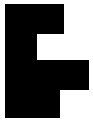


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extension of comment period to 10/3: I was raised near Clear Lake over 89 years ago. As a child growing up I saw carp eating algae on the surface. Carp were removed by netting and were considered rogh fish that only the Chinese market used to smoke. The Florida bass was also introduced into the lake and they eat everything. Nothing is eating the algae in any numbers. The carp helped keep the lake clean. In those days raw sewage could be seen floating on the clear water.

Robert Ruddock



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Carp work on the surface of the water and suck up algae. They also work down deeper and chew the plant off. It takes millions of carp for the size of Clear Lake to be effective cleaners. Carp are members of the goldfish family and are vegetarians. Bass eat the small carp; they are minnow eaters and small fish eaters.

