



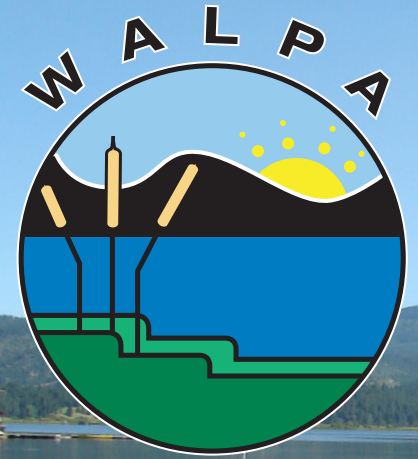
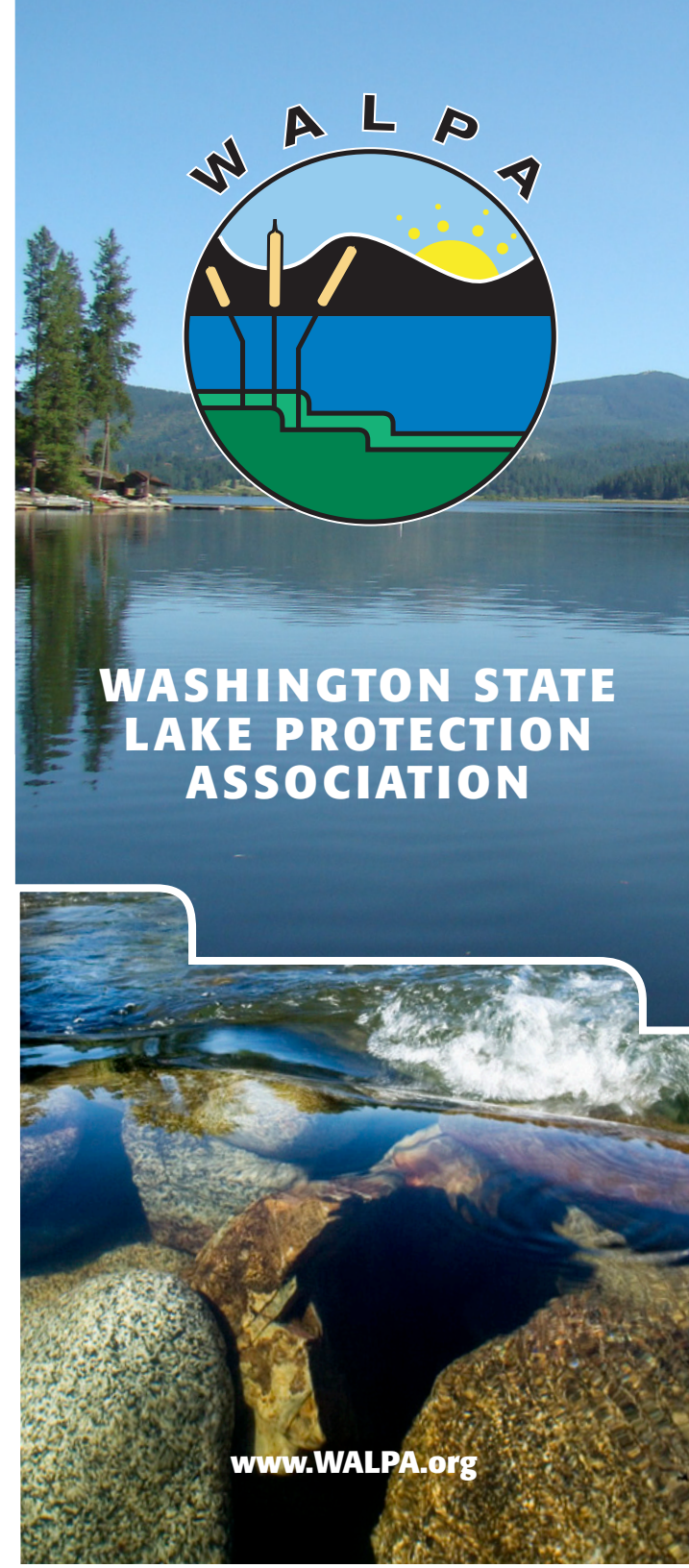
### Washington's 7800 lakes

provide a wealth of recreational opportunities, valuable fish and wildlife habitat and tranquil beauty. Clean lakes increase property values, boost local economic activity and employment, and add to a community's value.

To provide these benefits, our state's lakes need help and protection from people like you.



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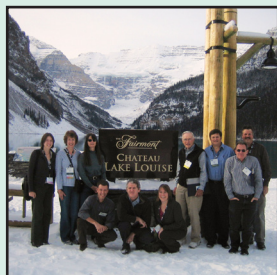


The Washington State Lake Protection Association (WALPA) is a non-profit organization formed in 1986 by volunteers concerned about the future of the state's lakes. WALPA membership includes lakeside residents, lake associations, recreational users, scientists, educators, legislators, and local and state agencies.

## WALPA offers members:

- ❖ WATERLINE, our quarterly newsletter
- ❖ Annual conference
- ❖ Legislative advocacy
- ❖ Scholarship opportunities for students
- ❖ Website, including job postings

WALPA members may serve on committees including By-laws, Public Policy and Legislative, Elections, Publications, Membership, Annual Conference, and Scholarship.



WALPA is an affiliate of the North American Lake Management Society (NALMS). NALMS' mission is to forge partnerships among citizens, scientists, and professionals to foster the management and protection of lakes and reservoirs for today and tomorrow. Together WALPA and NALMS provide a significant resource to help us all understand and protect lakes.



**Our mission through WALPA is to allow diverse interests to speak with one voice to protect lakes.**

We encourage and support programs for lake and watershed protection, restoration and management, provide educational resources and information about lake and watershed management, and foster communication and coordination among lake and watershed stakeholders.



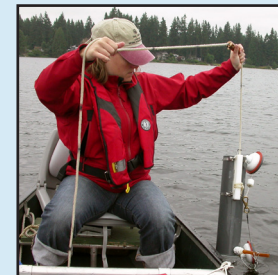
## Issues facing lakes include:

- ❖ Toxic and pervasive algae blooms
- ❖ Invasive plants and animals
- ❖ Pollution
- ❖ Stormwater
- ❖ Excessive nutrients
- ❖ Inappropriate watershed/shoreline development
- ❖ Lack of cohesive funding and support statewide for lakes



## Lakes need:

- ❖ Information and data sharing
- ❖ Program outreach and education efforts
- ❖ Watershed-wide project coordination among agencies and other interests, especially for larger restoration projects
- ❖ A statewide or regional approach to lake issues
- ❖ An active community supporting their protection



WALPA provides citizens of Washington a coordinated voice to advocate for lakes. Our legislative committee monitors state legislation and comments on bills that affect lakes, pursues and introduces legislation at the local and state level to protect the well-being of lakes. Major areas of focus include nutrient management, state-run lake and fresh water specific programs and invasive plants and animals.

Our successes include banning phosphorus from dishwasher soap and laundry detergents as well as advocating for lake management districts across Washington. WALPA also helped establish a fund to control invasive weeds and hold hearings on lake health.

