

## **Barnes, Peter@Waterboards**

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**From:** Ed Bishop <photorock@frontier.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 14, 2015 11:25 AM  
**To:** Barnes, Peter@Waterboards  
**Subject:** Lake Almanor

I was born and raised here, came back in 1977 after 10 years away. I learned to swim and water ski and kayak in Lake Almanor. I can see the lake from my balcony, and still spend a lot of time on the lake (kayaking) and walking around it. My husband and son fish often, from boats and the shore. The thermal curtain will change the entire ecosystem of the lake, from what I've know for 65 years to.....?

Until I retired, I was an accountant at the local lumberyard/hardware store. I dealt a lot with people from out of town, building summer homes, thinking of moving here, just visiting and discovering the area. The lake, as it is, is central to that. As I understand it, the fishing will change from lunker trout to more bass and carp, (what the British call rough fishing.) There will be many visitors who will go elsewhere if this happens. This is a man-made lake, so not as clear as Tahoe, but not filled with algae either. There will be people who will find another place for recreation if the changing water temperature increases the amount of algae. All of this will hurt our already struggling economy severely.

On our many kayaking excursions on this lake, I have seen otters, eagles, osprey, sandhill cranes, American Avocets, bitterns, blue herons, egrets, swans, white pelicans, gulls, and many species of ducks and geese. You tinker with the temperature of the lake, and you will tinker with the rest of the ecosystem as well. Will my grandchildren get to experience all these species?

There are many (so far, not me,) in this area who think Northern California should become its own state for exactly this type of government mishandling. Southern California has water problems, but they are not of OUR making, nor should they be OUR problem to solve. We're in a drought in the north, but I understand Southern California hasn't had to cut back at all because they have such a variety of water sources. They need to stop draining away other parts of the country and resolve their problems locally. At best, this would only be a temporary fix because the growth there will not stop. Where will they turn next? At some point, it has to stop, and I think it has to stop now, before they change this lovely little area.

I have another email address for my photography., and I'm going to send you some of the images I've made around and on this lake. Please don't impose the Thermal Curtain on our lake!

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**From:** Betty Bishop <rockphoto4@icloud.com>  
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**Subject:** Photographs of Lake Almanor

From Betty Bishop, Chester, California - Don't spoil this!



















