decline in the past 40 years. Columbia Lake provides significant habitat for wildlife, increasingly levels of recreation will impact wildlife negatively.

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Its uniqueness as a large body of water with no real obvious water intake. The existence of the WMA, Provincial Park and NCC land on the east shore also makes this lake unique, a benefit which must be retained to keep the environmental qualities of the lake. Stop over for migrating birds. Armstrong Bay is wonderful environmental jewel, home to a significant number of Painted Turtles, Beavers and a feeding area and nesting sites for many birds.

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Please keep Armstrong Bay off limits to boaters/paddle boarders, at least during nesting season (May to August) due to the sensitive nature of the bay. See comment below.

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Columbia lake is a special place but more fragile than many realize. In over 40 years on the lake there has been a significant increase in vegetation in th lake.

**Optional question** (175 response(s), 228 skipped)

**Question type:** Essay Question

### Q3 | Is there something else you want to say about recreational use of Columbia Lake?

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I think there is some room to absorb recreational use, but development and access around the lake cannot result in what Lake Windermere has become.

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Columbia Lake has a small, appropriate and respectful group of boaters who stay away from wetlands, enjoy the lake and add value to the community making the area better than when we came

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5/14/2020 01:42 PM

Very disappointing to only have one public access point for the lake

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RDEK should consider allowing lakeside communities to install docks which

5/14/2020 01:45 PM	would be less damaging to the lake bottom then moors
Screen Name Redacted 5/14/2020 02:10 PM	Please listen to ALL the local residents this time around.
Screen Name Redacted 5/14/2020 02:12 PM	Nil
Screen Name Redacted 5/14/2020 02:20 PM	I don't think its right that they are private beaches on the lake, i am lucky that i have a friend who lives on one of these areas and i do get to use their beach, but to me the lake is for all public to access. One time i was using my boat near Columere and a resident yelled at me that i couldn't come any closer to the beach. Like really they don't own the water that is federal and as far as i am aware, you are allowed to be in the lake.
Screen Name Redacted 5/14/2020 02:33 PM	It is very important to balance the environment with the recreational use. My fear is that too much recreational use will destroy what we all love about the lake. The threat of invasive species, destruction of habitat for wildlife and birds as well as the clean, clear water would impact our recreational activities.
Screen Name Redacted 5/14/2020 02:41 PM	See above
Screen Name Redacted 5/14/2020 02:47 PM	Provide educational guidelines and implement strict inspection controls on the public and private use of the lake .
Screen Name Redacted 5/14/2020 04:50 PM	I would like to see restrictions on motor size of boats.encouraging nmore non motorized activity
Screen Name Redacted 5/14/2020 05:07 PM	Stop approving more boat launches. Put in place controls for mooring boats, fueling boats, number of wstercraft. The lake is not large enough nor deep enough.
Screen Name Redacted 5/14/2020 05:38 PM	A speed limit and or horsepower restriction is desirable, an outright motorized ban ideal.
Screen Name Redacted 5/14/2020 07:04 PM	Limit usage of motor boats. Phase out and make this lake part of BC green plan. Keep it natural, fresh and clean. Boaters can go to Lake Windmere
Screen Name Redacted 5/14/2020 07:15 PM	need to limit public boat launches to protect the lake. we don't want to be like lake Windermere
Screen Name Redacted 5/14/2020 07:22 PM	Keep it simple. Encourage wild life mixing gently with human activity.
Screen Name Redacted 5/14/2020 09:22 PM	I wished Columbia Lake was non-motorized use only.
Screen Name Redacted 5/14/2020 10:10 PM	Spill-over of motorized watercraft into the Columbia River and resulting in disturbances to wildlife species and creating river bank erosion.
Screen Name Redacted 5/15/2020 07:07 AM	The wetlands need to be protected from motorized vessels There is alot of overuse at development areas (Columbia Ridge, Soirits Reach and now Stillwaters being developed) no more huge developments should be allowed

Screen Name Redacted 5/15/2020 08:14 AM	on east or west side of lake Lakeside communities should be allowed recreational access especially if for private community use. Lakeside communities are motivated to maintain the lake health and ensure use is controlled.
Screen Name Redacted 5/15/2020 09:44 AM	Please don't give in to pressure from the polluting motor boat owners and respect nature instead. Money can never buy back the environment after it is ruined.
Screen Name Redacted 5/15/2020 11:29 AM	Lake logistics are such that there are lake access at Canal Flats (public) and Columere Park ( private) for motorized, and both Parks for non motorized. I am concerned about the piece meal approach to buoy approvals in the past ( and so called grandfathering and flurry of activity to get grandfathered).... a policy is needed for docks on lake... and are they safer than multiple buoys (I say yes especially from a motor boat refilling point of view). All should be able to access the lake in a safe location and feel that Canal Flats does a good job in making this happen and should be supported.
Screen Name Redacted 5/15/2020 11:54 AM	The crowding of the canal flats public launch is a concern.
Screen Name Redacted 5/15/2020 12:42 PM	Right now, the lake seems to be handling the traffic well. There are lots of recreational users - both motorised and non motorised. As homeowners and boaters, we respect the lake and have a vested interest in its wellbeing. Allowing some outside day use is fine, but it has to be monitored , controlled , and done with the knowledge that a lot of those users just simply wont respect the lake in the same way. That is the lakes greatest challenge. not the current resident users.
Screen Name Redacted 5/15/2020 12:58 PM	It would be ideal to allow only electrical motor boats on this lake. Columbia Lake would be a perfect place for location of the sailing school / summer camp.
Screen Name Redacted 5/15/2020 01:51 PM	I have lived in Columere for over forty years and I think the original Foreshore Development Committee had the right idea with only having non motorized marinas on such a delicate waterway.
Screen Name Redacted 5/15/2020 02:55 PM	Less motorized boats
Screen Name Redacted 5/15/2020 03:01 PM	Let's keep it quiet, clean, uncluttered and free of the contagion of an excess number of motorized boats or personal watercraft!
Screen Name Redacted 5/15/2020 05:42 PM	Don't turn Columbia Lake into another Lake Windermere!!! This is a nice quiet lake - lets keep it that way.
Screen Name Redacted 5/15/2020 06:21 PM	When was the last time Columbia Lake was stocked with trout or lingcod ?
Screen Name Redacted 5/15/2020 07:19 PM	The amount of public use is enough. We do not need anymore access for the public or new development.
Screen Name Redacted 5/15/2020 09:17 PM	Aside what my previous survey results may indicate, I think it is extremely important to have Columbia Lake to have a million friends. I suppose these friends should be non motorized users and lake developments that only allow

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	friends of the lake. Is that even possible. I think a multitude of non motorized users will help the lake.
Screen Name Redacted 5/15/2020 09:43 PM	I do not want to see it overtaken by speed boats like Windermere Lake
Screen Name Redacted 5/15/2020 10:55 PM	No exclusions. Compromise so all can enjoy
Screen Name Redacted 5/16/2020 05:24 AM	It is a important aspect to the lake.
Screen Name Redacted 5/16/2020 06:13 AM	Please reconsider the East side lake access from Fairmont. The road should go down to the lake for drop off for paddle boards ,canoes , and seniors who can not walk down the trail or back up. If there was a medical emergency how are these personal going to get down to the lake? A washroom at the top of the hill is great but one at the lake would be even better.
Screen Name Redacted 5/16/2020 07:00 AM	I find it odd that even I pay taxes to support the local region we have to pay to access the public beach / launch area where as Canal Flats residents don't. Seems very divisive. Would like to be part of and support Canal Flats as it's awesome so really don't understand this approach.
Screen Name Redacted 5/16/2020 10:01 PM	We have an opportunity now to protect the lake and need to take the advantage given us.
Screen Name Redacted 5/16/2020 07:35 AM	The old boat launch on west side of canal flats near overpass should be advertised as none motorized launch
Screen Name Redacted 5/16/2020 08:53 AM	With the closing of the road to Fairmont Beach down to the lake, it has already limited use on the lake. We know of many seniors who now cannot go there as the walk is too far. Also families with small children. It was a huge step back for recreation of Columbia Lake and a very unfair move for users who cannot access the lake from their properties. We fear more regulations will cut our another whole sector of recreation.
Screen Name Redacted 5/16/2020 09:22 AM	We enjoy Boating and swimming in the summer and are always amazed at how clear the water is. We feel very fortunate to be able to access and enjoy the lake
Screen Name Redacted 5/16/2020 03:52 PM	Since there is only one public launch on Columbia Lake, our lake remains very quiet with respect to motorized boating activity. Increasing moorage for boats belonging to residents wouldn't increase the amount of motorized watercraft but it would alleviate the daily usage of the launch and a congestion of launch traffic that we normally see in the summer months.
Screen Name Redacted 5/16/2020 06:50 PM	The lake can really only be used a few weeks of the year for recreational motor boat usage. For example, I have had a motor boat moored on the lake for 10 years and in that time I have put 100 hours on my motor (10 hours per year). Rarely are many boats on the lake when I have gone out. It can be too windy, too cold, not the right time of day etc. All these things limit the use of boats. Really July and August are the only months that recreational usage is possible. Consequently motor boats are not an issue on Columbia Lake. I use public boat launch to put my boat in the water in June and remove the boat in August. Otherwise I access my boat and canoe access through a

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Screen Name Redacted 5/16/2020 08:00 PM	private CP crossing. I think that motor boats should not be aloud
Screen Name Redacted 5/16/2020 09:02 PM	Being able to enjoy it without worry of doing harm.
Screen Name Redacted 5/17/2020 10:01 PM	need to have free accessible access for everyone which currently doesn't exist. Canal Flats is only free for residents of CF and the east side access from Fairmont is not accessible to all folks.
Screen Name Redacted 5/17/2020 07:21 AM	I would love a public location for windsurfing. The Canal Flats beach does not have the right location for the dominant winds.
Screen Name Redacted 5/17/2020 07:36 AM	Columbia Lake is a beautiful and clean lake. Due to the overall limited access and small neighbourhood populace this nature can be maintained while allowing for some usage growth. I feel that a controlled increase in access to overnight moorage for residents with lake access would not make a material impact on the environment of the lake. Balance between preservation and recreation is key and I feel that this balance is somewhat skewed toward preservation and there is room to move without damaging the lake's pristine nature.
Screen Name Redacted 5/17/2020 09:57 AM	Needs to have enforcement of rules regarding bouys and overnight mooring that are not legal.
Screen Name Redacted 5/17/2020 12:43 PM	I would like to see motor size HP restrictions to max 20hp similar to river So as to not end up like Windermere Lk.
Screen Name Redacted 5/17/2020 12:49 PM	We need to limit the increase of motorized traffic on the lake.
Screen Name Redacted 5/18/2020 08:58 PM	I don't want to see an exponential increase in boat traffic some boat traffic is fine
Screen Name Redacted 5/19/2020 10:45 AM	It is a decent fishery that does not see much pressure...
Screen Name Redacted 5/19/2020 06:18 PM	Restrict public access on the east side to only non motorized. no overnight mooring on the lake.
Screen Name Redacted 5/20/2020 07:59 PM	Columbia lake is seeing increased ecological pressure from Windermere lake users finding Windermere too busy
Screen Name Redacted 5/20/2020 08:43 PM	If the launches were manned with staff trained in monitoring invasive species and water craft care & attention, it would improve the overall environment
Screen Name Redacted 5/20/2020 09:25 PM	I would like to see the size of boat motors limited.
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2020 07:37 AM	What kind of question is "how important is access to public waterfront?" The lakes belong to all of us and there should never be a question as to access or not.

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Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2020 11:10 AM	Would prefer to minimize the use of motorized equipment.
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2020 11:24 AM	More moorage on the lake for boats will ensure these boats are not moved around to other lakes. It is important to ensure there are moorage or boat docking options for all users.
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2020 11:38 AM	Would prefer to have no or very limited/restricted access to motorized watercraft, but happy to see non-motorized craft (canoes, kayaks, windsurfers, etc)
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2020 11:53 AM	Boat launching costs are too high for residents. Should be a break for those who pay taxes in the immediate area like CRCA
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2020 12:46 PM	It is extremely important and the main reason many of us invested in a recreational lake community.
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2020 01:59 PM	a better ' safer, more water beach for swimmers.
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2020 02:39 PM	Did the Steering Committee ever check the elevation and unblock the culvert at the southwest corner of the lake that was #4 of the Action Plan noted in the Columbia Lake Management Strategy of 1997?
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2020 04:59 PM	I would really like to see a limit put on the number of motorized watercraft allowed per day. If the4 limit is reached, then too bad. They do this in Hawaii and it really helps to ensure there is no abuse to the lake quality. Also a limit to the boat/motor size. I have lived here my entire life and i find it distressful to see how people abuse our beautiful lake with their huge motors that leave huge trenches and kill the fish living in shallow waters.
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2020 05:38 PM	Keep albertans off
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2020 05:52 PM	Locals should be able to continue to use Columbia Lake for boating, water sports, skating and other recreational activities. Visitors must respect the rules and regulations or be banned from future use of the lake. We all need to be respectful and stewards with regards to environmental guidelines, rules and regulations. We love to use Columbia Lake for boating and recreational use and hope to continue to do so.
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2020 05:56 PM	There's already too many boats allowed on this water causing much pollution, exhaust as well as noise
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2020 06:30 PM	Yes...we are full time, local citizens of Canal Flats. During the summer we cannot access our beach or boat launch due to all the "tourist" Considering it is the Village of Canal Flats beach, that we pay taxes on, it is very disheartening and frustrating that us locals can't enjoy it.
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2020 06:41 PM	There should be limited use of motorized ie. polluting access to Columbia Lake
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2020 06:43 PM	Better barricades signs need to be placed at the old launch under the bridge on the highway. This is a great place for non-motorized vessels to enter but people still abuse it.



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Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2020 06:46 PM	People need to be respectful from outta province.
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2020 06:55 PM	I've lived here all my life and have never before seen so many non locals use the Canal Flat beach and boat launch. It is so sad, I love the beauty of the lake the way it is, a few motorized boats, a few wind surfers, a few paddle boards and the odd sail boat. Don't want to change anything except hike up the prices considerably for non locals.
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2020 06:57 PM	Why can't people with non motorized ( such as paddle boats and kayaks etc) access the area from the old boat launch by hyway as the main beach is so busy and had many close calls from motorized boats! Scary when you have younger kids let alone one's self.
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2020 07:10 PM	The access is limited which helps keep too many boats off the lake
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2020 07:13 PM	I feel that regulated daily use should be taken into consideration
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2020 08:04 PM	Boat launch could improved by a longer ramp.
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2020 08:36 PM	Canal Flat boat launch should be double its size and maybe give non-motorized boats access to lake at the old Fairmont Beach by river.
Screen Name Redacted 5/21/2020 09:25 PM	Would like to see more access points
Screen Name Redacted 5/22/2020 04:58 AM	Yes it should be private to canal flats
Screen Name Redacted 5/22/2020 06:02 AM	Leave the lake as it is
Screen Name Redacted 5/22/2020 06:07 AM	No
Screen Name Redacted 5/22/2020 06:49 AM	We are starting to love the lake to death , human recreation has significant impacts , how are there going to be controlled and or mitigated . ?
Screen Name Redacted 5/22/2020 08:22 AM	Columbia Lake is beautiful as it is. That's what makes it so special. Being able to enjoy the water regardless where you are sitting or boating is magical. The animals, the sunsets, and the silence. Making this lake more accessible will take all the beauty away from it.
Screen Name Redacted 5/22/2020 08:24 AM	Have seen increased use of out of province motorized watercraft
Screen Name Redacted 5/22/2020 08:30 AM	We only have one chance to preserve the quality of the lake in our life time. We own a motorized boat, however, it would not bother me in the least if they no longer allowed motorized watercraft on the lake.
Screen Name Redacted 5/22/2020 10:26 AM	It comes down to balance. I appreciate that people will want to use various types of vehicles on the lake, but we need to understand their impact. Also,

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Screen Name Redacted 5/22/2020 10:47 AM	one very loud or disrespectful motor boat can ruin the experience of a lot of quiet non motorized boat users and wildlife. Speed limits and by law enforcement is key
Screen Name Redacted 5/22/2020 11:03 AM	I think we should be able to use the lake but need to put limits on how many boats are in the lake at one time!
Screen Name Redacted 5/22/2020 11:18 AM	I thought there would be input re Lake Windermere....I'm thinking if we want a greener economy we should set a time line for no high powered boats on any of the lakes in this valley....they are far too small for this kind of traffic. Erosion is a major factor and of course we can't forget about sound pollution. It is nice that the lake is not heavily used by motorized vessels, unlike Lake Windermere.
Screen Name Redacted 5/22/2020 11:31 AM	Bring a smaller lake it should be kept to those of us that built/live on or around the lake.
Screen Name Redacted 5/22/2020 04:53 PM	Approved marina such as Columere, public boat launch at canal flats and grandfathered moorings are ok but nothing else should be added.
Screen Name Redacted 5/22/2020 10:03 PM	the area north of the Provincial Park on the east side south of Fairmont should be made more accessible and environmentally sustainable from erosion of the bank from day use. This requires some better engineering and maintenance. Public access, parking, and washrooms required as well as garbage receptacles.
Screen Name Redacted 5/22/2020 09:05 PM	Recreational use of the lake should be monitored as the lake is used for residential water.
Screen Name Redacted 5/22/2020 09:15 PM	I think the restrictions for properties or community moorage for property owners who have lake access through crown land abutting private land is unfortunate. Other than the more dense communities who have community moorage (Columere, Columbia Ridge and Spirits reach) there should be community moorage allowed for the TCSA members. I am very concerned about the Bella Vista Estates property owners and the developer claiming they have lake access when this not true and could start to create overcrowding of the access off the Columbia Lake road if the developer is successful in sustaining their development. I think the private owner/operator of the boat launch at Canal flats is doing an excellent job, but if this site were to fall into the wrong owners hand it could have a large impact on health of the region. There should be after hours gates put up at this location since we have seen many people come in after the site is unmanned and not pay to access or respect that area.
Screen Name Redacted 5/22/2020 10:13 PM	It is a beautiful place that we need to look after.
Screen Name Redacted 5/23/2020 05:22 AM	Find a balance. Limit usage of big boats, public launch should be more controlled.
Screen Name Redacted 5/23/2020 06:16 AM	It would be a shame to have access to this lake restricted. I've seen it happen on the Columbia River up by Golden and I don't feel this was done properly. There is room for both environmental and human use.

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Screen Name Redacted 5/23/2020 09:25 AM	Expand the beaches - swimming areas. Too many private spots - need more "beaching and day use " sites
Screen Name Redacted 5/23/2020 12:04 PM	The mooring of boats was not allowed on certain development plans and then was changed, relaxed or ignored after the fact. Rather pointless to set a standard.
Screen Name Redacted 5/23/2020 12:56 PM	It is a very important and valuable resource
Screen Name Redacted 5/23/2020 10:01 PM	I would love to see Columbia Lake preserved for fish, wildlife and non-motorized use. It seems like the vocal minority (motorized) are the ones who get the ears of local decision makers. I worry that the lake cannot sustain the level of motorized use that Lake Windermere sees.
Screen Name Redacted 5/24/2020 01:25 PM	We know they're going to come, so why not gouge the visitors to use our beautiful lake, instead of letting 80 boats on the lake and charging \$20 we only let 30 boats on the lake and charge \$50... keep them in Windermere! We should only let residents use our boat launch - much like Columbia ridge but if we're going to let visitors come, they pay a huge price.
Screen Name Redacted 5/24/2020 04:35 PM	Better boat launches
Screen Name Redacted 5/24/2020 06:17 PM	People want to drive vehicles to the waterfront so they don't have to carry equipment ( chairs , sun shades, coolers etc 600 yards to Fairmont beach ( south down the Columbia river road)and especially back uphill when finished for the day.
Screen Name Redacted 5/24/2020 08:08 PM	Too many boats on our lake will drastically impact our beautiful lake
Screen Name Redacted 5/25/2020 10:45 AM	One public boat launch keeps the lake traffic low.
Screen Name Redacted 5/25/2020 03:26 PM	We do not need any more motorized boats on the lake
Screen Name Redacted 5/25/2020 07:06 PM	While recreational use is nearly unavoidable we must attempt to balance it with excellent conservation practices.
Screen Name Redacted 5/26/2020 05:22 AM	This its the source of the Columbia River. Truly an iconic feature of the East Kootenay. Motorized use should be limited to low horsepower motors (as in the river between Invermere and Golden) and human use should be controlled. This is not Kookanusa
Screen Name Redacted 5/26/2020 08:44 AM	We purchased our property specifically to use Columbia Lake for motorized boating
Screen Name Redacted 5/26/2020 08:56 AM	RDEK needs to enforce bylaws and remove illegal docks and moorings and access to the lake
Screen Name Redacted 5/26/2020 09:29 AM	How do we prevent fuel from being spilled into the lake. Who monitors boat speed, particularly in the very sensitive shallows?

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Screen Name Redacted 5/26/2020 11:59 AM	It is self-limiting because of its size & depth.
Screen Name Redacted 5/27/2020 10:02 PM	I love seeing the para sailors, SUP boards, kayaks, canoes and small fishing boats on the lake, that moderate and low-impact use makes sense to me.
Screen Name Redacted 5/27/2020 09:02 AM	There should be a way of enforcing a speed limit on the lake.
Screen Name Redacted 5/27/2020 10:02 PM	I would not be opposed to restricting Wake boats from being on the lake since they seem to cause the most damage to the eco system
Screen Name Redacted 5/27/2020 09:15 AM	While we have a motor boat we would love to see this turned into a restricted, non-motorized lake to protect it.
Screen Name Redacted 5/27/2020 09:20 AM	Promote as a non motorized (limited) use only
Screen Name Redacted 5/27/2020 09:20 AM	I strongly believe that an environmentally sensitive marina is needed for Columbia Lake. Its a front country lake that should have recreation as its primary feature.
Screen Name Redacted 5/27/2020 09:33 AM	I am fine with the current levels of use and do not believe that increased usage would be unreasonable given the already limited development of and access to Columbia Lake.
Screen Name Redacted 5/27/2020 10:34 AM	Non motorized!
Screen Name Redacted 5/27/2020 01:18 PM	Don't allow powerful motor/speed boats
Screen Name Redacted 5/27/2020 02:27 PM	Every lake I've visited in BC have great launches, boat lifts and marinas. Everyone has a dock and lakeside communities share dock space. The Village will have a difficult time to grow their town, if they do not have the same amenities. I can see someone lobbying for another access (which may not have attendants, supervising like at Canal Flats) and then we will have a very busy lake.
Screen Name Redacted 5/27/2020 03:01 PM	The current recreational use of the lake is in good order.
Screen Name Redacted 5/27/2020 06:35 PM	If it were up to me motorized boats would not be allowed on Columbia Lake.
Screen Name Redacted 5/27/2020 06:53 PM	As soon as the high end property owners get their docks, it all becomes "private property, get off my dock". Check out the issues with Okanogan lake.
Screen Name Redacted 5/27/2020 07:59 PM	a problem only on weekends. would be nice if someone patrolled for noise occasionally
Screen Name Redacted 5/27/2020 10:42 PM	Finding a balance between human use and wildlife presence is a prime concern.

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Screen Name Redacted 5/28/2020 01:05 AM	Dedicated usage areas and proper information is essential. There is no shortage of other lakes allowing power vessels. It is crucial that some iconic lakes stay power vessels free. Columbia Lake is one.
Screen Name Redacted 5/28/2020 07:09 AM	I wish the boat launch was not so close to the public beach
Screen Name Redacted 5/28/2020 08:41 AM	The primary public access to take kayaks down to the lake is now a longer distance from the parking spots, this has moved kayakers and rafters to move this activity further down the river and created major traffic and parking congestion outside of the provincial park.
Screen Name Redacted 5/28/2020 11:52 AM	I'm very concerned about public boat access. We've been here for 25 years. Access should not only be available for the few taxpayers who reside in Columere Park, Columbia Ridge or Springwater Hill (this should not only be Dave's lake!). We were led to believe that there would be boat access at the north end of the lake in the last OCP. All that's been developed is a non-motorized access in Col Lk PP. This is so far from the water that I've heard younger people complain it is impractical and onerous for families, handicapped or older users like my wife and I. I doubt there is much usage when this effectively discouraged access. This was one of the dumbest things I've ever seen with public lands! With Canal Flats charging ridiculous fees for owners on the lake, we need to secure another access to avoid this monopoly and abuse. At the very least, other taxpayers on the lake shouldn't have to pay the high fees to the Town of Canal Flats but that won't happen., I'm sure. After disproportionately paying for their arena for many years, there should be some equitable discount for other Columbia Lake owners south of Columere Park (who didn't pay the same as the rest of the west side I understand).
Screen Name Redacted 5/28/2020 12:15 PM	Easy access for launching kayaks or paddle boards.
Screen Name Redacted 5/29/2020 09:10 AM	I am extremely pleased with the way Canal Flats currently manages Tilley Park and the boat launch. I am happy to pay the fees charged to support this valuable resource.
Screen Name Redacted 5/29/2020 09:19 AM	I am very supportive of the town of canal flats and the quality management and services provided at Tilley park
Screen Name Redacted 5/29/2020 09:25 AM	Many people have bought properties with the expectation that they will be able to use the lake for a variety of motorized and unmotorized watercraft. Our research prior to buying property indicated that Columbia lake is an international navigable waterway which means we have the right to use iboats on the lake. The right to boat on the lake has a significant impact on people's property values. We trust all stakeholders interests will be taken into consideration. Finding a balance is key! We are pleased with the way Canal Flats have managed the boat launch and beach! I have no problem paying the designated fee for this service. The boat launch is EXTREMELY important to us and the local communities in the area!
Screen Name Redacted 5/29/2020 09:32 AM	Many of the owners of property built our homes based on the accesses to the lake. These accesses to us are VERY important and support the values

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Screen Name Redacted 5/29/2020 09:43 AM	of our properties on the lake. I value the access provided at Tilley Park in the town of Canal Flats. The fees charged to access the park and use the boat launch are very appropriate. I am happy to pay the fees as a user to support this valuable service.
Screen Name Redacted 5/29/2020 01:14 PM	Recreational use of Columbia Lake such as the use of power boats can be maintained with the preservation of the environmental qualities of the lake as monitoring has showed. Most boat users are compliant with slowing their speed adjacent to shores or wildlife. The beauty of the lake is that there is not a lot of boat traffic. We support an appropriate level of boat traffic but never want to see as much as Lake Windermere. I do question the use of jet skis as they are much louder from our experience. We have a canoe as well as a power boat and enjoy both. We would definitely like to see the use of power boats maintained at an acceptable level.
Screen Name Redacted 5/29/2020 10:02 PM	Don't spend money on more trailered boat launches.
Screen Name Redacted 5/29/2020 05:52 PM	At one point Bella Vista Properties along with another smaller community had Dual Permission from RFEK and Roads and Forest to access the lake, once permission to cross over CPR tracks was received from CPR, at that point CPR declined, so the issue was dead in the water. Now however Timber Springs has received that permission from CPR to cross. Bella Vista was not invited at that time to join them. Would it make a difference for them to be included?
Screen Name Redacted 5/30/2020 08:27 AM	More public access points no more developments along the lake some are real eyesores
Screen Name Redacted 5/30/2020 08:44 AM	It's important to balance human use of the lake, (being motorized or non-motorized activities) with respecting the environment. The mandatory pressure wash of boats is very good.
Screen Name Redacted 5/30/2020 08:48 AM	It's important we have balance between human use while maintaining healthy habitat. This can be achieved by a balanced approach and a rational management plan. We have been here for over 20 years and this has been achieved to date.
Screen Name Redacted 5/30/2020 09:00 AM	See above.. Need to limit size and quantity of powered boats and watercraft.
Screen Name Redacted 5/30/2020 09:57 AM	As you can tell from above, boating is very important to me and my community. I feel personally because the whole east side is not for development, that we are fairly safe to maintain status quo for communities along the west side. I am not sure what Canal flats position is on having access from the park beach, but if I lived down there, I would want it a little more accessible. I know long weekends the boat activity increases, but the other days in the months are relatively quiet. We will never be a Windermere Lake due to limited development. I understand with the quality water testing, (thank you Volunteers) that the lake health is very good and it is flushing well. The lake itself I understand is in the Federal waters jurisdiction, and I was wondering what the communications with them has been? Having been

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	on the first Columbia Lake Strategy Sessions as the CPCA Vice President at the time, I am well aware of the issues and think there can be a happy medium.
Screen Name Redacted 5/30/2020 10:00 AM	It is very important to my community, lifestyle, and lively hood.
Screen Name Redacted 5/30/2020 10:06 AM	Recreational use on Columbia Lake is still appropriate and the time is perfect to put a Management Plan in place that will direct appropriate recreational use for the future.
Screen Name Redacted 5/30/2020 10:18 AM	I think the levels are ok now, but I think you should monitor launching at canal flats. There should be a fee
Screen Name Redacted 5/30/2020 10:44 AM	The status or health of Columbia Lake is very important and I believe the health is good. I am very worried that more rules and regulations are introduced that are not necessary. I find some rules are introduced that to me make no sense
Screen Name Redacted 5/30/2020 10:48 AM	I could be selfish and say no more boat launches or marinas on the lake because for the present we have that here in Columere Park. I feel Canal flats should have an improved day dock facility or smaller marina to support the residents there and our other land owners and guests who enjoy boating here in the Columbia Valley which drives our economy. As a Real Estate agent for the past 16 years all of us as Realtors know that the primary driver attracting guests and residents to this valley is our climate and the fact we are a lake destination area. I would estimate that 90% of all land owners who have purchased property in Columere Park or elsewhere along the west side of Columbia Lake only considered it because of some degree of motorized boating being available. Should this activity be reduced or eliminated the ramifications will be serious. Focus on encouraging motorized watercraft and boats using our lake in a responsible and respectful way.
Screen Name Redacted 5/30/2020 11:38 AM	However, we do very much enjoy the private boat launch they we do have in Columere park. It is open to residents only.
Screen Name Redacted 5/30/2020 11:38 AM	Columbia Lake is an extremely important recreational resource in the region. It is wonderful for swimming, boating activities, windsurfing and other windsport activities. There are very few lakes within a three hour drive of Columbia Lake that are suitable for these activities, with one exception being the heavily overused Lake Windermere. It is also important for kayaking, paddleboarding and bird watching. Bird watching via boat, kayak or paddleboard along the east shore is an enjoyable and educational activity.
Screen Name Redacted 5/30/2020 11:49 AM	The limited motorized boat access in my view have enhanced the recreational and living quality associated with the lake. With Lake Windermere so close, I'd suggest motorized boating be kept to that lake.
Screen Name Redacted 5/30/2020 12:50 PM	In reference to the above questions. Public access needs to remain restricted. We do not want an increase in public access to anywhere on the lake
Screen Name Redacted 5/30/2020 12:59 PM	Any additional development should be for non motorized access. One public motorized boat launch is sufficient.
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Less motorized traffic, many people drink this water! Also important, the peace and enjoyment for the wildlife!

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Nice to keep it fairly quite. That is the beauty of it.

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Access to the lake for both motorized and non motorized should be limited to current private access and Canal Flats public boat launch. The Columbia Valley has seen what increased public access can do to a lake like Windermere and should do everything to ensure this does not occur again! Lake access is difficult for seniors who do not reside in a community with water access such as Canal Flats or Columere Park. Other communities should be permitted to develop facilities suitable to their needs with similar rights.

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I think Columbia Lake should only be used for non-motorized vessels. It is the perfect lake for it, with its shallow waters, and amazing ecosystem. I would love to see only small boats, sailboats, canoes, kayaks, ect on the lake.

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It is good as is with enough private restrictions access. So it will never become an Invermere lake 2... I rarely see more than 15 boats on this lake at the same time so boating is not a big issue. and I don t have a motorboat.

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The volume of users on the lake is currently safe, has little impact on the environmental quality, and adds to the enjoyment for everyone. I am disappointed the Management committee does not ask about safety as a key consideration in the management of the lake. Safety and the environment can go hand and hand and support both objectives. Please consider this for the future.

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We have been on Columbia Lake since early 1990 and over that 30 years there has not been a significant change in the number of boats using this lakes compared to the number of people using the Columbia Valley. I raised my family on this lake and we spent many hours of high quality family time and built extremely solid friendships boating, socializing, windsurfing, Kiting, kayaking on Columbia Lake and all I Know who use this lake respect it as well. Our children who are know working in their careers and starting families still want to spend time with their families enjoying the same quality of life as they did growing up. There are so many small non-motorized lakes in BC that "non-boaters" who can't see the balance of others' who enjoy different activities can go use. Also if they changed their intolerant attitudes and respected other people's choices beside their own could see that Columbia Lake can share everyone's choice of recreation!!!!

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The lake is seeing increasing public traffic in the past few years. Often this is from people who have no direct investment in the lake and so the respect they show to shoreline and health of the lake is terrible. This needs to be controlled/stopped. The use that is in place now is enough (access on north and south ends)

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We need to balance the need to protect sensitive habitats with right to use

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waterway. Over crowded lakes are dangerous to both the environment and those using lake. Controlling access to lake can help avoid some of these problems. Education and better marking of sensitive areas like those around the north outlet area would also help

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Winter access is important.

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The number of power boats on the Columbia lake needs to be restricted.

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It is the reason we bought the property on Columbia Lake

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Promote off limit areas both in summer and winter.

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Again limited use as a result of limited access has effectively governed a good balance of use and environmental stability.

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Using the lake for family and community activities is imperative in the building of strong communities relationships and appreciation/respect for the quality of the water and wildlife

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Preserve and maintain fair and equal access to all types of users for the lake.

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The CLSS is has done a nice job of monitoring lake water quality, but should not be involved in Government policy or RDEK bylaws.

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Please keep Columere Park on your email distribution list. We are just as important as Canal Flats. cpcamemberfees@gmail.com

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Restriction on use of Columbia Lake any more than other lakes is unconstitutional as a Federal waterway.

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Let's keep access limited.

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We bought our house here to have lake access for our passion of kiteboarding and it would be devastating to lose that privelege. We are not boat kind of peoples but having said that, i can see myself owning one someday. I think if we take boats away from the lake, the local economy would take a big hit so we need to find a balance Personnally if we cannot use our lake, we have no reasons to live here. We both work in Invermere so why would we do the drive.

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Better control of motorized boating and ban on seadoos.

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We must limit jet ski use on the lake as well as public access promoting

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increased boat traffic.

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There should be more of a governance of who and what are using Columbia lake so that it can be preserved and there for generations to use.

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The public areas are not of massive concern to me as we have private motorized boat access through Columere Park

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Public recreational use of Columbia Lake will increase the risk of invasive species to Columbia Lake. Public recreational watercraft (motorized or not) will have a higher probability of being on other water sources hence increasing the probability of introducing invasive species. Public watercraft monitoring of invasive species can be expensive and not fail-safe.

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I have lived in Columere Park for almost 30 years. I do see increased boating and usage of the lake. At times, I am very worried that the lake is getting too busy. I do not like to see all the boats moored in the water along the shoreline as I get concerned that we have opened up the floodgates to more and more boats being moored this way. I am also concerned how this impacts the birds / wildlife near the shoreline. I would like to see more monitoring of what is happening on Columbia Lake in regards to motorized boats.

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I/we believe existing motorized boat users (who have moorage granted by the RDEK) should be allowed to continue to access the lake and use their pleasure craft. Special attention should be paid to new developments and/or others who place their own moorage in the lake without proper consent/authority in order to avoid overburdening the lake. In other words, let's allow existing residents to access their moorage and use their motorized pleasure craft, while limiting any new moorage, in order to preserve the health of our beautiful lake.

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I think that Columbia Lake is a well maintained recreational space for the majority of people that use it. I do not wish for Columbia Lake to turn into another overpopulated lake such as Lake Windermere. I do believe if we maintain the current low levels of recreational use, we can maintain having a low environmental impact on the lake.

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Recreation is important

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Please limit recreational use of Columbia Lake to motorized vessels. We don't need another lake that is as heavily used by motorized vessels such as in Invermere/Windermere

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People who own property on Columbia Lake or in the surrounding towns (Canal Flats, Columere) should have access to the lake at all times. If you want to limit motorized access, you should look to disallow access to people who aren't tax payers to the area.

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I think that public beaches and boat launch is important; however, the amount needs to be restricted so as not to increase the boat traffic. The beauty of Columbia Lake is that it's not Lake Windermere which has become overrun with boat traffic.

Screen Name Redacted 5/31/2020 03:17 PM	Nobody cares more about the Lake than those that drink its water.
Screen Name Redacted 5/31/2020 03:24 PM	By way to clarification of the previous section, limiting public access to waterfront and limiting public boat launches is crucial to maintaining the good quality of our lake. Much of Lake Windermere's problems are the result of too many residences (mostly using septic tanks) close to the water's edge, resulting in phosphorus and fecal runoff from the associated septic fields as well as too much public boat access (docks, ramps, etc) resulting in the "boat freeway" that is seen on the lake in the summer months.
Screen Name Redacted 5/31/2020 03:30 PM	Windermere lake is overpopulated with water activities in the summer and I would not like to see what has happened there to happen to Columbia Lake.
Screen Name Redacted 5/31/2020 03:45 PM	There should be a marina in the area.
Screen Name Redacted 5/31/2020 05:21 PM	Having the lake for recreational use is likely the focal point of most people's recreation experience in this area and keeping it safe for that to continue is of great value to the community.
Screen Name Redacted 5/31/2020 08:13 PM	I do not want the lake to become over populated with boats. Currently speaking, I would like to maintain the amount of boats in the water.
Screen Name Redacted 5/31/2020 08:43 PM	Answered same as question 5 I don't have any issues with smaller, slower boats that are used for things like fishing. There are some regulations for this lake but I don't see them being enforced.
Screen Name Redacted 5/31/2020 08:52 PM	Better checks done to out of province boats
Screen Name Redacted 6/01/2020 08:57 AM	Ensuring that the north end stays free of more boat launches public or private is crucial to the well being of the lake. If a north boat launch is ever placed the boat traffic will be immense and therefore the ecosystem could be impacted.
Screen Name Redacted 6/01/2020 12:13 PM	Several scientific studies have reported a wide range of detrimental behavioral patterns for waterbirds in response to recreationists, whether intentional or not, including: - multiple flushing and extended flight times resulting in increased energy expenditure by birds - reduction of energy intake activities, including lost foraging opportunities and fewer resting periods - lowered productivity during nesting - increased incidences of nest abandonment and egg loss - discouragement of breeding in late-nesting pairs - disruption of pair bonding and parent-offspring bonds - reduced use of feeding, resting and breeding sites Repetitive disturbances at Columbia Lake could eventually cause ducks and other nesting species to nest elsewhere, or not at all.
Screen Name Redacted 6/01/2020 05:00 PM	I would not like to see Columbia Lake become another motorized playground for skiers, wake surfers and wake boarders. Let those folks go to Windermere Lake. I would rather see the lake used for non-motorized boating. I would be in favour of a small motor size limit so that non-athletic people can enjoy boating on the water. Columbia Lake can be a special place, not just another lake for us to trammel on. It is this uniqueness which in the long run will not

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(people will come to have the experience of this special place).

I walked to Armstrong Bay last weekend and saw Red-necked Grebes on the other side of the reeds doing their mating displays and then some motor boats came way too close and fast to this area, disturbing and scattering the grebes. In the past I saw Red-necked Grebes in Armstrong Bay creating a nest on the water but unfortunately with all the non motorized boats/paddle boards that come into the bay, when I went back a week later the nest was gone. These birds are easily disturbed and I feel that boat use to the bay should be limited or restricted completely. There are also other birds that use Armstrong Bay as do beavers and turtles so this is a highly sensitive area. I also feel motor boat use close to the reeds should not be allowed. Maybe a sign educating people about the sensitive area would be a start for non motorized boats. It is also very noisy due to the motor boats/jet skis/music from boats, which is frustrating.

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I'm concerned about the number and size of power vessels on the lake although I don't think it's critical yet. I'm more concerned about the increase in private mooring buoys. Speed restrictions the east could be better publicized

**Optional question** (207 response(s), 196 skipped)

**Question type:** Essay Question