

Resolution #25-01

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BLACK LAKE SPECIAL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD
REGARDING HERBICIDES FOR AQUATIC PLANT CONTROL**

WHEREAS, Resolution 14916 of the Board of County Commissioners, Thurston County, recognized the benefits of a special district for the purposes of aquatic plant control and water quality enhancements of Black Lake. Black Lake Special District (BLSD) formation was confirmed by the voters, pursuant to RCW 85.38 on November 19, 2013;

WHEREAS, Clean, healthy lakes are dependent upon aquatic plants. They absorb phosphorus and produce dissolved oxygen that fish and other aquatic life depend on for survival. Plant root systems stabilize sediment both within and around lakes, reducing shoreline erosion and helping to keep lakes clear;

WHEREAS, Herbicides are one method for aquatic plant control. Herbicides application must follow the regulations of the Washington Department of Ecology and the Department of Fish and Wildlife.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:

Section 1. Aquatic herbicides will only be applied where plant densities in high use areas are creating barriers to recreational uses. These areas are typically in the littoral zone in front of lakefront parcels with homes, docks or parks.

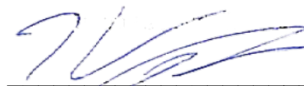
Section 2. A parcel owner may request “no herbicides” for the waters bordering their parcel. The request may be made by mail, email or telephone to the BLSD. The request will remain active from year to year, unless notified by the owner in writing to the BLSD. When the parcel owner changes, the request will be voided.

Section 3. The BLSD will inform herbicide applicators of “no herbicides” requests. To help ensure adherence to the requests, parcel owners should post “no herbicides” signage on their shoreline before the scheduled dates for herbicide applications. The signage will be provided by the BLSD.


ADOPTED by the Black Lake Special District Governing Board on May 19, 2025.



Commissioner



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ATTEST: