

## News release

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### **Health advisory lifted for Tenmile Lakes** *Reduced toxin levels confirmed*

The Oregon Health Authority has lifted a health advisory issued Oct. 4 for Tenmile Lakes, located eight miles south of Reedsport off U.S. 101 in Coos County. High levels of a blue-green algae toxin in the lake prompted the advisory.

Water monitoring has confirmed reduced levels of blue-green algae and associated toxins. These reduced levels are not likely to be harmful to humans and animals.

Oregon health officials advise people who use Oregon bodies of water for recreation to always be alert to signs of algae blooms. People and their pets should avoid contact if the water is foamy, scummy, thick like paint, pea-green, blue-green or brownish red in color, or if a thick mat of algae is visible in the water.

For local information about water quality or blue-green algae sampling, contact the Tenmile Lakes Basin Partnership at 541-759-2414, and the Coos County Health Department at 541-751-2431.

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For health information, to report human or pet illnesses due to blooms, or to ask questions about a news release, contact the Oregon Health Authority at 971-673-0400. You can also contact the Oregon Public Health toll-free information line at 1-877-290-6767 or visit the Harmful Algae Bloom program's website at [www.healthoregon.org/hab](http://www.healthoregon.org/hab) and select "Algae Bloom Advisories," for information regarding advisories issued or lifted for the season.

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