

Friday, March 31, 2023

**Update: Fish Loss on Lake Bowen**

Dear Neighbors,

As we previously shared with you, our watershed team observed fish losses in isolated locations on Lake Bowen yesterday afternoon following the completion of an algacide application that was initiated to manage algae and Geosmin levels that were rising in Lake Bowen.

Our watershed team has been on Lake Bowen and Reservoir #1 since early this morning to continue the process of identifying specific areas of impact. As of this time, we have not found there to be an expanded area of concern. The fish loss we are observing remains the small, 1" – 2" Shad species of fish, and there are no current signs that larger game fish other wildlife have been negatively impacted.

Please see enclosed map showing the impacted areas in green and red. The green area is where the concentration of Shad loss appears to have occurred.



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The South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) has been on the lake with us all morning and early afternoon. We are working with them, and will continue to assess the situation and share information, while continuing to look to SCDNR for guidance throughout this process.

While any loss of wildlife is concerning, we do maintain that algaecide treatments are a safe and effective method for us to maintain the quality of our drinking water reservoirs. Algaecide treatments are always conducted by a professional algaecide firm, with input from third party consultants and Spartanburg Water staff.

Our CEO, Guy Boyle and all of our staff remain committed to sharing factual information as we are updated throughout this process.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

**Most sincerely,**

**Spartanburg Water**