

**Dear Senator Bob Morton, Rep. Joel Kretz and Rep Shelly Short:**

**We certainly appreciate Senator Morton's appearance at our October board meeting and readily took his suggestion to hold another meeting with residents, representatives and Steve Pozzanghera of Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. It was our understanding that Senator Morton would attend along with other State Representatives, Joel Kretz and Shelly Short. The only State Representative at the meeting was WDF&W's Regional Director, Steve Pozzanghera.**

**Of the approximately 50 residents in attendance, it appeared that 100% were in favor of putting a boat wash/inspection station at the parking lot, top of the boat launch of Diamond Lake. By the end of the meeting it was clear that the consensus was the same.**

**The DF&W's position is that the impending improvements to the boat launch in the summer of 2012 will generate more boat traffic and require more parking for recreational use. This increase will raise the risk of Aquatic Invasive Species finding its way into the lake. Now, WDF&W will not allow a boat wash/inspection station on the property until improvements are made and one year has lapsed, during which observations will be made on the parking situation. If the entire parking area is not needed then they will possibly give permission for use of a portion of that area. No matter the logic from the residents, WDF&W's position did not change.**

**Suggestions were made like downsizing the boat wash to the self containment system, off site boat wash, or parking in the alternative sites. Finally DLIA proposed a last resort compromise to be allowed to only inspect vessels at the launch. It is not adequate in protecting the lake and will inconvenience boaters. Boaters who are sent away in search of a boat wash are unlikely to visit Diamond Lake again which hinders the very recreational use which is WDF&W's main concern. After speaking with Pend Oreille County Sheriff, Alan Botzheim, we are in agreement that it will create many new problems will have to be addressed. Mr. Pozzanghera agreed to this compromise.**

**WDF&W claims "support" of DLIA's boat wash/inspection station. Our elected officials claim the same "support". DLIA is able and willing to make this happen but unfortunately cannot find the alleged "support" to establish the much needed station to prevent Aquatic Invasive Species. A resident at the meeting said it plainly, "I feel that the State does not care." The State claims prevention is a priority yet their own representative stated that although they are equally important, parking places take priority over a boat wash/inspection station.**

**Yet again the government controls even though the people are the government and the people have 100% agreement on this issue. The government controls even though 100% of the recreational users and residents at the meeting support the boat wash/inspection station. The government controls the protection and preservation of the natural resources of this state. The government controls leaving property owners, recreational users and connected waterways at risk of losing their natural resource to irreversible damage from Aquatic Invasive Species. The government controls as property values will diminish with these invasions. We, the people, have no control yet we pay for every aspect of the State government.**

**We are united in our commitment and we will continue to pursue this essential project. We implore you to put the "support" you so readily offered in theory into action. We need your help.**

**Sincerely,**

**Geri Guinn, President,**

**On Behalf of the Board of Directors of  
Diamond Lake Improvement Association**