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Health Advisory Lifted for Upper and Lower Twin Lakes

KOOTENAI CO., ID – Panhandle Health District (PHD) and the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) have lifted the health advisory for upper and lower Twin Lakes. The health advisory remains in place for Fernan Lake.

Intermittent scum has been observed in the channel of Twin Lakes, so the public is advised to take caution in that area. After continuous monitoring and water sample collection and testing, DEQ confirmed levels have returned to normal and toxin levels are below the safety threshold on upper and lower Twin Lakes.

The advisory was issued in late July for lower Twin Lake and the channel and later extended to upper Twin Lake. DEQ has indicated that the likelihood of another bloom this year is unlikely based on the time of year and expected weather.

PHD and DEQ advise users to be cautious in and around areas if scum is visible. Water users should always exercise caution around water bodies with visible slime, surface scum, or a foul odor. High concentrations of toxin-producing cyanobacteria, also known as harmful algal blooms or blue-green algae, may cause illness to both humans and animals.

Report any concerns to DEQ at (208) 769-1422. For information on cyanobacteria blooms and a map of recreation water quality health advisories in Idaho, visit www.deq.idaho.gov/recreation-health-advisories.

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