



Keeping Wabamun Lake Clean and Clear:

What we're doing – How you can help!

Background

- The Wabamun Watershed Management Council (WWMC) represents a cross-section of stakeholders in the watershed who are committed to developing a watershed management plan that sustains the natural viability and health of the Wabamun Watershed.
- The concept for the group was originally proposed by Dr. David Schindler in a report titled *Lake Wabamun: A Review of Scientific Studies and Environmental Impacts.*”
- The WWMC was formed in the fall of 2006.

Vision/Mission

- WWMC Vision: The Lake Wabamun watershed is a healthy ecosystem with a community that shares its collective responsibility to be the best stewards of that environment.
- WWMC Mission: To guide the development, management and stewardship of Lake Wabamun through collaborative watershed planning, research and public education.
- The WWMC operates on a consensus-based, collaborative governance model.

Membership – based on four sectors with four members

- Watershed Resident I - IV:
- Government:
 - Provincial
 - Federal
 - Municipal
 - First Nation/Metis
- Non-Government Organization:
 - NGO Recreational I & II
 - NGO Environmental I & II
- Industry/Business:
 - Industry I & II
 - Business
 - Agriculture



What we've been doing

- General communication and awareness building, e.g.
 - Web site at www.wwmc.ca
 - Newspaper articles & newsletters
 - Presentations to local municipalities and organizations
 - Wabamun Water Quality Report
- Reviewing and prioritizing issues – top issue for action is nutrient loading, e.g.
 - Reviewed background on issue via information sessions
 - Drafting and implementing Nutrient Reduction Strategy based on strategies that address barriers to action
- Beginning to explore content and scope for watershed management plan

Nutrient Reduction Strategy

- Strategy focuses on strategies to remove barriers to action on nutrient reduction for main sectors at lake:
 - Boaters
 - Watershed Residents
 - Municipalities
 - Government
 - Agriculture/Industry
- Proposed strategies in short, medium and long-term
- Developed action plan for pilot in 2008/09 focusing on Seba Beach, now expanded to rest of lake.



For boaters

How to
improve water quality
at Lake Wabamun:



**Responsible
Boating &
Boat Care**



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We pump-out!

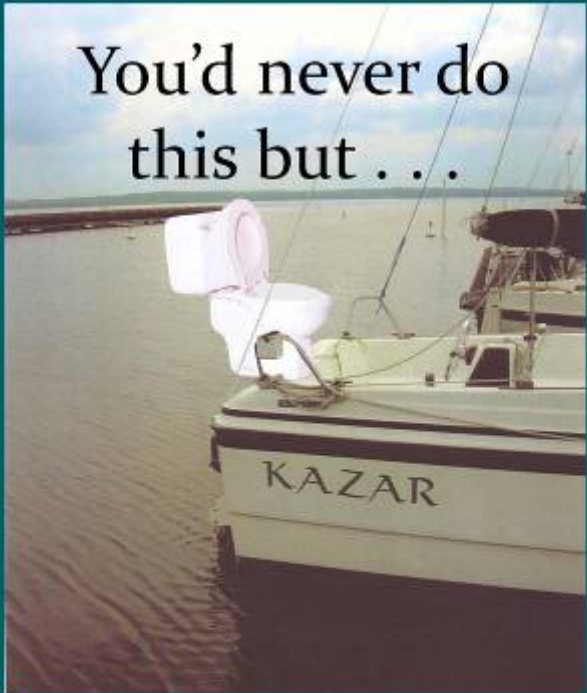


Do you?




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You'd never do
this but . . .



If you don't pump out your
holding tank, where is "it" going?

- Use a pump out system to empty your holding tank (like the free one at the Wabamun Marina)
- Empty your port-a-potty in an approved septic system
 - Learn more at www.wmmc.ca



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For watershed residents

How to
improve water quality
at Lake Wabamun:

Reducing Nutrient Loading

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You'd never do
this but . . .



Fertilizer spread near the shore can
also end up in the lake.

- Avoid fertilizer use if possible
- Use slow-release, organic options if necessary
- Maintain or plant shoreline buffers
- Learn more at www.wmmc.ca

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**Keep Wabamun Lake
Clean and Clear!**
Use phosphate free & lake friendly
product options such as

Home Hardware

Natura Ultra Laundry Detergent,
Cleaner, Lawn Fertilizer & much more
Nature Clean Household Cleaners
Soap Factory Stain Remover
Arm & Hammer Washing Soda

Specht's/Bigway

Norwex Laundry & Dishwasher
Detergents & Toilet Bowl Cleaner
Arm and Hammer Borax and
Washing Soda
Simply Clean Fabric Softener
Other personal care products

Save On Foods

Buffalo Recycled Laundry Soap
Ecover Dishwasher Tablets &
Household Cleaners
Seventh Generation Dishwashing
Detergent & Cleaners
Nature Clean Household Cleaners

Safeway

Method Household Cleaners
Arm & Hammer Laundry Detergent

Superstore

Green Dishwasher Detergent,
Coldwater Laundry Detergent, Toilet
Bowl Cleaner & Oxygen Bleach

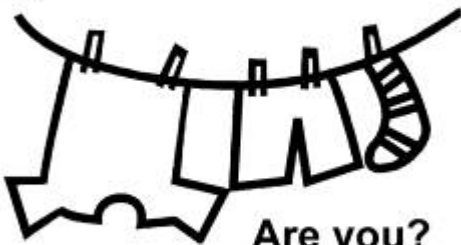
Shopper's Drug Mart

Life Biolife Dish Soap
Method Household Cleaners

Earth's General Store,
Planet Organic & Organic Roots
Variety of Household Cleaners such
as Nature Clean, Biovert, Ecover and
Seventh Generation (some in bulk)

You can also make your own
household cleaners - visit
www.wmmc.ca to learn how!

We're Phosphate Free!

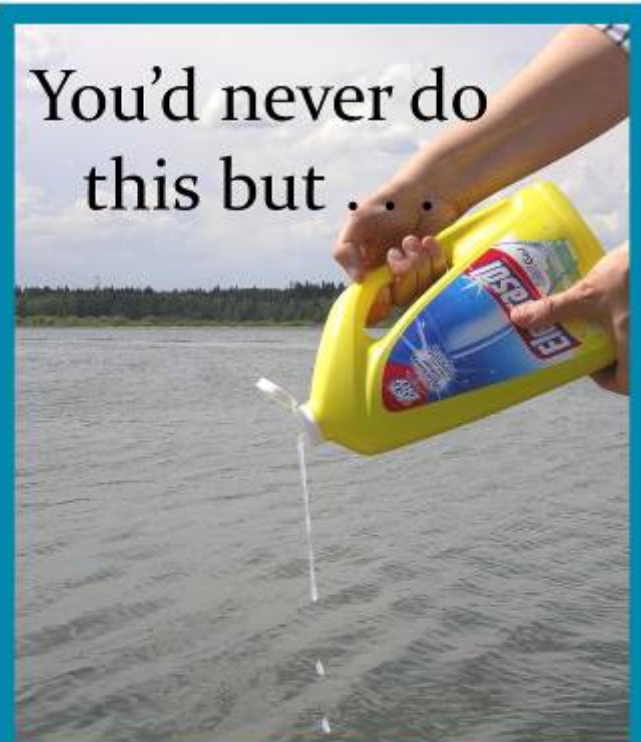


Are you?



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You'd never do
this but



Nutrients from household cleaners
can end up in the lake.

- Use phosphate free household cleaners
- Ensure grey water is directed to a sewage system
 - Maintain your sewage system
 - Learn more at www.wmmc.ca



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For watershed residents

How to improve water quality at Lake Wabamun:

Sewage System Care and Maintenance



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Do you?

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You'd never do this but . . .



Poorly maintained sewage systems can add nutrients to the lake.

- Replace your outhouse with a better sewage system
 - Maintain your sewage system
- Consider upgrading to a holding tank
 - Learn more at www.wmmc.ca

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Homesite Consultation Program

- Free, voluntary, homesite consultations based on the Alberta Naturalists (FAN) “Living By Water” program, and conducted by a trained specialist.
- The objective is to help homeowners improve practices that may impact water quality and other environmental issues.

Help Keep Wabamun Lake Clean and Clear



Maintaining the health of Wabamun Lake, its shoreline and its water quality is a shared community responsibility.



By evaluating how you live on your property you can become aware of your impact on the lake.



Homesite Consultations teach you the positive actions you can make to your property to maintain healthy lakes and improve water quality.

Homesite Consultations will be available in Moonlight Bay and area on the weekends of:

- July 3 & 4
- July 10 & 11
- July 24 & 25
- August 7 & 8
- August 14 & 15

To book your Homesite Consultation contact:

Homesite Consultation Coordinator

Verne Schneider
Moonlight Bay
(780) 497-0348
vschneid@telus.net
www.wwmc.ca



The Homesite Consultation Program is brought to you by:



Shoreline Restoration Information Session



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Don't miss out - register early!

*Shoreline Naturalization
Information Session -
Making it beautiful the natural way!*



Find out how to transform a shoreline like this, into something more beautiful, natural and functional.

Saturday, August 29 - 1 to 3 p.m.
Aldridge Arbor (#591 - 1st Avenue North) Seba Beach

For more information and to register contact:
Kelly Aldridge at (780) 953-2695
or visit www.wwmc.ca

Please consider

- Telling others what you know and encourage them to reduce nutrients.
- Staying informed about the work of the WWMC by visiting www.wwmc.ca
- Joining the WWMC mailing list by visiting the web site or emailing info@wwmc.ca

Questions or Comments?



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