

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

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Toxic algae bloom advisory lifted at N'Kwala (Nicola) Lake

Interior Health is removing the toxic algae bloom advisory for N'Kwala (Nicola) Lake.

Recent water samples taken by BC Parks at Monck Park have tested negative for the presence of cyanobacterial toxin. Lake users should use caution if they see signs of an algae bloom. It is best to avoid contact with an algae bloom and if contact is made, rinse your body with clean water.

First Nations Health Authority continues to monitor the northeast side of the lake as well as Spaxomin (Douglas) and Chapperon lakes.

For the status of your local beach, please contact the beach owner or operator. Current beach closures posted at <u>Public Beaches | Environmental & Seasonal Health | IH (interiorhealth.ca)</u>

To learn how to identify an algae bloom or report one, please visit the provincial Algae Watch page.

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