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Poison will wipe out lake's aquatic life to kill tui chub

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DIAMOND LAKE — State workers will begin dropping the level of Diamond Lake this month to prepare it for administration of a poison that will wipe out its aquatic life to get rid of an infestation of non-native fish.

The \$5.5 million project in the lake east of Roseburg targets an estimated 90 million tui chub that have altered the environmental balance of the popular fishing lake, creating toxic blooms of algae during the summer that have closed the lake at times to most recreational use.

A gate will open at the north end of the 3,000-acre lake, eventually dropping the level 8 feet from its 50-foot depth and shrinking the lake to 2,600 acres.

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In 2006, 65 tons of rotenone, a poison, will be added, killing all fish and aquatic life.

The lake will be restocked with trout in 2007.

About one half of the fish will sink, the other half will float in what is likely to be a smelly, putrid kill-off.

The dead fish will be skimmed off and possibly used for fish fertilizer.

The once deep-blue waters of the mile-high lake have clouded in recent years as the chub proliferated.

Brought in as bait from the Klamath Basin, the chubs multiplied like locusts, elbowing out rainbow trout to the ratio of 200 to 1.

Diamond Lake is one of the most

popular year-round forest retreats in Oregon. Visitors can choose from some 500 campsites or Diamond Lake Lodge.

The Roseburg-based conservation group Umpqua Watersheds opposed the plan, likening it to treating Diamond Lake as if it were a bathtub to be drained and filled at will.

Some in the conservation community support the plan, as long as it is done carefully.

"They're stuck, because they got such a bio mess, and it becomes so putrid it's a health hazard," said Bill Bakke, executive director of Portland-based Native Fish Society. "Considering the situation, I do think it is the right thing to do."

Diamond Lake had no fish in it until the state stocked it with trout in 1910 to form a recreational fishery.

The tui chub was introduced in the mid-1900s, biologists think. The state lowered the lake and zapped it with rotenone in 1954 and thought the problem was solved.

But the fish showed up again in 1992.

Last summer a canal from the 1954 poisoning was excavated again. The outlet was rebuilt and crews are installing a new headgate.

The lake will be open for fishing again in April 2006, and the Diamond Lake Lodge will remain open year-round. The lake may be closed to the public briefly in September, when the rotenone is applied.

Rotenone breaks down quickly and will be non-detectable within three to four weeks. No water will be released until that time after the fish are killed to prevent problems downstream.

A commercial fishing firm will be hired to net as many fish as possible before the poisoning in September, then take out the dead fish.

Gwerder: Worked to support his education

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called 911 and told them Gwerder was armed and making suicidal statements on the phone, The Oregonian newspaper reported. Police said he had been drinking alcohol and had a history of aggressive behavior when drinking, the newspaper reported.

Gwerder was a biology student who had attended the University since fall 2002 after transferring from Portland Community College. This term, he was attending Portland State University, where he was taking the first of the last two classes needed for his bachelor's degree.

University student Nate Grant, who worked for years with Gwerder at Market of Choice near 29th Avenue and Willamette Street, said he attended a memorial service for Gwerder on Saturday and about 60 people attended. About half of them were his friends, Grant said.

Heather Simmons, a fellow University biology student and a friend of Gwerder, said he had a goofy sense of humor, even when he introduced her to the hot dog stand near East 13th Avenue and Kincaid Street, where he often ate.

"He told me: 'This is your fat and

salt content for the day. You just got to have one,'" said Simmons, who got a call from a distraught Gwerder the day he was killed.

Grant said he first remembers Gwerder's sense of humor.

"He was the first to crack a joke, definitely the center of attention as far as keeping things lively," he said. Simmons said she also remembers that, "Ray was a good listener. He always listened to me for hours when I had trouble of my own."

Grant, who met Gwerder about three years ago, said when Gwerder spoke individually with friends, he made them feel like they were the only important people in the world, and he was definitely a morale booster.

Gwerder, a former chef, also once brought Simmons sausages and potatoes while she was the University's Science Library, Simmons said. His personal favorites were Indian, Mediterranean and Mexican foods, and he especially liked burritos, Simmons said Gwerder also had to work quite a lot at Market of Choice to support himself while attending school full time. Gwerder became disillusioned with his major and left Eugene for Portland because he was

unhappy and frustrated here, Simmons said.

"He was one of those guys who was trying and was struggling, and you just really wanted to help him succeed," she said.

Director of Undergraduate Advising and Research Assistant Professor Pat Lombardi, who worked with Gwerder in the biology department's advising center, said the loss of Gwerder's potential is what makes him saddest. Gwerder visited the office's staff two or three times a week to ask questions and seek program guidance.

Gwerder became distraught because he felt like he was never going to graduate, Lombardi wrote in an e-mail.

"I think what we are most deeply saddened by is the tremendous loss of potential for a peaceful person who had (such a) good heart," Lombardi wrote. "We were all so hopeful for him for graduating and taking the next big step in his life. I am certain he would have sensed a tremendous sense of accomplishment in graduating."

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Kelly: Mulligan to run for council position

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council has affected his work as a teacher at Lane Community College.

City councilors earn a salary of about \$1,000 per month, and some work other jobs to supplement their incomes.

So far, only one candidate has stepped forward to run for Kelly's seat — former Eugene Budget Committee chairman Bruce Mulligan.

In his statement, Kelly invited any possible candidates to contact him to discuss the job, but he did not mention Mulligan.

"I hope that someone who shares my values, my commitment to this community and the determination to make a difference will step forward to run for the

position," Kelly said in the statement. "Such an individual would receive my strong support."

Mulligan said he has not spoken with Kelly about the position yet but feels he has a good understanding of the work load of a city councilor from his six years as a member of the budget committee.

Mulligan didn't decide to run because of dislike for the way Kelly was doing his job; rather, he chose to seek the office to highlight issues that are important to him, Mulligan said.

"I'm not dissatisfied with David," Mulligan said. "I wanted to get these issues out."

Mulligan hopes to improve access to health care for low-income

individuals and to set up a committee to examine projects and funding options for park area in Eugene.

Mulligan, a Eugene resident since 1980, also sees this as an opportunity to continue to serve his city.

"I really love the city, and it's something I want to do to give back," Mulligan said.

Mulligan said he respects anyone who would take on the work of a councilor.

"My hat's off to anyone who serves," Mulligan said. "It's a lot of work for not much more than a 'Thank you.'"

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