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CLOSURE OF ELLIS LAKE ON MARCH 18, 2021

Ellis Lake to be Closed for Fish Studies on Thursday, March 18. Ellis Lake will be closed for ALL Recreational Activities on Thursday, March 18, 2021. Recreational Activities can resume on Friday, March 19, 2021.

In 2019, the City of Marysville launched a year-long study of the water quality in the lake. Study data, along with the upcoming fish studies, will be used to develop a range of alternatives to improve water quality and overall lake management. A committee made up of representatives from the Marysville City Council and Yuba Water Agency will review these alternatives in late April and recommend next steps to the City Council.

As a result of the above-mentioned project, the City of Marysville, through its science team, will conduct fish sampling on Ellis Lake Thursday, March 18th from 1pm – 9pm. The sampling effort is part of a year-long study of the water quality and nutrients within the lake. Understanding the fish species as well as quantity of fish in the lake is essential to developing a long-term management plan to improve overall lake health.

During the sampling effort, scientists will “shock” the lake at several locations with a mild electric current to bring fish to the surface for analysis. Fish will be returned to the lake and are expected to survive. This technique is commonly used to study fisheries throughout California.