

# UTAH LAKE

Fall 2015 Newsletter



This is the first edition of a seasonal newsletter that will be published by the Utah Lake Commission. In addition, a few special editions will be sent out to highlight some of the bigger events at the lake each year like the Utah Lake Festival and our photography contest. Since this is the first edition, we want to provide a brief introduction to the Utah Lake Commission:

## What is the Utah Lake Commission?

The Utah Lake Commission (ULC) is a network of [local municipalities and state agencies](#) that strives to do the following:

1. Encourage and promote multiple uses of the lake
2. Foster communication and coordination between Commission members
3. Promote resource utilization and protection
4. Maintain and develop recreation access
5. Monitor and promote responsible economic development around the lake

Eric Ellis is the Executive Director of the ULC. [Click here to read his bio.](#)

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## Carp Removal Updates

19.5 million pounds of Carp have been removed from Utah Lake Since the efforts began in 2009. The target is to reach 30 million pounds, at which point the carp population will be at a low enough level to allow a desirable increase in the biodiversity of the lake. [Click here to learn more about the importance of Carp removal.](#)

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## Phragmites Updates

By the end of 2016, nearly 7000 acres of Phragmites will have been sprayed. The Utah County Weed Crew continues to work hard to smash the weeds after they have been sprayed. The decomposition takes a couple of years, which is why there is still Phragmites in areas that have been sprayed. The work that has been done is encouraging and the removal is on schedule.



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## Utah Lake Cleanup Day

30 people volunteered around Utah Lake on Saturday, September 19th. 70 bags of garbage and several large pieces of junk were removed from the shorelines. It was a great day and we hope to do cleanup projects like this regularly. [Click here](#) to see more pictures from the cleanup day.



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## Upcoming Events

May 21, 2016- Tentatively scheduled as the next Utah Lake Cleanup Day.

Email [lallen@utahlakecommission.org](mailto:lallen@utahlakecommission.org) if you are interested in volunteering.

June 4, 2016- Utah Lake Festival at Utah Lake State Park.



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