

## 2C - LAKE AND RESERVOIR MANAGEMENT

**Comprehensive management plans for surface use and water quality protection should be developed for lakes and reservoirs in the state.**

### Discussion:

Idaho is a land of numerous lakes and reservoirs. These waters provide the public with aesthetics, wildlife values, recreational opportunities, and economic potential. Many lakes and reservoirs in the state have experienced declining water quality, surface crowding, losses in scenic values, and physical damage to the shoreline. Comprehensive management plans for surface use ~~focused on ,relative to~~ public safety, and water quality protection can address these problems.

Each lake or reservoir has its own set of needs and constraints which must be considered. County and city government, the local public, land managers, and user groups of the lake or reservoir and its watershed, should be involved in plan development and implementation. The ~~Idaho Water Resource~~ Board supports collaboration and partnerships which protect the interests of communities, the environment, and the state. Idaho statutes have been enacted which established programs to protect lakes. Programs have been implemented in the five northern counties through the implementation of the Clean Lakes Act passed by the Idaho Legislature in 1989 (Chapter 64, Title 39, Idaho Code), Big Payette lake through the Big Payette Lake Water Quality Act, passed in 1993 (Chapter 66, Title 39, Idaho Code) and in the Pend Oreille basin through the Lake Pend Oreille, Pend Oreille River, Priest Lake and Priest River Commission, passed in 2003 (Chapter 84, title 39, Idaho Code). These programs illustrate successful collaboration strategies ~~through the establishment of by establishing~~ commissions and councils ~~charged with identifying ways to which~~ protect these valuable resources while recognizing existing authorities.

### Implementation Strategies:

- ~~Participate in Support~~ regional councils and commissions ~~through participation and encouragement~~
- ~~ProvideSupply~~ technical data as requested to assist in developing lake management plans