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To: DES Capitol Lake
Subject: April 28; Comments on Lake
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Dear Capitol Lake Comments;

The 2015 WA Legislature included language in the capital budget for the 2015-17 biennium, directing WA Enterprise Services to make progress on reaching an agreement about the long-term management of Capitol Lake. This included building on the recommendations from the 2014 Ruckelshaus Center Situation Assessment report and other past work.

The proviso directs Enterprise Services to prepare a report to submit to the Legislature by Jan. 1, 2017. The report is expected to summarize efforts of the work group focusing on the following issues identified in the proviso:

- Identification of common goals for the future management of Capitol Lake.
- Identification of management alternatives, including hybrid approaches of a lake or estuary in which- freshwater from the Deschutes River would mix with the saltwater of Puget Sound.
- Best available science concerning water quality and habitat.
- A sustainable funding plan for future management alternatives.
- A shared governance structure to manage implementation of an immediate plan and oversee the water body over the long-term.
- Other related activities including sediment management and flood mitigation.

Enterprise Services manages the lake as part of the Capitol Campus. The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) owns the tidelands beneath the lake. Enterprise Services manages the day-to-day operations.

I support the estuary option. I have lived in Olympia, near the lake, for the past 30 years. The lake smells. The lake is a mess, full of New Zealand snails. I support salt water instead, take down the dam.

Thank You,
Lisa Riener