LAKE MANAGERS REPORT JULY 2023

- A small amount of water continues to flow over the dam. I expect this flow will subside by the end of July and we will be activating Wells 1 and 2 sometime in August.
- Water clarity this month, again, remains strong, averaging 7ft throughout the lake.
 This time last year it was around 2-3ft and we were experiencing Planktonic algae outbreaks which affect water clarity significantly. The first application of ALUM Sulphate has helped in preventing these algae's thus far.

July 4th celebrations went smoothly. Lake
Patrol did a great job making sure everyone
stayed safe and executed boat tows
throughout the day/night for those with dead
batteries.

 Retired Rear Admiral Tim Sullivan will be kicking off the first of our annual Emergency Action Plan training meetings this month with WLMA Lake Patrol and myself. This will ensure we understand the EAP and the procedures to follow if an event were to occur.

 Lake Maintenance crew have been working diligently to pick up dead and loose pond weed that has been floating around the lake. Increased water clarity and more sunlight being able to penetrate through the lake has enabled aquatic grasses and Pond Weed to flourish. This is a great sign as to the health of the lake. Applications of aquatic herbicides are used to stunt the growth of these weeds and grasses during the summer to ensure they do not become too problematic and unsightly.

• We will be installing a 6x8ft Portable building at the launch ramp gate. This will be manned

by a part-time WLMA employee who will be monitoring every boat that comes in and out of the lake. This will ensure that the boats are dry (Quagga Mussel control) and have been registered with stickers attached to make sure they are going to the correct address/slip.

- Please remember, if you are using your boat after dark, it is imperative that your navigation lights, both bow and stern, are on, and in good working order. This is Lake Patrols biggest issue to control right now and is a serious safety issue. It is already hard enough to navigate the lake in the dark and the last thing we want to witness is an accident due to navigation lights not activated. Letters will be sent to boat owners whose navigation lights need to be repaired or replaced and a timeframe in which to do so.
- AquaThruster aerator installation continues at the cul-de-sacs of inlets. They are doing a great job moving water to prevent algae and scum buildup in these areas. If anyone that

does not have one and lives at the end of an inlet and would like one installed on your dock, please call the office. They will help your area!