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Issue 1

2005 Milfoil Marauders Events Calendar

Saturday, April 9th
PUBLIC MEETING
11:30 A.M.
Senior Center
Port Angeles

Join us for an educational and informative talk on the Lake Sutherland Milfoil problem. Bring your questions.

Saturday, June 11th
First Survey
Meets at Maple Grove
9 A.M. - 4 P.M.
Maple Grove residents will be
Providing lunch, Contact
Gene Unger.

Tuesday, July 12th
Steering Committee Meeting
6 P.M.

Parks Meeting Room
Old Courthouse

Saturday, July 16th
Second Survey
Meets at Maple Grove
9 A.M. - 4 P.M.

Longfellow Road residents will be providing lunch,
contact Mike Price.



Tuesday, August 16th
Steering Committee Meeting
6 P.M.

Parks Meeting Room
Old Courthouse

Saturday, August 22nd
Third Survey
Meets at Maple Grove
9 A.M. - 4 P.M.

South Shore Road will be providing lunch, contact
Theresa Schmid

Get Involved - Stay Informed

There are many ways to get involved in protecting the waters of Lake Sutherland from this very aggressive weed, Eurasian Milfoil.

During the summer there are three scheduled dive surveys for Eurasian Milfoil. They meet at Maple Grove, break off into teams and spend the day looking, pulling and marking for milfoil. Lunch is provided as well as air for the divers.

Some of the ways you can get involved are listed below. If you aren't a diver or don't own a boat you can still come out on survey days and participate and learn about this aggressive weed in our lake and see what it takes to keep it in control. We are always looking for more volunteers.

Call one of the potluck coordinators and give them a hand. It's fun, educational and you'll meet others interested in preserving our lake for the future.

Survey/Control Teams (need ten teams for each event) Event days are listed in the calendar on page 1.

Divers- (to survey and pull milfoil) air is provided

Skimmers (on the surface from a boat or dock) nets provided

Boat Operators (transport equipment and teams to dive spots)

Camera/Recording (document and organize surveyors)

Potluck Organization (lunch and snacks are provided for the survey teams)

Data Entry/ Mapping (Update computer records)

For more information on how you can help or if you have questions or comments, please contact:

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New barrier crew getting ready to place the fabric barriers

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11:30 A.M.
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This is an informational and educational meeting on milfoil and how it has and is affecting Lake Sutherland. This meeting is

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Newsletter Notes

This is the first issue of your Lake Sutherland Community Newsletter. We hope you will find the information here informative, educational and interesting.

Our plan is to publish twice a year. Once in the

spring and once in the fall.

If you have items you think would be of interest to the Lake Community please let us know.

Old pictures and historical information about your area of the lake

would be especially interesting.

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Safety Tips !!

- Did you know? Everyone 12 and under must wear a coast guard approved life vest when traveling in a boat.
- The lake has a particular traffic pattern for the safety of all boaters, swimmers and skiers. All boats, large and small must follow this counter-clockwise pattern around the lake.
- Watch for Diver Flags in boats and along the shore. These are your Milfoil Marauders at work. The people with the flags are the eyes and ears of the divers below.



Jan Snyder with his Milfoil Marauder Boat

How Committee members were chosen

Lake Sutherland Management District 2 was established on October 19, 2004. A notice of vacancies was issued to the local media inviting interested persons who own property at Lake Sutherland to apply. From those applications the above individuals were appointed to a term expiring December 31, 2009.

A Legend of Lake Sutherland

Have you ever wondered, while relaxing on a warm, sunny summer day — perhaps during a lull in the background noise from boats, planes and jet skis — how Lake Sutherland came to be? It seems in so many ways to be a perfect place for respite and recreation. When it's calm, breezes whisper and breathe ripples across the water.

An aboriginal legend of the creation of Lake Sutherland survives in different versions in at least two books and one newspaper article. In our family this legend was known only because of yellowing photocopied pages, made from a book and given to us years ago by Mary Lou Finley, a college professor whose parents operated Maple Grove Resort when she was a girl.

The story was copied from a rare book entitled "Lore of the Olympic Land," by Mary Gay Morse. A brief representation of the legend also appears in another work, a compilation of Indian stories entitled "Indian Legends of the Pacific Northwest."

The legend apparently is also recounted in a book by Harriet U. Fish (Tracks, Trails and Tales in Clallam County) and in a newspaper article she wrote in the Jan. 18, 1984, edition of The Chronicle (apparently a former local weekly publication).

According to Ms. Fish, the version she recounted (virtually identical to the copy from Lore of the Olympic Land) was written by Morse in 1911, although Beth Witters of the Port Angeles Library reported that the book was published in 1924. The writer was the daughter of an early Port Angeles merchant, David Morse.

The story is written with quaint but culturally insensitive references to the aboriginal people of the Olympic Peninsula (such as the use of the adjective "savage" and a reference to the "Happy Hunting Grounds").

The legend is charming nevertheless for its characterization of the lake — and a much more romantic account of the lake's birth than the geological explanation.

Here is "A Legend of Lake Sutherland":

About eighteen miles west of the city of Port Angeles lies Lake Sutherland, a beautiful little summer resort encircled by the Olympic Mountains and caressed by soft woodland breezes.

There is an old Indian legend of this charming mountain mirror that has long since been forgotten if indeed it were ever known, by most of the pioneers of Puget Sound — a tale, however, nonetheless believed and oft recounted by Indians, having come to them through time-old tradition.

Many moons ago, long before the coming of the white man, there lived near the foothills of the Olympic Mountains a little Indian maiden named Naketa. Among all the people of her tribe none was so well beloved as she. Her heart was as tender and gentle as a fawn's, and when she spoke it was as the rippling of the mountain streams that flow through the meadows. She loved the tall cedars and stately pines, and when in winter the wind moaned sadly through their branches, the melancholy strain was as music to her ears, for with all her savage soul this child of nature loved the minor melodies of the forest.

When the autumn came it was the custom of the Indians to go into the woods in quest of herbs with which to make medicine. On one fatal occasion the little Naketa also wandered away in search of such roots. Farther and farther over the hills she roamed until her tender feet grew tired and the daylight

began to fade. Soon it was totally dark, but she kept on for she feared the forest and the hooting of the owls which echoed weirdly in the distance. Finally she knew that she was lost and her heart was frozen in terror. Deeper into the woods she journeyed, until at last, from exhaustion, she lay down under a log and fell asleep.

In the morning Naketa was missed by her people. For three days the mountains were traversed by the Indians in search of her, but to no avail. On the fourth day, however, the remains of the child were found with the limbs torn from the body and a pool of blood nearby. It was believed that she had been killed by a wild beast, perhaps one of the large black bears that roamed the foothills.

Great was the grief of the whole tribe as it bewailed the death of the little maid, and according to their custom, mournful dirges were sung and tomtoms beaten as they buried her, consigning her soul to the land of the Happy Hunting Grounds.

Little Naketa was gone, but, ah!, the Great Spirit loves to honor the memory of those who are kind and gentle, and so it was that when the sun rose the next morning there appeared a beautiful lake which covered the place of her grave. Its waters were as clear as crystal and as blue as the sky in summer. The lake has been named Sutherland, but the Indians call it Naketa, for they say the birds appear above it every autumn and call, "Naketa, Naketa," and that in answer a gentle ripple passes over the water. Whether this be true, I know not, but there is a calm, a quiet, that pervades the air around Lake Sutherland, now famed for its scenic beauty, that is found but rarely in any other place, and a feeling of repose invariably comes to one as he gazes on its sun-kissed waters where the reflections of the clouds and the pine trees play peek-a-boo. As the years come and go old traditions are forgotten, but the little lake still nestles in the bosom of the Olympic foothills as a child resting in the arms of the Infinite.

Footnotes:

When "whites" came west and "discovered" the lake, it became known as Sutherland, named for John Sutherland, a trapper who is supposed to have visited the lake in the 1860s.

According to Ms. Fish, the name of the mountain that shades the lake was known as Mt. Mirror in legend; however, Dr. Finley, who came to the lake early in the 1950s, said she had never heard that name used. The mount to the north was always known as "Strawberry Mountain," and the ridge to the southeast as "Baldy Ridge," she recalled.

— John Marrs, Heron Cove



Divers near Maple Grove Dock