

My name is Dwain Scruggs, I am respectfully requesting approval to form a Co-Ed Bass Fishing Club at Lakeland High School.

I am a retired Naval Officer with over 32 years of active service, leading and mentoring young men and women. During my career I led diverse teams and organizations of up to 1200 personnel, managing multi-million-dollar operations and assets with zero margin for error. Most notably as a member of the United States Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron, the Blue Angels. As the Maintenance Officer for the Blue Angels, leading over 130 Navy and Marine Corps men and women in precision flight operations, maintenance, and safety, it was one of the most rewarding tours of my career.

Growing up in the Willamette Valley of Oregon, my love for the outdoors, hunting and fishing with my family began very early for me. After graduating High School and joining the U.S. Navy, my love for the outdoors grew. I was introduced to the Bass fishing community in the early 1980's in southeastern Virginia, fishing lakes and tidal rivers of the intercoastal water way. I joined a local Bass Club, and I was immediately hooked for life! Over the years, I fished competitively (when not deployed), with the Bass Angler's Sportsman Society (BASS) Federation and the Military Bass Anglers Association (MBAA). Highlights of my competitive fishing career include multiple Angler of the Year awards, making the 1989 Virginia B.A.S.S team and our team winning the Eastern Division Championship. Moving forward from the '80s, multiple world events would shape my Navy career with deployments, limiting my fishing opportunities.

Being a late bloomer, I was blessed to have met and marry the love of my life late in my Navy career and start a family. We have two wonderful kids (twins), Rowan and Bryn. We introduced our kids to the great outdoors early in their lives, camping, hiking, hunting, and fishing. After retiring from the Navy, our love of the outdoors got a major boost moving to North Idaho! Since moving to Rathdrum, I volunteered to help coach Lakeland Jr Hawks tackle football for the past three years. I can honestly say, besides having my children, coaching and developing those young athletes has truly been one of the most rewarding things I have ever been a part of. My wife and I are now the proud parents of two Lakeland High School incoming Freshman. They are both taking advantage of the opportunities Lakeland has to offer, Rowan is on the Freshman Football team and Bryn is a member of the Junior Varsity Cheer team. Being a part of youth clubs and athletics has truly enhanced our kids personal and social growth as well as boost their confidence.

I am super excited for the opportunity to start a bass fishing club for students at Lakeland High School and am committed to providing the best experience for our kids and community.

Go Hawks!

Very respectfully,

Dwain Scruggs