



Lake Tapps

Regional Recreational Gem Today and Water Supply Source for Tomorrow

Lake Tapps is a reservoir in Pierce County, Washington, created in 1911 when Puget Sound Energy built a series of dikes around several smaller lakes. Water was diverted from the White River into Lake Tapps to generate hydro-electric power for Puget. When Puget stopped producing power, it sold the lake to the Cascade Water Alliance, a nonprofit corporation comprised of eight East and South King County cities and water and sewer districts. Cascade will manage the lake for recreation and develop the lake for future water supply.

Cascade is committed to maintaining lake levels for recreation, providing enhanced in-stream flows in the White River for fisheries, as well as working with all regional partners to ensure safe, clean water for fish, for people and for fun. Water management for the future must be planned today, and Cascade will work with the community as future plans are developed.

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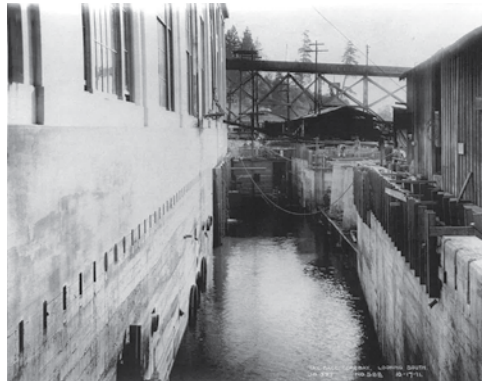
- 4.5 miles long and 2.5 miles wide
- Surface area of 2,740 acres
- 45 miles of shoreline
- Active storage area of 48,000 sq feet
- Home to bass, trout, carp and other species



Currently, Cascade is completing the 2010 planning process for its Transmission and Supply Plan, where various options will be reviewed and a preferred plan selected. This may include future pipes from Lake Tapps to water supply infrastructure to bring the water to its members. Routes and options will be reviewed and adopted by Cascade's board, with construction many years away.

Cascade, which recently signed an agreement with other public entities to obtain easements along the Burlington Northern Rail corridor, will add that to its list of possible options.

The use of Lake Tapps for water supply, restoration of the White River fishery and recreation requires a balanced, cooperative approach. Key to ensuring this approach are agreements with the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe, the Puyallup Tribe of Indians, Pierce County, the communities and the residents around the lake as well as the Army Corps of Engineers as they operate Mud Mountain Dam.



The powerhouse on the White River



Construction on facilities on the White River

