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Update on Potholes Algae Algae found in Moses Lake

Potholes

Algae continues to be present in Potholes Reservoir. However, new test results from Lind Coulee and the State Park were found to have toxin levels **below** the Washington State Recreational Guidelines. Only after two consecutive weeks of tests below the action level can the Grant County Health District (GCHD) downgrade the alert level or remove the warning signs.

When a WARNING is posted along a shoreline, GCHD recommends:

- Do not drink lake water.
- Avoid swimming, wading or other activities in the water.
- Keep pets from having contact with or drinking water.
- Clean fish well and discard guts
- Avoid areas of algae scum when boating

Moses Lake

Algae has been identified in Moses Lake. Test results for toxin found the levels to be **below** the Washington State Recreational Guidelines. However, **Caution** signs have been posted.

When a CAUTION is posted along a shoreline, GCHD recommends:

- Do not drink lake water.
- Avoid swimming, wading or other activities in areas of algae scum.
- Keep pets from having contact with or drinking water.
- Clean fish well and discard guts.
- Avoid areas of algae scum when boating.

Questions can be referred to the Grant County Health District at (509) 754-6060.

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