

PUBLIC NOTICE

“2024-25 FALL LAKE DRAWDOWN & WINTER STORAGE ACTIVITIES”

Throughout the year our Dams Committee is actively working and maintaining water levels on our lakes. However, there are three planned activities that create public interest. These are Lake Drawdown and Winter Management activities, Spring Refill, and our Summer Water Level Management practices. The Committee is now preparing for FALL LAKE DRAWDOWN activities.

Pursuant to the *Belgrade Area Dams Committee’s Water Management Plan*, Section I – FALL Draw downs and WINTER STORAGE of the plan specifies that:

1. *“The primary objective of fall and winter water management is to lower the lakes to accommodate increased rainfall and runoff which occurs in the fall and again in late winter and early spring.” FALL DRAWDOWN ACTIVITIES WILL DEPEND ON THE AMOUNT OF RAINFALL RECEIVED IN THIS AREA.*
2. Optimum drawdown levels:

Salmon Lake - 1.0 to 1.5 feet below Spillway
Great Pond - 1.5 to 2.0 feet below spillway
Long Pond - 1.5 to 2.0 feet below Spillway
3. Water level limits – At no time shall the lakes be drawn down lower than:

Salmon Lake - 1.5 feet below Spillway
Great Pond - 2.5 feet below Spillway
Long Pond - 2.5 feet below Spillway
4. General management programs: Draw downs must end by October 31st to avoid adversely affecting fish and wildlife. Therefore, whatever lake level is achieved by October 31st will be the lowest level at which the lake may be kept throughout the winter, unless an unusual amount of rainfall in September and October force emergency provision for additional drawdown. Note: While there are more restrictive requirements as to what levels must be achieved by various dates, due to significant public interest in providing for lake use through Columbus Day weekend, the Dams Committee has and will continue to try to meet the needs of lake-side residents and, depending on water levels and the weather will endeavor to manage water levels to minimize any impacts through Columbus Day (October 14th) each year.

This “Public Notice” is provided as an on-going attempt by the Belgrade Area Dams Committee’s to keep you informed of their water level management activities for our lakes. If you have any questions about these activities, please contact your Town Office or the member of the Committee that represents your town:

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