



Wizard Lake Watershed & Lake Stewardship Association

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Message from the Chair:

Most people buy lakefront property, or visit lakes, to enjoy the natural scenic beauty and to take part in recreational activities. When we focus on the waterfront, however, our activities can adversely affect water quality and the lives of many species of fish and wildlife. These adverse effects can be minimized when we practice stewardship as we enjoy the use of the lake. Stewardship implies responsibility and obliges us to understand that what we do on the land and in the water affects the lake and our enjoyment of it. Our responsibility extends not just to our human neighbors, but also to all the plants and animals for which the lake is home, and whose presence enhances the quality and enjoyment of our time spent at the lake.

Boating Suggestions:

(courtesy of Federation of Alberta Naturalists)

- Drive at "no wake" speed near shores and in narrow areas.
- Never discharge black water.
- Avoid (even biodegradable) bilge cleaners.
- Safe cleaners:
 1. vinegar for disinfection
 2. baking soda for fiberglass
 3. olive oil for polishing
 4. tea tree oil for foul odors.
- Use bilge pillows or absorbent pads to soak up oil, fuel, or antifreeze; or install a bilge filter.
- Keep a tray under your battery to catch acid leaks or spills.
- Canoes, kayaks, sailboats, and paddleboats use no fuel and provide exercise in a serene peaceful setting.



- Slow down to 5 km/hr within 160m (500ft) from shore.
- A boat's wake can cause erosion and disturbance to birds nests on the water's edge.
- Practice safe refueling with no spillage.
- Use lead free leads and jigs as loons eat these and die.

Announcements:

- - Leduc County is hosting a public hearing regarding the new Land Use Bylaw (draft), on August 28th at 7 pm in the Nisku Recreation Center (606 - 18 Ave, Nisku). A copy of the draft may be viewed on the county website.
- Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup - would like to invite you to participate in a nationwide program known as the TD Canada Trust Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup, an environmental stewardship program aimed at removing litter from along Canadian waterways. It takes place the third week of every September. This year's dates are Sept 16-24.
- Blue-green algae blooms can be harmful to humans and animals, posing a serious health threat. While they are naturally present in many lakes, ponds, and streams, they may multiply greatly in the right conditions. Pigeon Lake has blue-green algae blooms and boaters and swimmers have been warned not to use the lake. (courtesy of 'the Pipestone Flyer')

Did You Know?

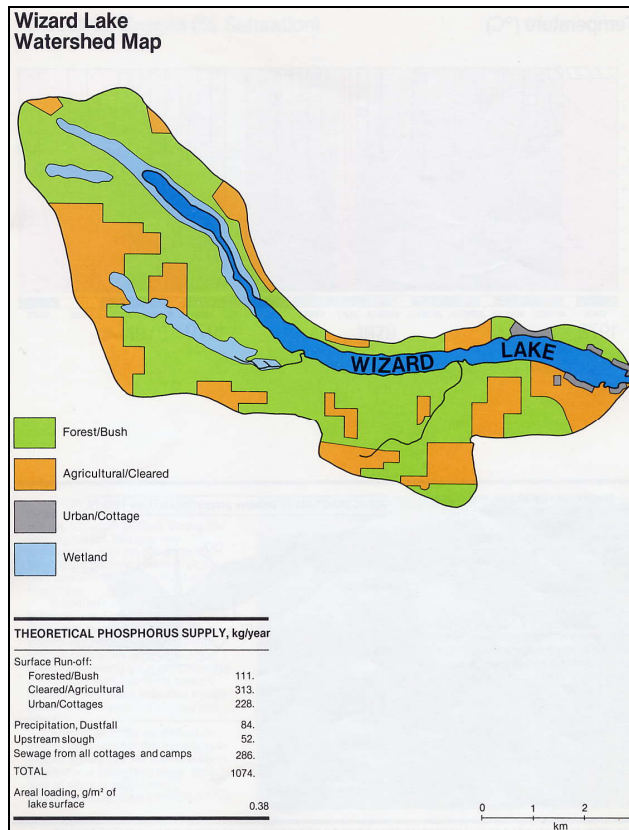
- an older 70 hp 2-stroke engine used for 2 hours produces more air pollution than driving a car 8000 kms?
- Aspartame was originally developed as an ant killer - try it!
- The vast majority of lakefront property owners in Alberta do *not* own the land right to

the water's edge. (The Public Lands Act, Section 3, states that the beds and shores of all naturally occurring lakes, rivers and streams, belong to the Government).

- You cannot prevent the public from using the shore or a reserve in front of your cottage. Seasonal piers and boat lifts located on a lake bed without a permit are technically (legally) a trespass on Crown land, thus it could be assumed to be public property. However, the owner of such a structure is liable for it and its use by others.
- Alberta has 800 lakes with fish, with 250,000 licensed anglers or 312 anglers per lake (compared to Ontario with 250,000 lakes and 585,000 licensed anglers or 2.3 per lake).

Additional Information Sites:

Alberta Conservation: www.ab-conservation.com
 Alberta Stewardship Network (ASN):
www.ab-stewardshipcanada.ca
 Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup:
www.vanaqua.org/cleanup
 County of Leduc: www.leduc-county.com
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