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My comments relate to the "Restoration Activities - Other Non-Commercial" portion of the Draft Proposed Action document, specifically the Bead Lake boat launch dock and Parking Expansion.

Regarding the Bead Lake boat launch dock, I suggest defining "a small dock" to have the characteristics defined by the Pend Oreille County Master Shoreline Program for an individual boat dock in the April 2016 Pend Oreille County Shoreline Master Program User Guide pages 6-8. See attached document.

A full time host for the boat launch is a requirement for safety and efficient operation of this facility. In addition, assignment of responsibility for dock management is required, particularly for appropriate dock positioning with lake level fluctuations, prohibition of unintended uses such as picnicking, swimming, and loitering, and trash management.

Dock signage should be provided informing lake users of guidance for milfoil dispersal mitigation in accordance with the Bead Lake Clean Water Association's Invasive Aquatic Vegetation Management Plan.

Regarding Parking Expansion at Bead Lake, I suggest include a boat washing station with water source and scrub wand, and signage encouraging compliance with "Clean, Drain, and Dry" guidance from the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife for limiting risk of spreading invasive species between water bodies.

The above suggestions relate to Objective #2: Improve water quality and aquatic/riparian habitat conditions and Objective #4: Provide opportunities for members of the public to connect to the landscape and projects that can contribute to the local economy

I also suggest including in the proposal a fire station in the Bead Lake area with emergency responders. If the recreation portion of the project is successful, many more people will be utilizing the Bead Lake area at all times of the year and emergencies are inevitable. The fire station should have adequate space for a staging area for future fire suppression activities in the region.