Beginning the week of February 14th 2022 contractor, Copenhaver Construction Inc. began working on the execution of a project permitted by the Idaho Department of Lands (IDL) and Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) to install 2 bank barbs in Kalispel Creek and allow for the dredging and excavating of 1,000 cubic feet of lake bed materials/sediment around an existing pier and dock in Kalispel Bay.

After concerned community members contacted SCA and regulatory agencies it was discovered that the permittee had violated several stipulations of the IDL and IDWR encroachment and 404 permits.

Including (but not limited to):

- The IDWR permit for work (bank barbs) in Kalispel Bay expired in December of 2020
- The permittee failed to notify both IDL (required 10 day notice) and IDWR (required 3 day notice) prior to starting work on site.
- Appropriate Best Management Practices (BMP's) to prevent sediment from entering the lake and stream were not in place when work began on site.
- The operation of equipment below the ordinary high water mark (OHM)
- Permittee was required to obtain a Land Use Permit (LUP) from IDL for sand removal before any dredging or excavation occurred and did not.

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**UPDATE ON KALISPEL BAY DREDGING WORK**

IDWR denied the permittee an extension on the expired permit. The bank barbs in the stream are no longer going to be installed after IDWR had some internal discussions. The focus is going to be on bank slope and planting natural vegetation.

IDWR is issuing a Notice of Violation to the permittee that is being handled by the state coordinator for the Stream Channel Protection Program with direction from IDWR Compliance Bureau.

Currently, state and federal management agencies are waiting to see what happens with spring runoff in order to determine what the condition of the bank is and what kind of restoration will be needed for the stream channel.

Currently, according to IDL the stream/lake project work has been completed and the contractor has finished cleaning up around the docks and boat lifts to the south and exited the site.

Without the help of concerned citizens and community members alerting SCA and regulatory agencies the disruption to Kalispel Creek and Kalispel Bay could have been considerably more extensive!

SCA will continue to watchdog the site and work with regulatory agencies and the community to ensure the site is fully restored to pre-construction conditions.

**SPRING IN TO ACTION!**

As a small, grassroots nonprofit SCA is truly “powered” by our amazing volunteers. Please consider joining us for one or more of our upcoming events, activities, water quality monitoring, clean-ups and more! See our calendar on page 1 to find out what SCA will be up to in the community in April and May. We look forward to seeing you!

**A SHOUTOUT TO OUR SPONSORS:**

Priest Lake Kaniksu–Coolin Lions Club for welcoming and allowing SCA to present on point and non-point sources of pollution in the Priest Lake Watershed at their March members meeting. A great group of community members who love the Priest Lake Watershed and want to protect it for generations to come!

Scratch Restaurant in becoming Selkirk Conservation Alliance newest business member and sponsor! The only thing better than their mouthwatering food, and excellent wine and drinks is the truly kind and caring owner, Mari and her friendly and professional staff. We are excited to welcome them to the SCA family and are so thankful for their support! Just remember, the next time you’re in the mood for a relaxing and welcoming atmosphere with amazing food and fabulous drinks, think of Scratch Restaurant located at 1007 W. First Ave. Spokane, WA.

**CALL TO ACTION**

- **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!** Contact the office or click the link to be directed to the online volunteer form on our website!

- **Stop the development of Sandpiper Shores Wetland** Sign the petition here!

- **Stop the development of the Coolin Wetlands** Sign the petition here!

- **Join or donate to SCA**

Look for your Sightlines Newsletter in the mail in May!