







Lake Stevens 2021 Health Report

Lake Health = EXCELLENT

The lake health is excellent as alum treatments keep phosphorus and algae low. Actions are still needed to prevent pollution and improve shoreline health.

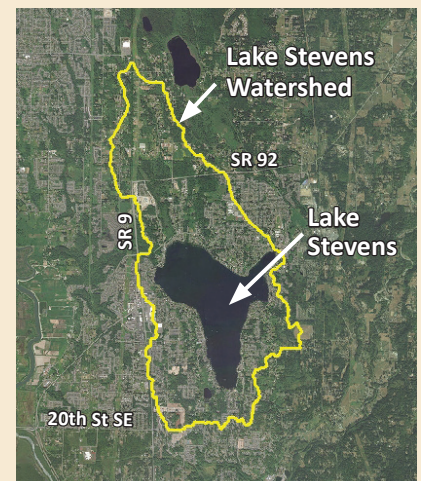
Health Indicators	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	Details
 Water Clarity <i>Visibility in water</i>	[Blue bar representing Excellent]				Excellent – Average clarity is 24.9 feet and is getting better.
 Phosphorus <i>Keeping it low prevents algae</i>	[Blue bar representing Excellent]				Excellent – Phosphorus levels are low as a result of ongoing alum treatments.
 Algae <i>Problematic if too much</i>	[Blue bar representing Excellent]				Excellent – Algae levels are low. The lake rarely has toxic algae blooms.
 Shorelines <i>Shoreline plants protect the lake</i>	[Maroon bar representing Poor]	[Grey bar representing Fair]	[Grey bar representing Good]	[Grey bar representing Excellent]	Poor – Only 16% of the lake shoreline has trees and shrubs rather than lawns.

Possible ratings include: ■ Poor ■ Fair ■ Good ■ Excellent

Based on data collected from 2013-2020. For additional details and data, visit www.lakes.surfacewater.info.

Lake Stevens Watershed

The properties inside the yellow line drain to the lake and make up the lake's watershed. The area outside the yellow line drains to other lakes, streams or rivers.



Lake Stevens Facts

- ◆ Lake Stevens is the largest and deepest natural lake in the county, and is a destination kokanee fishery.
- ◆ To reduce phosphorus pollution the world's largest aeration system was installed in 1994.
- ◆ In 2013 the aerator was replaced with cost-effective alum treatments that reduce phosphorus and prevent algae.
- ◆ Lake Stevens has the highly invasive plant Eurasian watermilfoil, which is treated annually in the spring.

Take Action to Keep Stevens Healthy

I Love Lake

Make small changes on your property to prevent phosphorus pollution (see reverse side).

Retain Trees & Shrubs

Keep or plant more trees and shrubs. They reduce and clean polluted runoff.

Prevent Milfoil

Clean, drain and dry your boat before launching or leaving the lake to prevent the spread of invasive plants.

See back for details on how you can help.

